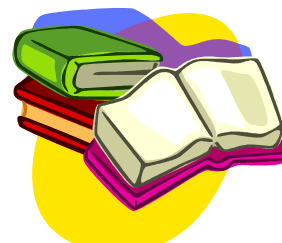


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AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT INDEX (AEDI)

Between May and July this year, schools around Australia are taking part in a nation-wide program called the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI).

The AEDI looks at how young children are developing in the years before they begin school. As part of the AEDI, schools around Australia will be collecting information on **children in their first year of school**.

This will involve teachers completing an online 'checklist' – like a survey or questionnaire – for every child in their class.

Summary results of the AEDI checklists will be available for communities based on whole groups of children in a way that means no one will be able to identify individual children. The findings will provide communities with a snapshot of young children's development. This will help communities understand how their children are developing and where improvements can be made to give children the best start in life.

Parents will receive more information about our school's involvement in the AEDI in the coming weeks. You can find out more about the AEDI at www.aedi.org.au

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

School Development Days allow schools time to effectively plan our curriculum, school activities and conduct professional learning activities to enhance the skills of our teachers.

On Tuesday, our teachers were busy working on plans for improving aspects of writing in the classroom, which is part of a whole school program, as well as updating mandatory CPR qualifications.

ANZAC DAY

A very big thank you to all the students who showed up and marched with our school on Anzac Day, especially to Mrs Truin who organised the students, our wreath, flags, rosemary sprigs and tarpaulins for the students to sit on.

Yesterday all students participated in our school's Anzac Day Commemoration Service held at Lowe Square. Keith Truin also gave talks to all the primary classes on the significance and historical aspects of military life.

The Year 6 students have completed their 'Community Biographies' which involved extensive research and interviewing members of the community about aspects of their life during war time.

Through participation in events like these, the Anzac spirit continues to grow.

COMING EVENTS 2009

TERM 2

Week 1

Fri 1st May Yr 6 Peer Support Training

Week 2

Tues 5th May Electronic Whiteboard Display
Thur 7th May Peer Support begins
Fri 8th May Assembly K/1K, 12:20pm
Netball Clinic 2-3pm

Week 3

Mon 11th May Yr 6 Biography Presentation –
Community Centre at 4pm
Tues 12th May 'Munch Crunch Move' visiting
performance, 2pm \$4.50/student
NAPLAN – Yrs 3 & 5
P&C Meeting 7pm
Wed 13th May NAPLAN – Yrs 3 & 5
Thur 14th May NAPLAN – Yrs 3 & 5
Peer Support
Fri 15th May Coralong 3/4

SCHOOL RULES

Week 10 Winners
Elyse Thiel, Kyi Brooks and
Khiana Goltz-Wharton

**The Howlong
Public School
Webpage has
been updated**

STAFFING

During the holiday break Mrs Levey was successful at merit selection and is now Principal of Talbingo Public School. Until her position can be filled on a permanent basis and to ensure there is continuity for the students, Miss Merritt has kindly agreed to continue on the class. We wish Mrs Levey all the best in her new position and thank her for her contribution to our school.

Amanda Smith
PRINCIPAL

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOWLS DONATION

Congratulations to Lisa Travers, Les Pilfoot, Craig McCarthy and Erika Perry who played in the Wednesday night bowls competition on behalf of the Howlong Public School and came second, winning for the school \$500. What a great effort! Thank you again for your wonderful support.

NOTES

This term all notes will be sent home on a Thursday with the school newsletter.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

Please find enclosed the Term 2 Calendar.

VISITING PERFORMANCE – ‘MUNCH CRUNCH MOVE’

This term we have organised for ‘Munch Crunch Move’ an engaging performance promoting eating well and exercise. A note is enclosed with this edition of the newsletter. Please complete and return the permission note and money (\$4.50 per student) to the class teacher before Friday 8th May.

Date: Tuesday 12th May, 2009
Time: 2:00pm (Kinder – Year 6)
Cost: \$4.50/student



PEER SUPPORT

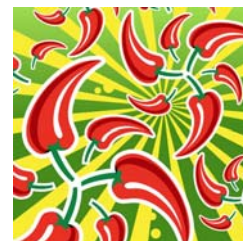
Peer Support training was held today and tomorrow for the leaders and Peer Support lessons will commence next Thursday.

The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Two Peer leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in their classroom. We are working on a module called *Keeping Friends* helping us explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

Mark your calendar....



**“A Taste of Howlong”
Friday 29th May
Education Week Open Day**



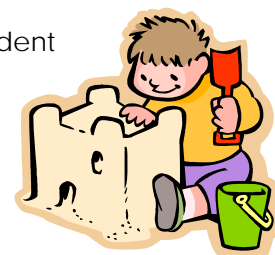
Enrichment Program – 2 more classes commence!

This term, H.P.S is pleased to offer two more Enrichment Classes! Our Multi Media Class will commence on Tuesday and Bollywood dancing will start tomorrow . Our 1/2, 3/4, and 5/6 Writing Classes, Art Class and Environmental Education Classes will also continue this term.

A very special thank you to Michelle and Tim Simmons and Anthony and Frances Hunter for driving the children to the Environmental class each week at Burrumbuttock. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity. We hope they enjoy their final lesson on Monday.

New Sand!

A special thank you to Annabelle and Nick McGee for organising new sand through the Student Council. Thank you to Mr McGee for delivering the sand on Tuesday ready for the start of Term 2.



Dictionaries

Children in Year 1 and 2 have the opportunity to purchase children school dictionaries to use in class. We are asking children in Year 1 and 2 to please purchase a dictionary at \$3.50 each. These will be used daily in class and will be a great tool for all children.

Class Dictionary – Year 1 and 2

Enclosed is \$3.50 for a class dictionary for my child/children.

Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____

Class: _____
Class: _____
Class: _____
Class: _____

Please return money and slip to class teachers.

Book Fair and Family Reading Challenge

May is National Family Reading Month and our Library will be hosting a Book Fair to celebrate. Our school's Book Fair is a great way to get your child reading - but we need your help!



During May we are hosting a Family Reading Challenge, where we encourage families to read with their children for 15 minutes every day of the month of May! Your child will bring home your Family Reading Challenge brochure so that you can track your family's reading progress. At the end of May your family will be acknowledged on our *Reading Families Honour Roll* and go in the draw to win a book prize.

Our Book Fair will be held in the Library on:

Tuesday	19th May	4-6pm
Wednesday	20th May	4-6pm
Thursday	21st May	All day (Classes will be invited to visit and children may purchase their books).

As in previous years wish lists will be given to the children when they visit the Book Fair on **Monday 18th May**. This is not a must have list but may give you a guide as to the book/s they may like to receive. A percentage from every book sold, raises money for the Library to purchase more resources for all the children to enjoy.



Mrs Mac looks forward to seeing you at our Book Fair.

The theme for this Book Fair is, "Jurassic Park". Look out for dinosaurs loose in the Library! If any parent or guardian would like to help at the Book Fair, please contact Mrs Mac .



P&C NEWS



CLOTHING ORDERS

All clothing orders that were placed last term, can now be collected from the school office.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will re-open next Wednesday 6th May (Week 2).

Canteen Roster - Term 2

<u>Week 2</u>	Wednesday 6 th May Thursday 7 th May Friday 8 th May	Lana Raggett, Helen Richardson Catherine Lewry, Tania English Frances Hunter, Crystal Lamont
<u>Week 3</u>	Wednesday 13 th May Thursday 14 th May Friday 15 th May	Alison Cooper, Tamara Priestly Louise Farrelly, Natalie Heald Mellisa Huggins, Belinda Rixon

UNIFORM SHOP **OPEN TIMES**

Tuesday 8:30 – 9:00am
Friday 8:30 - 9:00am

Uniform Co-ordinators are
Anne & Belinda Rixon

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOWONG AUSKICK

Registration Day will be held tomorrow, Friday 1st May at 4:30pm and the Howlong Football Oval.