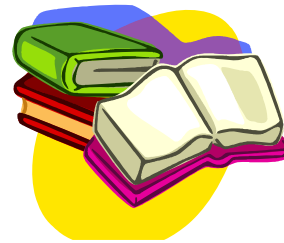


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NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Howlong Public School has been chosen to participate in a pilot program, titled 'National Partnerships Literacy and Numeracy'.

The program is fully funded by the Commonwealth government and is a two year commitment. It involves extensive professional development for all staff which will translate to improved outcomes for our students.

Following a school based evaluation workshop which was attended by Miss Duncan and myself with input from all other staff, we have identified numeracy to be our focus area.

As well as extensive professional development and support for all staff, individual students and groups of students will have access to support programs to improve their understanding and performance in numeracy.

This is a terrific opportunity for us as a school community to work together for the benefit of our students.

Planning is already underway and parents will be kept fully informed as the program progresses.

Amanda Smith
Principal

Canteen
will be closed
tomorrow
(Friday 21st August)

MERIT AWARDS

1st Bronze Caitlyn Bolger

COMING EVENTS 2009

TERM 3

Week 4

Fri 21st Aug K/1D Assembly 12:20pm

Week 5

Thur 27th Aug K/1/2 Melb Zoo Excursion
Fri 28th Aug Corowa Winter Sports
Carnival

**P&C Lamington orders to
be collected from 2:30pm**

Week 6

Wed 2nd Sept Yr 6 Gold Day
Fri 4th Sept Assembly Yr 6 – 12:20pm

Week 8

Tues 15th Sept P&C Meeting 7pm
Wed 16th Sept Ballarat/Bendigo Excursion
Thur 17th Sept Ballarat/Bendigo Excursion
Fri 18th Sept Ballarat/Bendigo Excursion
Coralong 1/2
Assembly K/1K 12:20pm

Week 9

Thurs 24th Sept Kinder Orientation Parent
Session 11:30am-12:30pm
Fri 25th Sept 'Footy Fun Day'
Life Education Van

Students of the Week Dean Simmons & April Quirk



TRANSITION TO SCHOOL – 2010

In today's newsletter there is a full page inset on our school Transition Program. Please note the date of Kindergarten Orientation is a week later than advertised last week. The date is **Thursday September 24th** as on the inset. My apologies for any confusion.

L.Duncan

STUDENT COUNCIL DISCO

Congratulations to the Student Council for the success of the Pyjamas Day today. All children enjoyed the dress up day and the discos. Thank you to all the students for supporting the day.



K-2 ZOO EXCURSION

K-2 staff and students are very excited to be going to the zoo on Thursday 27th August. Children are currently learning about all aspects of Africa leading into this years book week theme "A Book Safari". Please return permission notes and money to the office by Friday 21st August.

Leave school: 6.30 am sharp and return by 6.00 pm
Cost: \$40.00 per child

A big thank you to Uncle Toby's/Nestle for their kind donation of products for the K-2 Melbourne Zoo excursion.

YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS ASSEMBLY

Athletics assembly to present ribbons and trophies will be held on Wednesday 26th August in the school hall at 2.00 pm.

HOWLONG PUBLIC SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE SHIRTS

Students who represented Howlong Public School at the Walbundrie PSSA Athletics, could you please return the representative shirts to the school office or Mr Curtis as soon as possible.

BALLARAT & BENDIGO EXCURSION

Years 5 & 6 students will be going on an excursion to Bendigo and Ballarat on the 16th, 17th & 18th September. Transport will be by bus. Cost is \$185 per student. Please find listed below the payment plan if you wish to pay in instalments. The total amount of \$185 must be paid in full by Friday 4th September.

Payment Plan

Payment 3	-	Due Friday 21 st August	-	\$40
Payment 4 (Final Payment)	-	Due Friday 4 th September	-	\$25

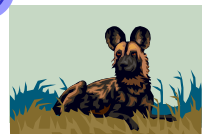
BOOK WEEK NEWS



Next week we will be celebrating Children's Book Week. The theme for this year is "Book Safari". All classes have been learning about Africa, its animals and traditional stories.

We are holding special events next week:

6S/C and 4/5S will be looking at one of the short listed picture books "Collecting Colour" that features aboriginal weaving. To complement this discussion Ms Jackie Tansey a weaver, will be talking to the students and demonstrating traditional weaving.



Classes 2/3W and 3 /4 K will be experiencing face painting (African animals) by Konnii Burns and Michelle Oxlee. **If any child in these classes is allergic to face paint please contact Mrs Mac before Tuesday.**

Children in Infant classes will be going on safari to the Melbourne Zoo.

The Infant classes have seen a great power point web site
<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/online/katezoo.swf>

We have also found some great African animal videos and fun facts at
<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Animals>





The P & C held their first meeting of Term 3, last Tuesday night, thankyou to all who attended.

The P & C are having a street stall on the 12th September and it was decided that we would have a cake stall and spring hamper raffle. Tina Baker, Helen Price and Tania Young are organising the raffle. Lisa Hogan and I are organising the plates to go home on the 7th September. Volunteers are needed for the street stall.

The canteen is looking for more people to come on board to help, if you have a day or a lunch break you could help them out please contact the school office. The Canteen Treasurer's position is still vacant. Anyone interested in taking this role on, please contact; Tanya Wylie (P & C President) on 60265462.
The canteen can not continue to operate without your support.

Thank you for your support.....

Tanya Wylie (P & C President)

LAMINGTON DRIVE

We urgently need helpers from 8:30am to help dip, coat and pack the lamingtons in the school hall on Friday 28th August. If you are able to help out could you please contact Tina Baker on 60268111 or the school office.

Lamingtons will be ready for collection from the school hall on Friday 28th August between 2:30-4:00pm.



Canteen News

Plans are underway to improve our menu. This week we have introduced corn on the cob which has been a big hit with the children. Over the coming weeks we are hoping to introduce other items.

Our canteen is a vital and useful school resource and needs your support. We are in desperate need of canteen volunteers to help support our initiatives.

Volunteers are needed to help out in the canteen on the following days:

Week 6	Friday 4 th September	One volunteer needed
Week 7	Friday 11 th September	Two volunteers needed
Week 8	Friday 18 th September	One volunteer needed
Week 9	Friday 25 th September	One volunteer needed
Week 10	Friday 2 nd October	One volunteer needed

If you are able to help out on these Fridays could you please contact the school office.

Canteen Roster - Term 3

Week 4

Friday 21st August

CLOSED

Week 5

Wednesday 26th August

Thursday 27th August

Friday 28th August

Jennifer Curran, Helen Richardson

Tania English, Paula Peppe

Martina Moore, Kellie Harrison

Week 6

Wednesday 2nd September

Thursday 3rd September

Friday 4th September

Alison Cooper

Catherine Lewry, Jannice Danson

Belinda Rixon

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOWLONG TENNIS CLUB

Are calling for all junior tennis players.



Saturdays Mornings

Junior's competition- Corowa, Wahgunyah, Howlong & Rutherglen
U/14 & U/16 Boys & Girls

All enquiries to Tammy Baker 60265633 or Tina Baker 60268111



MARGARET COURT TENNIS ACADEMY

LESSONS FOR ALL, ADULTS, CHILDREN, BEGINNERS, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED
HOWLONG TENNIS CLUB TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL AVAILABLE NOW.

BOOKINGS & INFORMATION PAUL SYKES 6023 3558 OR 0418 699 485 OR

paulsykestennis@bigpond.com.au

SPRINGTIME ASTHMA AND CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE. [COPD]

Information Session

A light afternoon tea and discussion session will be held for country people to discuss Asthma and COPD which can become a problem in springtime. Topics covered will include Medications and how to minimise symptoms.

The afternoon tea will be held on:

Date: Monday 31st August 2009

Time: 2pm - 3.30pm

Venue: Howlong Golf Club

COST: \$3.50 Per person



If you are interested and would like to know more about this discussion please contact; Maureen Klinberg on 60584515, Marlene Kennedy on 60214939 or Glenys Reed on 60569966 for more information.

ROCK & ROLL DANCE CLASSES

Monday nights 6.30- 7.30 pm at the Courthouse Hotel in the function room. Kids \$2.50, Adults \$5.00. Separate adult classes starting soon, for more information please phone 6026 8598 or 6026 5324. Come and join the fun or just have a watch.



AFRICAN RYTHMS COME TO COROWA

The children from the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda will be performing on Wednesday 26th August at the Corowa RSL Club auditorium at 7 pm. There are 18 children in the group who will showcase their songs, colourful dancing, African beats and amazing personal stories. Admission is free but a donation to help work at Watoto would be greatly appreciated.

