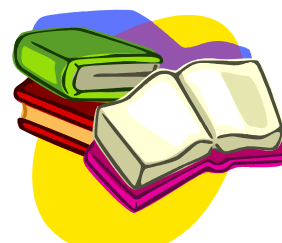


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END OF TERM 2

Wow what an exceptionally busy and tiring term! We have had an incredibly fruitful 11 weeks – NAPLAN tests, Education Week Celebrations, Excursions, Netball and Footy Activities, Book Fair, Swine Flu, Cross Country, Enrichment Classes and to finish off – our Indigenous Games Activities being held this Friday.

Congratulations to all our students who have received awards and accolades for all your hard work and enthusiasm as well as all the parents who have supported us with your time, energy and sense of community in helping us work towards achieving our goals.

A special thank you to all our staff both teaching and non teaching, for their dedication, professionalism and team work throughout the term. A well earned break is just around the corner!

A special mention to Miss Merritt, who will be finishing up this term. Shelley is an incredibly positive, caring teacher who has had a very big impact on the students in her care. We wish her well.

The merit selection process has been finalised for the permanent classroom Teacher position and Teacher/Librarian position. It is with pleasure that I announce Miss Millie Whitehead as our new permanent Teacher. Miss Whitehead will commence duty at the start of next term. Mrs Macaulay has been appointed as our permanent Teacher/Librarian. Congratulations Sue.

Coming Up in Term 3 – School athletics carnival, enrichment classes to continue, K/1/2 Zoo trip, Book Week.... and of course lots of quality teaching and learning. Bring it on!!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We have decided to hold our athletics carnival at Alexandra Park in Albury, on Friday 31st July (Week 1). Holding the carnival at this excellent facility will allow all our students to experience competing on a professional track.

To make it a success, we will require parents to assist staff with the running of some events. Please complete the attached note, along with the permission note if you are able to help – if only for a short time. We are asking that each person contribute \$2 towards the cost of hiring the facility. Thanks to our Drought Assistance Grant, the school will cover the cost of the buses however, we require approximately 15 students to be transported in private cars with their parents. If you can assist please indicate on the attached note.

CLASSROOM REQUISITES

When you are out and about over the holidays, remember that all students will need to replenish certain everyday supplies when they return to school. Check your child's pencil case as they will need a glue stick, supply of grey lead pencils, pens (primary students) and a ruler. Having their own set of coloured pencils and textas is a good idea as it saves a lot of time wasting in the classroom.

Cold and flu season will still be upon us in Term 3 so a box of tissues from each student would be appreciated.

Amanda Smith
Principal

COMING EVENTS 2009

TERM 2

Week 11

Fri 10th July Last day of Term 2

TERM 3

Week 1

Mon 27th July Staff Development Day –
Pupil Free Day

Tues 28th July Term 3 commences for K-6

Thurs 30th July Visiting Performance –
“Out of the Bag”

Fri 31st July Athletics Carnival K-6



Parents, students and teachers enjoying Student of the Week barbeque.



Students of the Week

Patrick Lewry & Danni Good



MERIT CERTIFICATES

Infants

Caitlyn Bolger
 Liam Mount
 Nicholas McGee
 Annabel Young
 Riley Thompson
 Mitchell Simmons
 Jordan Weir-Smith
 Luke Chandler
 Brendon Moore
 Amethyst Dynon
 Harry Sikorski
 Chantelle Schilling

Excellent results in her spellathon.
 An outstanding and detailed description of a fireman.
 A great effort in Maths.
 Excellent information report writing.
 Using excellent strategies in reading and writing.
 Greatly improved application to all work.
 A big improvement in reading and work habits.
 For writing great stories.
 Interesting narrative writing.
 Always giving 100% effort.
 Wonderful improvement in reading.
 Excellent results in the spellathon.

Primary

Cooper Sheffield
 Chloe McClelland
 Nick Baker
 Annabelle McGee
 Makayla Good
 Thomas Campton
 Bill McCormack
 Hayley Crisfield
 Joshua Newell
 Brooke Wylie
 Cassie Brown

Using his reward time quietly and sensibly.
 Always putting in a 100% effort and achieving great results.
 Always taking pride in his bookwork.
 Consistently performing all tasks with pride and responsibility.
 Showing improvement in all areas including using manners.
 Consistently completing all tasks.
 Enthusiasm in mathematics.
 Doing excellent, quiet work.
 Doing well in the Math Assessment.
 Excellent worker, helper and role model.
 For consistently trying her best in all things.

Mrs Mary Murrell Award (Literacy)

Cooper Smith
 Chris Baggio

Fabulous improvements in reading.
 Paying attention to detail with spelling and editing.

NETBALL STATE KNOCKOUT

Congratulations to our Netball team who recently competed in Round's 1 & 2 of the State Knockout at Finley. The girls won their first game but lost the next one. All girls played well and displayed sportsmanship.

A big thank you to the mums who helped on the day with driving, scoring and timing – Kathy Crofts, Karen MacKinnon and Tanya Wylie.

Team members are Brooke Wylie, Kayla Midson, Mikayla Dunn, Tia Augustyn, Chelsea Augustyn, Cassie Brown, Chloe Wylie, Romee Thwaites and Ebony Crofts.

Congratulations also to Romee, Ebony and Kayla on being part of the Walbundrie District Netball who played in the Riverina Netball team selections trials at Wagga in June.

Sue Truin



SPELLATHON

What a fantastic effort! Our total raised was \$2423. Congratulations to all those who took part. Our greatest fund raisers were K/1D Larnii Groenewald, K/1K Nicole Fletcher, 1/2T Jordan Peacock, 2/3M Amy Fletcher, 3/4M Tyler Kiely, 4/5S Darren Keenes, 6SC Dylan Nowak.

Our Spelling champs are Stage 1 - Hannah Lewry, Stage 2 - Aaron Drayton, Stage 3 - Thomas Robertson
Class 1/2T have won the free barbecue for returning their sponsorship forms and money first and Class K/1K also won a sausage sizzle for raising the most money. Well done both classes. Your barbecue will be held next Term.

ZOO VISIT

Next term in week five we celebrate Children's Book Week. The theme for Book Week is "Book Safari". To celebrate we are hoping to take the children from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 on a safari to the Melbourne Zoo for the day. We have managed to get the cost for each child down to \$40. More information to come next term.

SCHOOL RULES

Week 8

Rule of the Week USING OUR MANNERS

Week 8 Winners
Kayla Midson, Amy Fletcher

MERIT AWARDS

1 st Bronze	Emma Taylor, Lochlan Farrelly, Jordan Weir-Smith
2 nd Bronze	Eva Sheffield
3 rd Bronze	Isabella Olcorn
4 th Bronze	Cooper Smith, Felix Hunter
5 th Bronze	Hunter Brown
1 st Silver	Jack Daley, Amy Fletcher
1 st Gold	Kyi Brooks, Tayla Price
2 nd Gold	Gemma Boswell, Kyi Brooks

VISITING PERFORMANCE - 'OUT OF THE BAG'

The visiting performance 'Out of the Bag' will be held on Thursday 30th July, 2009 (Week 1, Term 3). Time 2:00pm. Cost is \$4.00/student. **Money and permission note should now have been returned to the class teacher.**

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 August.*

Payment Plan

Payment 2	-	Due Friday 31 st July	-	\$50
Payment 3	-	Due Friday 21 st August	-	\$40
Payment 4 (Final Payment)	-	Due Friday 4 th August	-	\$25

HUME BUILDING SOCIETY - STUDENT BANKING

Banking will commence again on Tuesday 28th July (Week 1, Term 3).

Head Lice

Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. Unfortunately, the management and treatment of head lice is surrounded by a large amount of misinformation and myth, particularly about their habits and what is and isn't an effective treatment. Much of the misunderstanding, stigma and blame about head lice have come about because many people do not know how head lice reproduce, grow or are spread from head to head.

Understanding the biology and lifecycle of head lice will enable you to understand how to effectively treat and manage head lice in your family and school.

This website (<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/index.asp>) provides information about head lice biology, treatment options and links to other websites and resources on the Nitbusters Program. Also provided are a number of factsheets for parents, teachers and hairdressers.



The theme for NAIDOC Week 2009 is 'Honouring Our Elders, Nurturing Our Youth' which aims to encourage communities to acknowledge the status of Elders as leaders and role models for our youth.

SCHOOL RULES

Week 9

Rule of the Week

SHOW RESPECT

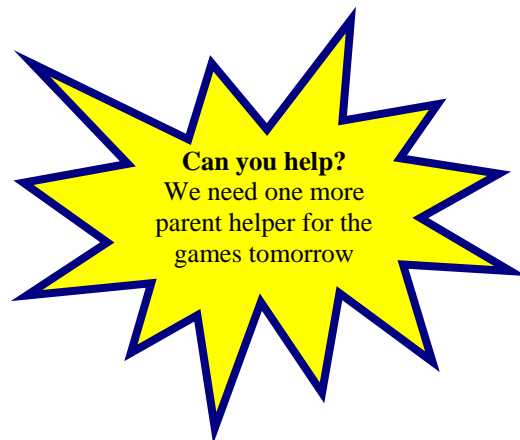
Week 9 Winners

Mikayla Dunn, Mitchell Simons & April Quirk

Indigenous Games Day Tomorrow - 11.20 to 1pm

To celebrate NAIDOC Week we are having an Indigenous Games Day. Students will be rotating through a tabloid of Indigenous Games with their Peer Support group. We need one more parent helper who could help supervise a game. If you are able to volunteer please see Mrs Southam who will provide you with details about the game you will be running and how to score. Games are not difficult to explain to children. Please consider supporting our school and children by volunteering your time. Thank you.

Tracey Southam – Organiser



P&C NEWS



Due to the resignation of the Canteen Treasurer, the position is vacant. Anyone interested in taking this role on, please contact Tanya Wylie (P&C President) on 6026 5462.

Canteen News

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped to run the canteen. A special thank you to Helen Richardson who has filled in on countless occasions and often at short notice.

Volunteers are desperately needed to continue this service. The canteen only opens on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday so if you can contribute at all, even one or two days a term, please contact Louise on 6026 5794, Catherine on 6026 5042, or Frances on 6026 8003.

The canteen will re-open early next term. Parents and students will be notified of the opening day in the newsletter.

Canteen Roster - Term 2

Week 11 Friday 10th July

Mellisa Huggins, Crystal Lamont

If you can't make it on your rostered day on, it is your responsibility to swap with someone or find a replacement. If you are unable to find a replacement please contact either Louise Farrelly 6026 5424, Catherine Lewry 6026 5042 or Frances Hunter 6026 8003.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GIRL GUIDES DISCO

When : Friday 10th July 5:30 – 7:00

Who : Primary school aged children boys and girls.

Where: Howlong Public school hall

How much: \$3.00 entry, food and drink supplied.

Please come along and support the girl guides.

For more information please feel free to contact: Kara Rennick (guide leader) on: (02) 6025 2767 or 0431336330.

HOWLONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

FRIDAY 31st July 2009



Alexandra Park - Albury

- The Athletics Carnival will be held at Alexandra Park on Friday 31st July.
- Facility hire cost \$2.
- We will be leaving Howlong Public School by bus at 9.00 am sharp. We have a shortfall of 15 seats on the buses and are asking if some parents are willing to drive these students to Alexandra Park.
- **Helpers are vital for our carnival to run. I will be seeking students from Albury High School to help, but we still need adults to supervise. Please fill in the form below if you are able to help.**
- The compulsory hat rule will apply and sunscreen will be available on the day.
- The students are to wear house colours if possible and sensible running shoes.

Parents and friends are invited to join us for a great day of fun.

John Curtis

SPORTS ORGANISER

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Please return this form to your class teacher by Tuesday 28th July (first day Term 3)

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

I give permission for the following children to attend the School Athletics Carnival in Albury, at Alexandra Park, on Friday 31st July 2009. I understand the facility hire cost will be \$2 per student. The bus will leave from Howlong Public School at 9.00 am and return by 3.00 pm.

Name Class

Name Class

Name Class

I am able to transport my child/children by car. Yes / No (please circle)

Signed _____ Date _____

Athletics Carnival - Helpers

I am able to help on the day. Yes / No (please circle)

(Please tick)

I would like to help with the running of K – 2 events

I would like to help with the running of 3 – 6 events

Parent Name: Phone: