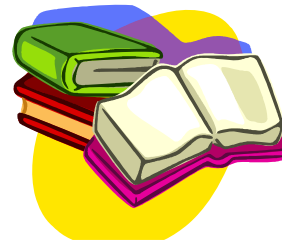


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YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY

The Year 6 Assembly will be starting at 12:15pm tomorrow Friday 4th September in the school hall. All welcome.

NO ENERGY DRINKS

NO energy drinks are allowed at school, eg. Red bull, monster mother. It states on the label of the energy drinks that they are not recommended for children.

ANZAC DAY SCHOOLS' AWARD SUCCESS

You may remember that earlier this year, Year 6 students, under the excellent leadership and guidance of Mrs Southam, participated in the Anzac Day Schools' Award. This week we were notified that our entry received a *Highly Commended Certificate*. Well done and congratulations to all our Year 6 students and to Mrs Southam. A fantastic effort!

The certificate will be presented to the school at tomorrow's assembly.



BUSY BUSY BUSY!!

What an exciting term we have had so far. We have had a very successful Athletics Carnival, Book Week - including the fantastic Melbourne Zoo trip - Gold Activity Day (Wednesday this week) as well as professional learning activities for all staff. Any wonder we are all looking a little jaded lately!

In the coming weeks we have our Transition To School program, the Year 5 and 6 excursion to Ballarat/Bendigo and the Life Education Program (see inside for more details).

Please keep up to date with happenings by reading and keeping your newsletters handy.

A big thank you to all the staff who have organised and coordinated the various activities. We are a very hardworking and dedicated team.

FATHER'S DAY

This week we have been lucky to have some of our 'crafty mums' work with our classes to make some handmade gifts for our dads. We wish all our dads a very relaxing day on Sunday.

P&C STREET STALL

Today each family will be given an empty plate to hopefully fill with some yummy goodies for the P&C Street Stall which will be held on Saturday 12th September. Please support your hardworking P&C members with this important fundraising event, by supplying some goods for sale.

Amanda Smith
Principal



COMING EVENTS 2009

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Week 6

Fri 4th Sept Assembly Yr 6 - 12:15pm

Week 7

Fri 11th Sept Paul Kelly Cup

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 2010 Orientation
Parent Session 11:30am-12:30pm
Fri 25th Sept 'Footy Fun Day'
Life Education Van

Week 10

Wed 30th Sept Life Education Van
Kinder 2010 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thurs 1st Oct Life Education Van
Fri 2nd Oct Assembly 4/5 12:20pm

Students of the Week

Liam Mount & Connor Grant



MERIT AWARDS

1st Silver
5th Silver
4th Gold

Jazmin Priestly, Cooper Sheffield
Keaton Mount
Kayla Midson

**Kindergarten 2010 Orientation & Parent Session will be held on
Thursday 24th September
11:30am - 12:30pm**

**Kindergarten 2010 Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on
Wednesday 30th September
9:00am - 3:00pm
Please call to make an appointment 6026 5206**

DOLPHIN DAY



Tomorrow Friday 4th September is Dolphin Day at Howlong Public School. We are selling Stewart House Dolphins at 8:35am from the microphone stand. Dolphins are \$3 each. Proceeds go to Stewart House which is a holiday home and school for NSW Public School students. Stewart House is totally funded by students and staff of NSW Public Schools. Howlong Public School students and staff support Stewart House in many ways and Dolphin Day is one of them.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box is OVERFLOWING with clothing. All items not claimed by next Friday 11th September will be washed and placed in the second-hand clothing pool.

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.

The total amount of \$185 must be paid in full by tomorrow Friday 4th September.

Things needed for 5/6 excursion as a matter of urgency:

- Permission note
- Medical note
- PG movie note

LIFE EDUCATION

The 'Life Education' van will be visiting our school on Friday 25th September, Wednesday 30th September and Thursday 1st October. Classes will have special lessons presented over a three day period.

The cost for the visit is \$7.00 for each child. (Drought Relief Funds will subsidize \$2.00 and P&C \$1.00 per child) each child only has to pay \$4.00.



Here's a brief outline of the program contents that will be seen by the children;

Kindergarten	Harold's Surprise	Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety.
Yr.1(1D & 1K)	Harold's Mystery Tour	Body workings, passive smoking, safety, decision making
1/2	Harold's Heroes	Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs.
2/3	Harold's Diary	Bullying and expressing emotions, develop strategies, healthy food choices, safety with medicine.
3/4	Mind Your Medicine	Safe and unsafe situations, medicines, peer influence and friendship.
4/5	The Burning Issue	Effects of smoking, personal and community strategies to reduce harm.
6	News about Booze	Consequences of alcohol use, harm minimization, stay safe situations and refusal.

Book Week

Mrs Mac would like to send a big "THANK YOU" to all the parents and grandparents who helped make our Book Week activities so successful. Thank you also to Konnii Burns and Michelle Oxlee for the wonderful face painting of our students and to Jackie Tansy for showing the students the art of Aboriginal weaving.

The trip to the Melbourne Zoo by children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 was a FANTASTIC experience, one that will stay with them for years to come. Parents can be very proud of the wonderful manners displayed by all children- it was a pleasure to take them on the trip.

Here are some zoo stories written by some children:

When we got to the zoo we had morning tea. My group saw lions, snow leopards and leopards. My favourite thing was the reptile house. I saw a freshwater crocodile, a black headed python and a snake with spikes. I saw a desert snake and I touched it. I also touched a green tree frog. I saw a poisonous frog. I saw a lizard camouflaged in the rocks. I saw two baby crocodiles. I liked hearing the elephant trumpeting.

By Jordan Weir-Smith

When we go to the zoo we had morning tea. Then my group went to the lions. Next we saw the tigers walking around in the background. We saw the meerkats standing up on their back legs. They were my favourites.

By Mitchell Simmons

When we go to the zoo we had something to eat. Then we went off in groups. My group went to see the elephants. The elephants were painting with their trunks. Then we saw the zebras and the giraffes in the same enclosure.

By Honesty Curran

When we go to the zoo we sat on the grass and had something to eat. Then we got into groups. My group saw a tiger, a zebra and elephants. Then we sat on a hippo made out of cement. I loved seeing the giraffes. They were eating grass from a high box.

By Ellie Lewis

ZOO TRIP



PYJAMA DISCO



GOLD DAY





The Canteen Treasurer's position is still vacant. Anyone interested in taking this role on, please contact; Tanya Wylie (P & C President) on 60265462.

LAMINGTON FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who supported the Lamington Drive. The fundraiser made \$520. A big thank you to Tina Baker, Jenny Robertson, Catherine Lewry, Tania Young, Martina Moore, Trudy McGee, Lee Brown and Zara Merritt for dipping, coating and packing the lamingtons, the senior students who, before school, came and put together all the lamington boxes, and to Lisa Hogan for babysitting.



CAKE & RAFFLE STREET STALL – Saturday 12th September

Volunteers are needed to man the cake and raffle stall on Saturday morning 12th September. If you can help out on the Cake & Raffle street stall please contact Tania Wylie on 60265462.

All cakes can be delivered to the stall in front of the newsagency from 7:00am on the Saturday morning. The Spring raffle will be drawn at 12:00pm. A Spring raffle book has been sent home to each house with the eldest child today. All raffle books need to be returned to the school office by next Friday 11th September, sold or unsold. Please volunteer and help **your** P&C raise funds for new outdoor tables and chairs for our school!!!



Cake & Raffle Stall – Volunteers roster	
7am – 8am	Tania & William Young
8am - 9am	Tina Baker &
9am - 10am	
10am – 11am	Tanya, Brooke & Chloe Wylie

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be closed every Friday as from Week 7 for the rest of this term. We are unable to get volunteers for these days.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 6

Friday 4th September

Belinda Rixon, **Helper needed**

Week 7

Wednesday 9th September

Jennifer Curran, Helen Richardson

Thursday 10th September

Louise Farrelly

Friday 11th September

CANTEEN CLOSED

Week 8

Wednesday 16th September

Chris Lindsay, Fiona Taylor

Thursday 17th September

Tania English

Friday 18th September

CANTEEN CLOSED

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOWLONG PRE-SCHOOL

Howlong Pre-School is now taking enrolments for 2010 in both the 4 year old group and the 3 year old group. Enquiries Jodie Lovel, Director - 6026 5646