NEWSFLASH

Week 8 Term 1 19 March 2013

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 20 March
6:30pm Fundraising Committee Meeting – Block A
7:00pm P&C Meeting – Block A
Thursday 21 March
Harmony Day
Friday 22 March
Stage 2 Colonial Day Performance
Tuesday 26 March
K-6 Assembly 2:30pm – School Hall – Parents Welcome
Wednesday 27 March
Year 6 Kotara High School Visit
Thursday 28 March
Easter Hat Parade 10am – Parents Welcome
Friday 29 March
Good Friday
Monday 1 April
Easter Monday
Wednesday 3 April
Morning Tea with Principal – School Award Recipients
Thursday 4 April
Whole School Photographs
Friday 5 April
Lap-a-thon
Tuesday 9 April
Zone Cross Country – Stevenson Park
Thursday 11 April
Anzac Service 10am
Friday 12 April
Last day of Term 1
Wednesday 1 May
First day of Term 2 K-6

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

This week we are pleased to share with you on our website an interview two of our students and I did with ABC radio last Friday as part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Nathan Stoodley and Hannah Harrison met with Hannah Thompson from ABC radio to talk about the school’s approach to anti bullying education. The full interview can be found on our school website. I mention the website http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/ which is a Federal Government sponsored website which has great information about bullying and anti bullying ideas. It contains a portal that students, teachers and parents can enter to find out solutions to the problems they each might face. The resources are excellent and our teachers have been using some of them in classes and will continue to do so throughout the year. Certainly it is not sufficient to only address bullying on one day but to keep it on our agendas all year. I recommend the website to you to increase your understandings of what to do in the community to ensure we stamp out bullying and violence.

HARMONY DAY

This Thursday March 21st, is Harmony Day. This is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Our school has 14% of students who have other cultures in their immediate family. We have a wonderful diversity and we will be sharing that this year. From 9:30 – 11:15 each classroom will complete activities related to Harmony Day and there will be a guest in every room from our school family. Children also can share information about their cultures. A special lunch is available at the canteen with a Harmony Day theme. In the middle session, students will be rotating through classes to experience 4 Multicultural stories and activities. Please visit the Harmony Day website to further your knowledge of this wonderful celebration.

LEADERS TO HALOGEN LEADERSHIP EVENT

Our student leaders will join me on a bus trip to the Sydney Entertainment Centre where will join about 7000 other children and teachers to participate in the annual Halogen Leadership conference for Primary Schools. This event has been held annually since 1997 and aims to increase and improve leadership skills in students. You can check it out more on the following website.
EASTER HAT PARADE
Each year our school celebrates the Easter Holiday by allowing children to make and parade an Easter Bonnet. The parade will be on Thursday 28th March - start at 10am and parents and families are welcome.
This year, the Easter Raffle which is held traditionally will be reduced in size. We do understand that there is a lot of expense for families at this time so the fundraising related to this event has been modified. Children will be able to purchase a ticket for $1 (one only) and each class will conduct its own raffle - for one prize. The P&C decided this process at the last meeting and it will be easier to manage than the large community raffle. It probably will not earn the school as much in fundraising but at least there will be less chocolate! Parents would agree that there is enough chocolate at this time of year! Tickets for the classes will go out this week to teachers and sold in class until Thursday morning.

EASTER HOLIDAY IS FROM FRIDAY 29 MARCH – MONDAY 1 APRIL.
SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY 2 APRIL.

COLONIAL DAY
One of the units of work in the current Stage 2 HSIE curriculum is entitled British Colonisation of Australia. This week Stage 2 teachers have organised a whole day experiencing through role play and drama, what the early days of the white man’s invasion of Australia was like. There is no Aboriginal perspective presented during the presentation but teachers will ensure with the support of local Aboriginal community that the Aboriginal perspective is presented during the unit. The day is expected to be fun and children can dress up to make the most of the drama.

CHESS CHAMPIONS
Congratulations to our Chess team – a wonderful result for students and the school.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS LATE FOR SCHOOL?
It is important that children arrive at school in time to commence the day’s activities. Students are expected to be punctual out of respect for other members of the class. All parents/caregivers must ensure that their children arrive at school on time. Classes start at 9:25am so all children should be at school BEFORE this time. It can be very disruptive if your child continually arrives late for class. Parents bringing children to school after the commencement of the teaching program are asked to go via the office and fill in a late pass, which is then handed to the classroom teacher. This will ensure that your child is not marked absent.

HOW DO I ARRANGE FOR MY CHILD TO LEAVE EARLY?
If an occasion occurs when you need to take your child early, it is required that you notify the child’s teacher in writing and come to the office to fill in an early leavers pass. The office will contact your child’s classroom and your child will be sent to the office to meet you. Kindergarten parents are able to go to the classroom to collect their child. If a person other than a parent is calling for the child, the school must be notified in writing prior to collection. (If an emergency arises, a telephone call from the parent to the school prior to collection of the child will be acceptable).

SOME INTERESTING FACTS REGARDING ABSENCES AND LATENESS TO SCHOOL.
Did you know … …
- If your child is regularly late they miss huge amounts of learning time, regular lateness has the same impact as absenteeism.
- Missing one day a week from school from Kindergarten to Year 10 means missing two years and one term of schooling.
- There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement.
- Frequent absences make it difficult for teachers who have to continually re-teach information skills.
- Being 15 minutes late to school twice a week equals to missing 5 hours a term and 20 hours a year of missed schooling.
- Patterns of attendance/absence are set up in the early years of schooling.
- Being absent five days a term from Kindergarten to Year 10 adds up to more than one year of missed schooling.
- Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.

HELP NEEDED
Our School Banking is providing a wonderful resource to the school. Another parent helper is needed to support Lillian Tukimin each Wednesday. If you can spare about one hour each Wednesday from 9:30am to 10:30am, please let us know.

THANK YOU – TANK IN ACTION
Thank you to Lea Upton, Lee Cousins and Jannine Venables and families for installing the plumbing to our garden tank last weekend.

GAIL CORNFORD
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Our school photographs will take place on Thursday 4 April 2013. Envelopes for ordering photographs will be sent home tomorrow. Every student should receive an envelope. If you are interested in a family portrait, please see the office for an envelope. Please remember that girls should be dressed in their summer dresses on that day.
CHESS TOURNAMENT
On 18 March 2013, 12 children from New Lambton South Public School travelled to Maitland Grossman High School for a chess tournament. The children played tough opponents. They did remarkably well. At the end of the day New Lambton South won the tournament with the individual places of 1st by Nelsen Yohanes, 2nd by Ryan Stoodley, 4th by Chanuka Perera, 5th by Jack Sullivan and 7th by Nick Martinelli. Well done everybody.
A special thank you to parents for transporting us.
By Nelson 5/6D

HARMONY DAY
New Lambton South are looking forward to celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday. If your child has anything that they would like to share about their cultural heritage, please encourage them to bring it in. If they would like to bring in a traditional costume they need to wear their school uniform and then get changed at school.
LISA MAURER
COORDINATING TEACHER

STAGE 2 COLONIAL SHOW... so exciting!! (3 more sleeps)
Do not forget to come to school dressed in your period costume.
Students must be at school by no later than 9.25am.
Show will be finished by 3pm.
Also it will be fine to order lunches through the canteen on the day.
Students can still hand in homework in the morning when the rolls are being marked.

HEALTHY PARTY DRINK IDEA
- Fruit spritzers are a fun alternative to soft drink for parties and social events, and so easy to make! Just mix ½ fruit juice and ½ soda water!
- Or why not freeze juice in ice cube trays to add to mineral or still water for a nice fruity taste!

LAP-A-THON
- The annual Lap-a-thon will be held on Friday 5th April at Alder Park.
- This event is used to select the team who will represent our school at the zone Cross Country carnival which will be held on Tuesday 9th April.
- The children will be walking to Alder Park for their race and then going back to school.
- Children (ages 8 and up) can select to run in the competitive or non-competitive race.
- Parents are most welcome to come and support their child.
- Sponsorship forms will be sent home this week, so please remember to start seeking sponsors as this is one of our major fundraiser’s for the year.

The children will be running at the following times approximately:
10.00am 5, 6 and 7 year olds
10.30am 8 and 9 year olds
11.00am 10 year olds
11.30am 11 year olds
12.00pm 12 and 13 year olds

PARENT HELPERS FOR THE LAP-A-THON
I will need parents to help at our annual Fun Run on Friday 5th April. If you are able to assist with recording, time keeping or general supervision, between the hours of 9.45am and 1.00pm, please complete the form below and return to the school office as soon as possible.

LAP-A-THON
I am able to assist with the Lap a thon on Friday 5th April.

Parent’s Name: ____________________________________________
Child’s name & Class: _______________________________________

I am able to assist during the following times:
☐ 10.00am – 11.30am
☐ 11.30am – 1.00pm
BOOK CLUB
Scholastic are having a clearance sale. Brochures will be handed out on Wednesday 20 March and are due back at school on Tuesday 26 March.
Lots of bargains for everyone.
MRS DOLEY & MRS MOYLAN
BOOK CLUB COORDINATORS

HELPERS NEEDED!!!
Our uniform order has arrived and will be sorted out for delivery to students on Thursday morning from 9:30am in the hall. If you are able to assist, please let the office know or just come to the hall on Thursday morning. Everyone welcome!!

HOME READING
Following my training in the Reading Recovery program over the past two years, I will be giving a series of tips to help you to help your child with home reading. This week I am talking about the orientation or introduction to the text.
A good introduction makes the new text more accessible to the reader. It creates the scaffold within which the child can complete the first reading.
Make the child familiar
- With the story
- With the plot
- With phrases of language he may not have heard before.
- With unusual names and new words
- Old words used in new ways.
Take the bugs out of the book before reading by the child.
- Draw attention to an important idea
- Discuss the pictures to give sense of the complete plot
- Give opportunities to her new words and structures
- Prepare for something that may be a new object or activity
- Read a word, phrase, sentence or page that may be challenging.
Caution-be sure to use the same tense and forms of words in your orientation as appear in the text to avoid confusion. Eg The lizard woke up / the lizard wakes up.
For more competent readers, discuss predictions from pictures or give part of the plot and allow them to anticipate the ending.
More independent readers may be able to orient themselves to the books, but may still need support to take the bugs out.
SANDRA HOLLAND
READING RECOVERY TEACHER

HUNTER SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL – YEAR 7 2014 APPLICATIONS
Hunter Sports High School Year 7 applications are now available.
In 2014 Hunter Sports High will offer 15 sports – AFL, athletics, baseball, basketball, boys cricket, girls cricket, football, golf, hockey, lawn bowls, netball, rugby league, rugby union, swimming, tennis and touch football.
Information can be accessed from the website – www.huntersports.com.au.
Application forms are available now from the main office.

KD NEWS
Last week the student’s went to the hall and enjoyed learning all about the role of guide dogs used by the vision impaired. They got to meet a gorgeous guide dog and see it in action with its owner Lori. Did you know that legally guide dogs are not allowed in operating theatres and the zoo!! The students have started participating in social groups every Friday. They are required to choose a person from a different kindergarten class, that they do not know, and play together in a variety of activities such as Lego, blocks and games like Duck, Duck, and Goose. By participating in these groups, the children are learning a variety of social skills such as introducing themselves to someone new, sharing and conversation skills. Also it provides them with an extra opportunity to make a new friend. This week’s sound is ‘i’

KG NEWS
Last week KG learnt about the ‘t’ sound. We thought of many things that start with that sound like tennis ball and tent. We also played a game called statues where we had to pretend to be frozen statues showing a feeling. We showed feelings such as happy, sad, angry, worried and excited. It was so much fun! As of next week, all the students will have a news day. When it is your child’s news day they can bring something to show and tell us about, or they can just tell us something. This will be their news day every week until the end of the year. I will also be sending home a note this week asking for parent helpers for literacy groups. It will be Mondays through to Thursdays at 10:30 (except Tuesdays which will be 9:30). If you are available any of those days, please put your name down and return it with your child. Thanks guys!
Mrs Garis
KS NEWS
KS are learning about the letter “p” this week. We are also looking at data and how to record it (graphs). Please remember to return your Lap-a-thon notes with the front and back filled in. We are all reading well and some parents have already begun to help with groups. If you are available to help with this please send along a note with the times you are available and I will see if these fit with our timetable.

1H NEWS
There is no news from 1H this week.

1O NEWS
Last week 1O were learning about 3D shapes. We started writing groups and discovered our inspiring writing box which has lots of interesting things to write about. In sport we learnt some tap dancing. Don’t forget Lap-a-thon notes.

1/2M NEWS
On Friday the students in 1/2M participated in a range of activities on bullying. We brainstormed all of the ways that bullies can make us feel. Below are some of the responses that the students had:
- invisible
- sad
- hurt
- depressed
- lonely
- you feel like you are what they say
- anxious
- nervous
- scared

We made a promise to take a stand against bullies. We will not stand by when our friends are being bullied or when someone is bullying us. We will tell someone and get help.

1W NEWS
Last Friday was the national day of action against bullying. We talked about what bullying is and what we can do when someone is being bullied. We talked about being an active bystander and helping our friends. We made a Bullying-no way wall to remind us what we could do if bullying was happening.

2CN NEWS
As part of homework this term, students are required to prepare a speech on a given topic each week. Students are assessed on how clearly they speak, posture, volume as well as the content; do they stick to the topic? In Year 2, the aim should be to talk for about 2 minutes. This week, 2CN have put these skills to good use by leading the Stage 1 assembly. It is clear we have some up and coming student leaders in our group. Well done guys, keep up the great effort.

2O NEWS
There is no news from 2O this week.
3/4E NEWS
This week 3/4E are learning about the early British colonisation of Australia in preparation for the Colonial Day activities this Friday. In Maths this week we are focussing on strategies for subtraction and our understanding of place value. Additional Mathletics homework will be set for those students wanting more.

3M NEWS
There is no news from 3M this week.

4D NEWS
We have been watching you tube videos, researching and summarising interesting facts about the explorers James Cook, Dirk Hartog and Abel Tasman. Also we are investigating the purpose of the journey of the First Fleet. We are very excited about the Colonial show on Friday which will enrich our understanding of this period of time. Please ensure that you have your costume organised.

There has been much persuasion going on in 4D where all students are using more gestures, sizzling starts and engaging captions to convince Mrs Drew in their class talks about Are Computer Games a Waste of Time? Congratulations to everyone.

Last Friday students in 4D created impressive persuasive posters about strategies to prevent bullying. Come in and have a look.

4T NEWS
4T will be continuing to focus on the HSIE British Colonisation unit in preparation for Friday’s Colonial Show. In maths we are using algorithm to solve subtraction with trading.

Well done to Amy this week who is proving to be a very responsible class member.

5/6S NEWS
As last Friday was National Day of Action Against Bullying, 5/6S took part in activities to strengthen the message that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. We also discussed issues relating to cyber bullying, which is unfortunately becoming more prevalent in this technological age. The class were able to come up with many useful strategies to prevent this from occurring, which they are hopefully now implementing at home.

This week in 5/6S, Information Reports are becoming a focal point, with students looking closely at how a writer can make their own reports effective for specific audiences. Students have also kicked off their individual research on a Natural Disaster that they are interested in, which they will be writing about. The class are continuing to enjoy Creative and Performing Arts afternoons on Mondays, with some fantastic dancers and mask makers already being identified among 5/6S.

5/6C NEWS
5/6C have been very busy with learning how to play goal ball with Tammie our goal ball coach. Goal ball is a modified version of soccer that enables blind and vision impaired people the chance to get involved in sport. The ball has a bell in it, but all students wear a blindfold and it is quite challenging to use only your senses of hearing and touch to be able to find the ball and return the serve within ten seconds.

We also enjoyed a golf lesson with Mark Ingrey our golf professional who works for the jack Newton Junior Golf program this week.

5/6D NEWS
This week in 5/6D we have been focusing anti bullying because last Friday was the National Day Of Action Against Bullying. We have been talking about how to be a good friend, how to stop bullying and how to help your friends if they get bullied.

By Hamish and Bailey - 5/6Ds Class Captains

5/6G NEWS
Two of our students had recently visited an overnight maths/recreation camp at Myuna Bay. They enjoyed swimming, kickball, mini golf and low ropes. For the maths we worked with linear graphs, graphic calculators, origami, tessellation and patterns and numbers.

By Harry and Ronack

On Friday 15 March it was National Day of Action Against Bullying. In our class we discussed about different types of bullying issues, how to deal with bullying well and how to be a good bystander. Some people told their stories and how they dealt with it.

After lunch Hannah Harrison and Ryan Stoodley got to talk about the issue on ABC Radio.

By Bianka and Danika

Yesterday a group of our students went to Maitland Grossman High School to compete in a chess competition. All of our students did well, especially Nelson Yohanes (5/6D) who came first. Ryan Stoodley (5/6G) came second and Chanuka Perera, Jack Sullivan and Nicholas Martinelli (all from 5/6G) tied for fourth place. We will be able to send 5 students to the next round because New Lambton South won the Primary Division.

By Ryan Stoodley

P&C NEWS
Don’t forget that the next P&C meeting (& last for Term One) will be held this Wednesday night, 20th March in the connected classroom in Block A. We will commence at 6.30pm to discuss fundraising for 2013 & the P&C meeting will kick off at 7pm.
We are also still looking for assistance in the way of a minutes secretary, so if this is something you would like more information on or think you can assist with, please let me know.
I hope to see you there.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
NEXT FUNDRAISING MEETING
Wednesday 20th March
Connected Classroom, BLOCK A
6.30pm

NEXT P&C MEETING
Wednesday 20th March
Connected Classroom, BLOCK A
7.00pm

Natasha Andrei
P&C President
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Email: markandnatasha@bigpond.com

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Please note: * denotes a vacancy – please drop by the canteen if you are able to assist. Canteen phone no. 0417 571168
SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC
Registrations NOW OPEN
For children turning 9-12 years in 2013
Are you a passionate junior netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills?
For further information contact:
Email – jula@pivotnetball.com.au or www.pivotnetball.com.au
Endorsed by Hunter Academy of Sport and Hunter Sports High School.