



# NEWSLETTER

## Assemblies

**Attachments**  
 \*X Country program  
 \*AAA Survey

**Term 2, Week 4, 2012**

**BE SAFE, BE FAIR, BE KIND, BE CO-OPERATIVE.**

**Dear Parents and Community Members,**

### Stop Work Meeting- Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

The NSW Teachers Federation has authorised all members to attend a stopwork meeting on **Friday morning from 9am-11am**.

The federation have authorised the meeting after ongoing discussions concerning the impact on local schools, local decisions and how this might affect staffing, class sizes, curriculum, salaries and security of employment.

Some teachers at this school will be participating in the meeting and normal classes will **NOT** operate between 9am-11am.

There will be some supervision available for children at school. Wherever possible, parents should find alternate arrangements for students between 9am-11am.

Touch football and debating will go ahead as planned at there normal times.

### AAA survey

For some time the school has been looking at reviewing the AAA award. This is the award that students receive at the end of term which is also related to Rewards Day.

AAA stands for Attitude, Attendance, Academic and each class has a list of students with pins against their name.

If a child loses 3 pins in a term they are not eligible for a AAA certificate and rewards day.

Students lose pins for a variety of reasons including being placed in the yellow book, poor effort (attitude) in class and a poor attendance record. We have designed a short survey to find out what you think about the AAA award.

Please fill it in as your opinion will help shape the future of the AAA award.

### Every Student, Every School

Last week I attended a Video Conference on a new program being implemented as of Term 3 called Every Student, Every School (ESES). This program is a new way of implementing some programs our school already runs including the position Mrs Maddocks is currently in (Support Teacher Learning Assistance) and money we receive in called Integration Funding which supports students with disabilities in regular classes.

As of next term some of these arrangements will change with the way some of these things are funded.

The school is still seeking information on how these changes will affect staff we have currently employed and students who are currently supported.

We are hoping that this will be a positive outcome for our school.

### Regional Director Visit

Today we were lucky enough to have the New England Regional Director visit our school (Mr Jim White).

Mr White was able to visit some classes, talk to some students as well as meet some of our new staff and view our great school. Mr White was very impressed with

not only our school but the students he met and was able to talk to.

It is great to have the Regional Director support our school and comment on how lovely the school "felt" and how much pride seemed to be in the school.

### Opportunity Class Placement (OC)

Opportunity class placements are now open for students wishing to apply for entry into year 5 in 2013 (ie students would be currently in year 4).

Parents can apply online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement) and fill out the relevant information.

OC classes exist to provide intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for academically gifted and talented students in year 5 (2013).

OC classes exist in many schools with the closest schools to our region being at Alstonville, Goonellabah, Moree, Port Macquarie, South Grafton, Tamworth, Tamworth South and Toormina. Applications close on Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Rugby League Tough Win

On Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School Rugby League team travelled to Meade Park, Glenn Innes to take on the Glen Innes Magpies.

The encounter was a see sawing affair with both teams showing plenty of attacking flare. Going into the break down by 2 with the score at 14-12, our boys fought hard to find themselves up 20-12 with ten minutes left in the match.

A late controversial try to the local team wasn't enough to take the lead again and the boys from Tenterfield held on to win in an exciting game of Rugby League.

Coach Simon Maher said 'I'm really proud of the way the boys came back. At 14 nil after five minutes, they could have quite easily thrown in the towel. It's a credit to their dedication and maturity to be able to put themselves back into the contest. Standouts for the game were Connor Hogan, Geoffrey Swan, Will Evans and Tyler Sargeant.

The boys will now take on Inverell in the second round of the PSSA State Knockout in the coming weeks.



## Crunch and Sip and Health Message



### COLDS and FLUS

Now that it has started to cool down, people's immune systems are becoming weaker. Ensure you have plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables, exercise and 20 minutes of sun a day to help ward off any potential illness. However, if you do pick up a cold remember these 3 tips:

**CATCH IT!** Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

**BIN IT!** Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible. Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch.

**KILL IT!** Clean your hands as soon as you can.

### Walk Safely To School

Walk Safely To School Day will be held on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We are encouraging students, where possible, to walk to school and to do this with a parent/career.

This is a fantastic opportunity for parents/careers to discuss how to safely use the footpaths and roads while spending time with their child/ren and also gaining the many benefits of being active (stronger hearts, bones and muscles; reducing the risk of developing heart disease, osteoporosis, diabetes or many forms of cancer, reducing stress and improving happiness).

For some road safety games and information visit <http://www.mynrma.com.au/motoring/education/primary-school-roadbots.htm>



### Assisting With Transport

We are extremely grateful to all the parents who assist students with transport to a variety of school functions. Without you our students would not have these opportunities.

As of this term, **every student, including those travelling with their own parent/guardian or grandparent MUST pay the transport levy.**

Drivers will then be reimbursed after the activity for the number of students they transport including their

own.

This will be done with a fuel voucher or in some cases a cheque. If you have any questions, please contact the front office.

### The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School Cross Country/Fun Run Fundraiser

Now that our school Cross Country/Fun Run has been completed it is time to collect all the money you have been sponsored, complete your form (**please be sure to fill out your prize request**) and return along with you monies to your child's teacher **on or before Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2012**. Family support is most appreciated.



Funds raised will provide additional resources for the students such as home readers.

### School Athletics Carnival

Our school athletics carnival will be held Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> (Week 6 - backup day Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>) from 9am at Federation Park.



All parents/careers are welcome to attend to support and encourage their own and all children.

A program of events has been included in today's newsletter (please note times are just approximates) and all students have received an information and permission note.

If anyone can assist in the canteen, whether it be for the whole day, part of the day or even just half an hour or an hour please see Vicki at the canteen.

### Public Speaking Competition

Last Monday, 5 students (Aislyn Kerr, Jade Wright, Patricia Willoughby, Cassidi Bird and Georgiana Chawner) participated in a Public Speaking Competition, "On Ya Soap Box" via video conference against 28 other students from throughout the North West.

The girls had a set topic and had to prepare and present a 4-5 minute speech. All girls spoke extremely well. Patricia was then selected as one of the top 6 students to participate in the final on Tuesday. Once again, Patricia spoke exceptionally well finishing 2nd. Congratulations girls!

### Netball

Last Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> the netball team played at home in the school Knockout Competition against Glen Innes.

The girls had an amazing game and all tried their hardest. Unfortunately they were beaten by Glen Innes 29-3, but the improvement shown by these girls throughout the year is remarkable. Good work!!



# CALENDAR

MTH	WK	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	S / S
Term 2	4	14	15 Naplan Tests	16 Naplan Tests	17 Naplan Tests	18 * Stop work meeting 9-11am *Mr Daniels away *Walk safe to school day *Touch Football-Armidale	19/20
	5	21 *Book Fair *B&G Hockey	22 *Book Fair	23 *Book Fair	24 *Book Fair *Basketball	25 *Book Fair *Zone X-Country	26/27
	6	28 *Girls Soccer	*Athletics Carnival	30 *Mr Daniels Away	31	1	2/3

## CANTEEN

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed	16th	Kim Cox, Vicki Hill, Aleeca Zellers
Thur	17th	Monkia Freeman, Melissa Oakes
Fri	18th	Danielle Sheppard, Nicole Arnold
Mon	21st	Leeza Wishart, Melinda Campbell, Monkia Freeman
Tues	22nd	Angela Brown
Wed	23rd	Kim Cox, Janice Chawner
<b>Homebake (Next Week)</b>		
Mon	21st	Jo Willoughby
Wed	23rd	Dana Bird
Fri	25th	Marie Thomas

Tomato Sauce	Crystal Liesegang
Block Cheese	Marie Thomas, Dana Bird
Mayonnaise	Melissa Oakes
Plain Flour	Jayne Collier
Sliced Pineapple	Natalie Watt
Sliced Beetroot	Allison Tonkin
Lettuce	Deanne Eaton, Jayne Harvey
Tomatoes	Robyn Hillier
Cruskits	Sylvia Ibbett
Vegemite	Lisa Beltrame

### DONATIONS (This Week)

### MEAL DEAL THIS WEEK-Henry's Sub feast

Long Roll filled with meat balls in pasta sauce and baked in oven plus a popper & Ice cream with a wafer biscuit & strawberry topping \$4.50

Other choices: Sausage Roll \$2.20  
6 Nuggets \$2.20

### Book Fair

There will be a BOOK FAIR in **WEEK 5**  
**Monday, May 21st - Friday, May 25th.**

The library will be open at  
**11:00am-11:30am**  
**1:15pm-1:45pm**



Our school is entering a READ MORE IN MAY competition, where we encourage children to read every day with their families during the month of May!

To enter visit

[www.scholastic.com.au/bookfairs/enter](http://www.scholastic.com.au/bookfairs/enter)

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

**INFANTS:** Rylee Scott, Lauren Hall, Mick Duroux, Nicholi Robinson, Jessica Smith-O'Rourke

**PRIMARY:** Mikahla Cutmore, Laylah Maher, Katie McQuirk, Aislyn Kerr, Katelyn Reynolds, Will Evans

### BRONZE PENNANT:

Corbin Birney

### KINDNESS CERTIFICATE:

Jaynika Hollis, Thomas Newman

### COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

#### Red Shield Appeal

Will be held Saturday, May 19th and May 20th anyone interested in helping door knock please contact Joel Soper on 6736 1722

There will also be a GOLF DAY on Sunday, May 20th 12:30 shotgun start Non-golfers welcome  
Cost:\$15/per person

*The Salvation Army helps more than one million disadvantaged Australians each year without discrimination, including people who are hungry, homeless, abandoned or abused.  
That's one person every 30 seconds*





# OUR INSPIRATIONAL GUEST SPEAKER



**SAM CAWTHORN**