



NEWSLETTER

Attachments

* Safety in the home and workplace

Assemblies

*Infants 11:30 1/2J

*Primary 12:30

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

Dear Parents and Community Members, Girls Soccer

Our Regional champions travelled down to Singleton last Sunday/Monday to play their next round against Singleton, the winners of the Hunter 1 region.

This is an outstanding achievement for our girls and we know, whatever the outcome, they will do, not only the school and themselves but also the region proud.

LATE NEWS: They won their first game against Singleton a whopping 9-1 and will today play Wallsend (Hunter 2 winners) in the next round. Apparently it was a fantastic game and the girls played brilliantly to constantly be on the attack. This now puts them in the TOP 8 in the STATE. **GO GIRLS!!**

Public Speaking Workshops

Today, 25 students from years 5 and 6 travelled to the Golf Club to attend the "On Ya Soap Box" Public Speaking Workshop run by the Country Areas Program consultants.

This is a fantastic opportunity for these students to gain a valuable insight into public speaking as well as practice skills needed to participate. Students who wish to follow up from this course have the possibility to participate in video conferencing later in the year.

Movie Visits

On Wednesday (**tomorrow**) both Infants and Primary classes will be walking to the School of Arts to watch viewings of "Babe: Pig in the city" and "Happy Feet 2".

KC, KL, 1/2B, 1/2P, 1/2J will watch the 10am session of "Babe: Pig in the City" while 3E, 3/4M, 4J, 5/6C, 5/6M and the Sunshine room will watch "Happy Feet 2" at 12:30pm.

Students will be walking down to the School of Arts before the movies and when the movies finish walking back to school. These movies have been supplied through the National Film and Archive's School Screen Program. Both of these movies have been screened and directed in Australia.

Primary students will be leaving school at approximately 12:15pm therefore they will be having lunch at 11am and recess when they return. They can still have a Meal Deal but will be unable to buy recess from the canteen. Infants students will have recess and lunch at normal times.

Mind Matters

This is a new and entertaining game that will help sharpen your child's maths skills and recall. The Maths Monkey's Quest features questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages.

The app. is available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets.

Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

Touch Footy

The boys from The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School have tasted success again. On Wednesday, September 5th they again embarked on a road trip to Uralla

in order to play the boys from Uralla Central School for a birth in the regional final. To make the task even more demanding, the whole of kindergarten to year 12 were there to cheer their home team on.

The game started ideally with our boys notching up the first touchdown in the opening couple of sets. From there until ten minutes into the game however, both teams were kept scoreless as play went from one end of the field to the other. Through this period, both teams squandered multiple opportunities with our boys finally making the last pass stick on 3 more occasions in the second ten minute period. This left our boys up 4-0 at the break.

In the second half, the locals came out firing and put a quick touchdown on the board to open their scorecard. With consistency and playing to their game plan, our boys bounced back and added another three quick touchdowns through flashes of individual brilliance on the end of some quick sets. With the score now at 7-1 with less than five to go, our boys took their pedal off the metal and slowed the game right down. Fatigue and lack of desperation saw the local boys grab two tries in the dying moments through some creative play from two of their best.

As full time sounded, our boys were victorious with a score line reading 7-3. 'All our boys played to a high standard' co-coach Mr Simon Maher acknowledged. He then added 'I was happy with the way they stayed in the match through the arm-wrestle during the first ten minutes and I believe that was where they broke the home team down enough to score some quick TD's in the back end of the first half'

Other co-coach Mr Geoff Swan said 'The boys are getting better with each game. The improvement is evident and with continued training and fine tuning, they will give the final a real shake. The boys will now wait to play the winner out of Tamworth Public School and a combined team from Rowena and Burren Junction in the regional final. This will take place on **Tuesday 18th or Wednesday 19th September** subject to the result of their game.

Camp Quality

The Camp Quality Sylvannia 1000k Ride cyclists visited the school yesterday to talk to the children about childhood Leukaemia. The children saw a puppet show and asked questions regarding the cyclists 1000k's ride.

Students who won the colouring competition received their prizes from Donna the spokesperson for Camp Quality. Winners were: Kindergarten-Joseph Truran, Stage One-Georgia McKinley, Stage Two-Tahlia Niesen, Stage Three-Emma Andersen.

Their colouring in is going to be displayed at the Camp Quality office.

Coffs Harbour

Just a reminder that the K-2 excursion is on **THIS Thursday**. Students can arrive from **6:50am** and the bus will be leaving at 7:10am we will not be waiting for anyone running late.

Also the forecast for Coffs Harbour on Thursday will be 28° so please pack your child lots of drinks.

Crunch and Sip and Health Message



5 facts about strawberries

1. Strawberries aren't actually berries, they are known as 'accessory fruits'
2. On average, strawberries have about 200 seeds
3. They're the only fruit with their seeds on the outside
4. They are a good source of Vitamin C
5. Most children love them!

Why not pack strawberries for Crunch&Sip* this week?



Fruit 'n' Veg Month

Fruit 'n' Veg Month continues **until Friday, September 21st**. During this month, children are challenged to eat fruit and veggies.

Students have many opportunities to eat fruit and vegetables at school – during Crunch, recess and lunch. Fruit and vegetables provide us with the necessary vitamins and minerals for our bodies to function properly, healthily and to the best of its ability.

Fruit and vegetables give us energy, help our bodies to grow, our brains to function to help us to stop getting and/or fight of illness. There are hundreds of types of fruit and vegetables (there are 10 different types of apples) so if you find you don't like one try another. **REMEMBER TO "EAT THE COLOUR OF THE RAINBOW"**.



Regional Debating Final and Team Trials

By winning the zone final, our school won our zone for the Hunter Challenge trophy.

Last Friday our school debating team, *The Persuaders* (Georgiana Chawner, Juda Callaghan, Chloe Morris and Aislyn Kerr) debated Quirindi Public School in the Regional debating final for the Premier's Debating Challenge. The topic was *That 4WDs should be banned from the city* and our team was the negative team.

Both teams debated strongly with some excellent arguments and rebuttals with Quirindi winning the debate. Georgiana Chawner, Chloe Morris, Patricia Willoughby and Sonya Campbell-Astruc also tried out for the regional debating team to compete in Sydney in November.

Congratulations to Chloe Morris who was selected. We wish her well!

Thank you to Mrs Willoughby, Mrs Campbell and Miss Morris for transporting, supporting and encouraging the students.



Regional Spelling Bee

Tomorrow, our students, Martin Ibbett, Ella Wishart and Juda Callaghan, will travel to Armidale to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee final. We wish them well and safe travelling.

Football Jumpers

The school is selling our old (still in very good condition) rugby league jerseys/jumpers for \$5 each.

The money raised will help assist sporting teams with future travel and accommodation. See Mr Maher to purchase a jumper.

Year 5 and 6 Excursion To Gold Coast and Brisbane

Final payment is due by **NEXT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th**. If you are having any financial difficulties please inform the school.

Electrical Safety Week



This week, **Monday, September 10th to Friday, September 14th** is Electrical Safety Week.

All students will participate in activities to teach them how to be safe around electricity and make them more aware of the dangers which can be associated with it.

Please discuss these issues with your child. This is also an excellent opportunity to revise or develop your fire action plan for home (what you would do if there was a fire in your house – what to do, how to get out, where to meet).



MSKR

Congratulations to Emma Andersen who was part of Team "6", the winners of the 2012 My School Kitchen Rules program. On the final day, all six teams (each made up of 3 students) prepared a beef stir fry on a bed of noodles, chocolate mousse and a milkshake.

At the end judging, Emma's team had won convincingly. Areas of judging were visual appeal, taste, hygiene and teamwork. Congratulations to Mr Strachan for such a great program. We look forward to next year.

Holiday activities

Stuck for school holiday ideas? The Go Play website lists hundreds of activities throughout NSW.

Explore museums, observe space, discover castles and convicts, or give your child the opportunity to develop a new skill. There is a range of options on offer – from photography to skating. Go to: <http://goplay.nsw.gov.au/?startdate=2012-09-28>

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 18th at 6pm**. This is held in the main staffroom at school and all are welcome.

CALENDAR

MTH	WK	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	S / S
Sep	9	10 *Camp Quality visit *Soccer *Social-RANDOM	11 *Aboriginal Playgroup *Soccer *Gymnastic *“On Ya Soap Box”	12 *Gymnastic *Regional– Spelling Bee *Movie day Infants 10am Primary 12:30pm	13 *K-2 Excursion	14 *Assembly Infants 11:30am 1/2J Primary 12:30pm *Mr Daniels-Away	15/16
Sep	10	17	18 *Aboriginal Playgroup *Gymnastic *Possible Touch Footy *P&C meeting	19 *Possible Touch Footy ?	20 *PB Assembly 10:15am	21 *End of Term * Rewards Day	22/23

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed	12th	Janice Chawner, Sharon Hollis, Kathy Meneguzzi
Thur	13th	Monika Freeman, Michelle Bates
Fri	14th	Karen Cooper, Jody Lieberman
Mon	17th	Monkia Freeman, Ally Stuart
Tues	18th	Angela Brown
Wed	19th	Aleeca Zellers, Liz Bridge, Kim Cox

Homebake (Next Week)

Mon	17th	If you can bake. Thank you
Wed	19th	If you can bake. Thank you
Fri	21st	If you can bake. Thank you

DONATIONS (This Week)

Tomato Sauce	Leanne Hall
Blocked Cheese	Shona Clark
Cruskits	Kim Cox
Sliced Beetroot	Carolyn Hall
Eggs	Leonie Pederson
Lettuce	Polly Sargeant
Margarine	Michelle Donges
Mayonnaise	Rhonda Fowler
Carrots	Jody Lieberman
Mince	Mary Klazema

Golf

Any girls interested in golf can attend a golfing clinic to be held at the Tamworth Golf Club On Wednesday, October 3rd and Thursday, October 4th from 9am-4pm (during the school holidays).

The clinic is open to girls aged 10-17 years. The cost is \$30 which can be paid on the day with billeting and equipment available if required. Please see Miss Eakin if you require further information.

Reminder

This term officially finishes on **Friday, September 21st** which will be rewards day. The first day back for all students in Term 4 is **Monday, October 8th**.

PB Assembly

The PB assembly this Term will be held on **Thursday, September 20th at 10:15am.** Parents will be contacted this week if their child is receiving a PB for Term 3.

Only one student from each class can be chosen each term. All parents are able to attend this special assembly it is not just for PB winners parents.

There will be a morning tea afterwards in the staffroom for all PB winners and their parents.

Whooping Cough

We have been informed of a couple of reported cases of whooping cough at our school. There has been a recent increase of Whooping Cough amongst primary-school-aged children and a modest increase in high schools.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to any younger brothers and sisters at home. Whooping Cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping Cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

- Children with symptoms should see a GP
- If your doctor diagnoses Whooping Cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping Cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it's a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

MEAL DEAL THIS WEEK– “Doggy Dinner”

A tasty hot dog in a roll topped with tomato sauce and cheese plus a popper and a choc coated ice cream on a stick \$4.50



Other choices: Sausage roll \$2.20
Ham and cheese sandwich \$2.20
(Not to be included as part of the meal deal)



TOUCH FOOTY



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