



NEWSLETTER

Attachments
 *Stewart House
 *Grandparents day helpers

Assemblies
 Infants: 11:30
 Primary: 12:15

The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

Term 1, Week 6, 2013

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Dear Parents and Community Members.....

Class Meetings

Thank you to those parents who took the opportunity to come to our class meetings. This is a great way to find out what is happening and meet your child's teacher. It was great to see parents interested in the partnership between school and home.

Classes

As of next week (week 7) there will be a minor change to 2 of our classes. Miss Coats will begin full time work on 3/4H and Mrs Catie Macansh will work 3 days per week on 4/5C, sharing with Mrs Gallagher.

I would like to thank Miss Hottes for the great work she has done on 3/4H and wish her all the best in the future.

Mr Daniels in Canberra

This week I will be in Canberra as one of 13 principals chosen from NSW and 65 from around the country to attend meetings with the Minister for Education.

We will have the opportunity to discuss issues and upcoming events like the National Curriculum implementation and the ongoing funding arrangements and reshuffle within the department.

I will also take the opportunity to discuss the issues effecting remote localities and low socio economic environments.

Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day will be held on **Tuesday, March 19th** with open classrooms commencing at 9.30am. The concert will begin at 10.15am and all children will be performing an item. Morning tea will be held at the completion of the concert.

For this day to be a success we need the support of parents and volunteers. If you can help with the morning tea or provide cakes or slices, could you please complete the sheet at the end of the newsletter and return it to school by this **Friday, March 8th**.



Stewart House

Each year 1,800 public school children who are in need go to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT.

During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All other costs associated with the children's stay are met from charitable donations.

Stewart House needs your support to ensure they can continue to provide important services to children.



During the program children:

- Receive free eye, dental and health screening and treatment.
- Develop self-care and conflict resolutions skills.
- Learn to relax and overcome anxiety.
- Participate in excursions and activities to develop a broader outlook on life.
- Establish friendships and routines in a safe community.
- Increase their self-esteem.

All donations in the red and white envelopes provided are due at school by **Friday, May 10th**. The school will send your donation to Stewart House and you will be in the running to win a \$4000 holiday to a destination of your choice. You can also support Stewart House by purchasing a high bouncy ball – great for handball. Cost is \$3. To place an order, please send \$3 in an envelope labelled Stewart House Bouncy Ball to your child's teacher by **Wednesday, March 20th**.

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN tests for all students in years 3 and 5 will be conducted next term on **May 14th-16th**.

These are conducted in Literacy (spelling, grammar and punctuation, writing, reading and comprehension) and Numeracy (number, data and measurement, space).

P&C

Next meeting is on **Tuesday, March 12th at 6pm**



The Sir Henry Parkes School is currently selling raffle tickets for the Calcutta draw to be held on Saturday, March 16th at the Tenterfield Golf Club.

Tickets are only \$1 each and limited to 3000 so get in quick to secure your chance. Tickets are on sale now at the Sir Henry Parkes School and the Tenterfield Golf Club and will also be sold on the afternoon of the draw if not sold out beforehand.

Also going up for auction at the draw is some NRL memorabilia:

- A fully signed 2XL Mens 2012 Roosters Jersey
- A Jarred Waerea Hargreaves signed 2012 Women in League Jersey

• A fully signed 2013 St George Dragons Jersey
 Come along to the Golf Club on the 16th, bid on who you think will win the 2013 NRL comp and support SHPMS.

Crunch and Sip

Why shouldn't students eat snacks like muesli bars or fruit leathers during Crunch and Sip?

Foods such as fruit-topped muesli bars and fruit leathers are often high in sugar and energy, and low in other nutrients such as vitamins and minerals.

Fruit and vegetables are lower in energy and high in nutrients, making them the ideal snack option. Fruit leathers, roll-ups and sticky muesli bars also have the tendency to cling to teeth, which increases the risk of tooth decay.

Fruit and vegetables are the only foods allowed to be eaten during the Crunch and Sip break and don't have wrappers which are bad for our environment.

REMEMBER 2 and 5 – 2pieces of fruit and 5 serves of vegetables a day!

Health Message



We all love clean, healthy hair. Unfortunately so do lice. They also like dirty hair.

To help prevent your child from gaining head lice encourage your child not to share their hats, tie long hair back, always check your child's hair and if they have lice please treat them.

Year 2-6 Social "B"

The first Year 2-6 social will be held **TOMORROW, Wednesday, March 6th from 5-7pm.**

The theme is the letter "B". There will be prizes for best dressed boy and girl in each year and a lucky door prize. The cost is \$4.50 which covers entertainment (lots of games, dances and a chance for students to "hit the Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School catwalk)", prizes, a light supper (a packet of chips and a popper) and also supports our sponsor child in Vietnam.

So come dressed as Batman, Barbie a banana, ballerina, bandicoot, David Beckham, a Bulldog supporter or anything starting with "B" and have some fun!



Year 6 Jumpers



NOTES AND MONEY for Year 6 jumpers are due by this **THURSDAY, MARCH 7th**.

Year 6 High School Enrolment

Year 6 enrolment forms for entering Year 7 in 2014 are due by **FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd**

Year 5 and 6 Camp

Year 5 and 6 camp expression of interest notes are due by **THURSDAY, MARCH 21st**.

ALL students in Years 5 and 6 **MUST** return this note indicating whether they will/will not be attending.

If attending, a \$50 deposit must also accompany the note.

Year 5 and 6 Fundraiser



Year 5 and 6 students are selling chocolates to raise funds to assist with their expenses for their major end of year excursion to Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre at Lennox Head.

Chocolates cost only \$2 and could be a great alternative Easter gift than the traditional gifts while assisting our students.

National Ride Safely 2 School Day



National Ride Safely 2 School Day will be held on **Friday, March 22nd**. All students, where possible, are encouraged to ride their bike, skateboard or scooter or walk to school.

This is a great opportunity to discuss road rules such as the wearing of an approved helmet, how to safely cross and use the road and learn about signs.

Students will also be active which will improved their physical health. Riding is a safe, healthy and cheap way to be active and has a positive impact on our environment.

Use this day to check the safety of your child's bike too - brakes, seat level, gears, tyres, lights, reflectors.

School Debating Teams

Over the past three weeks, many students from Years 5 and 6 have been trying out for the school debating teams.

All students are to be congratulated for their wonderful efforts. The two teams are:
PERSUADERS: Ella Wishart, Saskia Jenkins, Katie Nettle and Rachel Cowin.

ARGUERS: Declynd Morris, Aislyn Kerr, Jade Wright and Jaimee McKinley.

The teams will participate in the Premier's Debating Challenge and will have at least 4 debates each.

Clean Up Australia Day

Unfortunately, due to the wet weather we were unable to hold our Schools Clean Up Australia Day activities.

We will try to hold these activities on **Monday, March 11th**. Children may bring gloves and/or tongs to assist in the clean up. All classes will clean up within the school grounds.

Term 2

Just a reminder that there are 2 school development days next term and students will return to school on **Wednesday, May 1st, 2013.**



CALENDAR

MTH	WK	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	S / S
MAR	6	4	5 *Mr Daniels- Away *Regional Swimming- Armidale	6 *Mr Daniels-Away *Social 5-7pm for YRS 2-6	7 *Mr Daniels-Away *Note and Money Due for Yr 6 Jumper	8 *Boys/Girls Soccer trials-here *Assemblies Infants 11:30am Primary 12:15pm	9/10
MAR	7	11	12 *P&C 6pm	13	14	15	16/17

CANTEEN

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed	6th	Kim Cox, Toni Lane, Michelle Battersby
Thur	7th	Marie Low
Fri	8th	Bev Dorrington, Sue Clarke
Mon	11th	Marie Thomas
Tue	12th	Angela Brown
Wed	13th	Kim Cox, Jen Sutcliffe, Sam Murphy

Homebake (next week)

Mon	11th	Deanne Eaton
Wed	13th	Sam Murphy
Fri	15th	Jody Lieberman

DONATIONS (This Week)

Margarine	Jane Collier
Cruskits	Jennifer Rhodes
Mayonnaise	Deanne Eaton
Block Cheese	Carmel Moore
Sliced Pineapple	Melissa Oakes
Sliced Beetroot	Natalie Watt
Lettuce	Polly Sargeant
Eggs	Tamai Davidson
Plain Flour	Amanda Paris
Tomato Sauce	Margaret Ellis
Tomatoes	Robyn Hillier

MEAL DEAL THIS WEEK-"Chick n Lick"

A bag of crumbed chicken chippies with a popper and a mug of jelly and ice cream \$5.00



Other Choices: Hot dog in roll \$2.60
Sausage Roll \$2.40

Book Club

Book club has been handed out this week and will be due back on **Thursday, March 1st** to the front office before 9am



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Boarder Bears

The Border Bears Junior Rugby League will be having trial games this Saturday March 9th in Stanthorpe for all age groups.

If you wish to play - you must be registered with the Club before Saturday.

Registration is \$80 (with shorts and socks) and you can register on Tuesday or Thursday at 5.30pm at the Football Field.

ALSO

Border bears training for all age groups, under7's-under16's, will be Thursday, March 16th starting at 5pm at the Rugby League Park.

New players welcome.



Art Tuition

Term 1, 2013 art tuition for 8-12 years on Saturday mornings starting at 10am till 12pm for children who would like to experience expressing themselves artistically.

All materials will be supplied, the class will be for a limit of 10 students and will include storytelling, poetry and music that will enhance each student's creative experience.

Cost will be \$15 per 2 hour session or 10% discount on payment for 9 week term. PHONE: 0432 539 881.



Ballet/Singing Classes

Miss Jill (Adam) is seeking expressions of interest in taking ballet/tap/singing classes from pre-school to high school pupils.

Also a separate Musical Theatre singing class, combined ages, focussing on songs from 'Oliver' and other similar shows. Please phone: 6666 1522.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

AK4C will not be on this WEDNESDAY, March 6th due to the School Social

SRC REPRESENTATIVES



GERMAN BAND

