PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
PETER JOHNSON

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are quickly coming towards the end of another busy term and we still have a great deal to get done before the end of the year. I am currently in the middle of preparing our new school plan for 2015-2017 and I am in need of your help. Starting this week, I am going to be out and about in the morning and afternoon asking any parents who happen to be around, to give us some ideas about their experiences with our beautiful school. I will be asking for ideas about what you as parents want for your child as they attend our school, some things that we do really well here, what are some of the things we could improve on and finally what are some things that you wish we had at the school which we currently do not have. These ideas really help to guide us with our task to plan for the next three years. I will also be following this short survey with a slightly longer one which will be online as well as some phone surveys in the next few weeks. Your help with this is greatly appreciated and will go a long way towards continuing to help us keep this school as a great school.

Sun safety

This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.

Find out more:


Digital citizenship

We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

Here are some tips to get you started:


Peter Johnson

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A huge thank you to Ron Craig who volunteers his precious time to work in our school garden. He guides students to learn about the cultivation of vegetables. Below, Jackie, our canteen supervisor reaps fresh lettuce which in turn is enjoyed by our students in delicacies from the canteen.

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

The following students received Assembly Awards at the Infants Assembly on Monday 20 October 2014 and Primary Assembly on Monday 27 October 2014.

**Infants Assembly:**
- **KB**
  - Lily Gillett – a wonderful effort in literacy and numeracy
  - Baxter Crowley – improvement in his ability to complete set tasks
  - Jett Nossiter – a wonderful effort in literacy and numeracy
  - Scarlett Donnellan – improvement in writing tasks
- **K/1J**
  - Summer Brown – settling in well at Hallidays Point Public School
  - Bridey McDermott – settling in well at Hallidays Point Public School
  - Daisy Pickering – a wonderful effort in Maths groups
  - Julian Hanna – being a mature and sensible class member
- **1H**
  - Yasmin Smith – outstanding effort in Spelling and Reading
  - Matilda Dangel – outstanding effort in Spelling and Reading
  - Lily Crook – outstanding effort in Spelling and Reading
  - Ava Simnett – outstanding effort in Spelling and Reading
- **1/2M**
  - Angus Neil – wonderful work in visual arts

**Primary Assembly:**
- **2/3M**
  - Cassius Hourn – a wonderful effort in all areas
  - Ella Dunn – improved reading skills
  - Jett Johnson – excellent progress in literacy and numeracy
  - Daniel Bush – outstanding effort in spelling assessments
  - Tarli Black – consistent reliable work habits
  - Lily Moylan – improvement in all areas
  - Tayla Wait – improved work habits “on the job”
- **3/4I**
  - Zaynab El Mohamad – making a super effort with her homework
  - Olivia Pearce – displaying excellent presentation of her work
  - Curtis Gam – excellent participation at sport (soccer)
  - James Davison – representing the school at a Touch Football Gala day
- **5/6J**
  - Trinity Brown – working well in our volume and capacity lessons
  - Charlie Farnell – her helpful manner and happy personality
  - Liam Lingwood – application in all maths activities
  - Marcus Worth – consistent effort with his homework
- **5C**
  - Jema Skillicorn – working hard in science lessons with Mrs Pursch
  - Adam Dangel – always striving to excel himself in all key learning areas
  - Jak Wunder – working hard to improve his communication skills
  - Te Reremoana Walker – excellent work in times tables activities
- **4/5V**
  - Vaughn Gam – welcome to 4/5V and Hallidays Point Public
  - Ryan Brown – excellent effort and results throughout the Poetry unit
  - Lachlan Hocking – improvement and effort towards reading skills
  - Nelson Crisp – high achievement in the Hallidays Point Public School spelling test
- **3/4J**
  - Zaynab El Mohamad – making a super effort with her homework

THANK YOU
The following students received Merit Certificates at the Infants Assembly on Monday 20 October and at the Primary Assembly on Monday 27 October 2014.

**Infants Assembly:**
Oliver Castle - Kindergarten
Jessica Edwards - Kindergarten
Milla Giffin - Kindergarten
Ramona Ljumanovic - Kindergarten
Taia Shedden - Kindergarten
Maliana Steike - Kindergarten
Te Ara Pounamu Walker - Kindergarten
Clay Williams – Kindergarten
Ashlee Brabant – Year 1
Brodie Forbes – Year 1
Leilani Williams – Year 1
Charli Cain-Ashford – Year 2
Riley Coleman – Year 2
Cohen Watt – Year 2

**Primary Assembly:**
Baden Bell – Year 3
Jack Edwards – Year 3
Xavier Hanna – Year 3
Schafer Aiken – Year 3
Kalan Steber – Year 3
Olivia Pearce – Year 4
Bronte Ward – Year 5
Lilli-Mae Geer – Year 5
Keseah Bell – Year 5
Joey Brown – Year 5
Nelson Jackson – Year 5
Kristy Green – Year 5
Otto Pickering – Year 5
Rainer Fagerstrom – Year 5
Ruby Daley – Year 5
Chloe Young – Year 5
Edie Gillis – Year 5
Giselle Black – Year 5
April Cougle – Year 6
Amber-Rose Morris – Year 6 (3 Merits)
Claire Newham – Year 6
Tiarne Williams – Year 6
Jacob Cain – Year 6 (2 Merits)
Sam Gray – Year 6

**Friendly School & Friendly Families:**
KB – Oliver Castle – being a sensible and responsible class member.
K/1J – Leilani Williams – being a kind and caring person
1H – Jack Orchard – being a caring class member
1/2M – Bradley Feehely – a sensible and helpful student

**YEAR 6 RAFFLE**

The Year 5 and 6 students will be raising money to purchase a farewell gift to the school. Tickets for a Christmas Raffle will be on sale soon. Christmas Hampers will be up for grabs.

**SPECIAL DONATION**
Recently, Leilani donated 30cm of her beautiful hair to be used for making wigs for cancer patients. That’s a very special donation. Well done Leilani.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEARN TO SWIM CLASSES
ACHIEVERS SWIM SKOOL

DID YOU KNOW that last year 291 people in Australia drowned!!!! That is 5% increase on the year before.

We are lucky enough to live on the coast, so it’s only responsible that we have our children taught to swim and survive, and therefore safely enjoy the pleasures that our environment gives us.

Give Tracey a call today to secure your child’s spot to learn-to-swim this lifesaving skill – 0401 443 522. Achievers Swim Skool is your local friendly professional solution to learn-to-swim classes.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!
Let’s get organised early!
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429406126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

GIRLS NIGHT IN CANCER FUNDRAISER
On Saturday 25th October, locals Melinda Orchard and Carrie Eschbach hosted a Girls Night In Pink Ribbon fundraiser at Kiddies Hut @ Diamond Beach. Guests were treated to delicious food, mini manicures, raffles, movie, games, lucky door prizes, and more. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the generous support of the Hallidays Point Community and local businesses as we were able to donate over $2000 to the Cancer Council to beat breast and gynaecological cancers. For all that could not attend please stay tuned as we are looking to host another event in 2015. (See photographs on back page).

FREE Local Workshops – Helping Kids Achieve Happy Healthy Development at School and Home
Does your child or do you know a child that...
뇌 Struggles academically
뇌 Finds it hard to sit still at homework or dinner time
뇌 Finds it hard to follow simple instructions
뇌 Has a short attention span
뇌 Easily becomes overly active

Find answers and solutions at the sensory strategies free local workshop Monday 10th November from 6pm - 7:30pm FREE professional advice from Occupational Therapist Debbie Hopper Where: 1/4 Enterprise Court, Forster (Kidspot Complex). Who should attend? Parents, Preschool Teachers, School Teachers, Health Professionals dealing with children aged 2 – 18 years.

BOOK NOW CALL 02 6555 9877 or visit: www.lifeskills4kids.com.au Limited spaces available.

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This term the Canteen Red Day will be held on Wednesday the 19th November. An order form with two menu options will be sent home closer to the date. We need extra help on this day so please contact Jackie at the canteen if you can volunteer or are available on Wednesday the 26th November when the canteen will be catering for the Wahroonga School band. Thank you!

If you are unable to make your allocated shift please arrange a replacement and contact Jackie as soon as possible (0447621340) or email: hppscanteen@outlook.com

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