Principal’s Report
Can I start this newsletter with a big thankyou for your attendance at the various class meetings that have been held over the last week or so. It is so great to see the beginnings of a great working partnership between home and school and this will certainly pay dividends as the year progresses.

A number of notes have gone home this week and last week for students whose absences have not been explained. On the day of your child’s return to school from being absent, could you please send a note explaining why they were absent from school. Alternatively, you can access your child’s absences from the parent portal and record the reason there. This will automatically be recorded in our attendance system. The Department of Education closely monitors attendance rates at schools and prompt return of notes helps us to keep a track of who is away and why.

As the weather starts getting a little cooler it is a great time to remember to put your child’s name on every item they wear to school. As some students come to school with jumpers on and the weather warms up during the day, they take their jumper off and leave it to go and play. With all the jumpers looking the same, if there is no name on the item it is very difficult for us to track down the rightful owner. Your help with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

2014 homework planner
The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk.

Find out more:

Peter Johnson

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The following students received Assembly Awards at the Primary Assembly on Monday 24 February 2014 and Citizenship Awards at the Combined Assembly on Wednesday 5 March 2014.

Primary Assembly:
5/6J
Claire Newham – a wonderful presentation of her Winter Olympic mini-project
Callum Boag – consistent effort in class
Joey Brown – voted in Kids Committee Representative
Christina Davis – a great effort with her mini-project

5C
Karsharna Billinghurst – displaying an excellent work ethic
Jak Wunder – trying his hardest in physical education lessons
Mona Walker – excellent work in reading groups
Amber Gardner – demonstrating excellent listening skills

3A
Laila Dangel – displaying excellent work habits in class
Kalan Steber – great participation in class discussions
Riley Giffin – being a quiet and consistent work in class
Bailey McMahon – excellent work during reading groups

4/5V
Oliver Wynne – creative ideas in similar work
Lilli-Mae Geer – clever use of paragraphing and digital formatting
Maddison Aiken – clever “picturizing” skills
Lacklan Turville – excellent use of vocab in narrative writing

Combined Assembly:
5C
Ruby Daley – Class Citizenship

5/6J
Jesse Welsh – Class Citizenship

4/5V
Jasmine Nunn – Class Citizenship

3A
Ruby Hopps – Class Citizenship

2/3M
Oni Crowley – Class Citizenship

1/2M
Cohen Watt – Class Citizenship

1H
Lucy Pearce – Class Citizenship

K/1J
Flynn Weber – Class Citizenship

KB
Maliana Steicke

The following students received Merit Certificates at the Primary Assembly on Monday 24 February 2014 and Medallions at the Combined Assembly on Wednesday 5 March 2014.

Primary Assembly:
April Cougle – Year 6
Halle Ford – Year 6
Laura Wilson – Year 5
Jay Kizilos – Year 4

Combined Assembly:
Bronze Medallions:
Ziggy Pickering – Year 2
Izaac Boag – Year 2
Kye Wilson – Year 2
Jett Johnson – Year 2
Renee Coleman – Year 3
Jack Edwards – Year 3
Bailey MacMahon – Year 3
Ethan Baker – Year 4
Charlie Farnell – Year 6
Tiarn Williams – Year 6

Silver Medallions:
Lilli-Mae Geer – Year 5
Maddison Aiken - Year 5

Gold Medallion:
Halle Ford – Year 6

Congratulation to the following students who were elected as our Kids’ Committee representatives for 2014. Kids’ Committee badges were presented at our Combined Assembly.

KB – Taia Shedden
K/1J – Bridie Hooper
1H – Matilda Dangel
1/2M – Bianca Dixon
2/3M – Kye Wilson
3/4I - Hamish Wilson
4/5V – Lachlan Turville
5C – Giselle Black
5/6J – Joey Brown
SPORTS AWARDS

Swimming Champion trophies were presented at the Combined Assembly to the following recipients. Congratulations to our Champions

Junior Girl – Emily Cougle
Junior Boy – James Davison
11 Years Girl – Maddison Aiken
11 Years Boy – Max Wynne/Jak Wunder
Senior Girl – April Cougle
Senior Boy – Callum Boag

April Cougle will be swimming in both freestyle and backstroke at the Regional Swimming Carnival. Best of luck to April from all at Hallidays Point Public School.

SCIENCE UNITS

As part of Our Australia science unit, some classes are coming up with ways to help our environment. They have come up with some great ideas and are asking the community to help them make a difference.

3/4I are holding a “Rubbish Free Day” on Tuesday 18 March. This is to minimise the rubbish in the playground and to keep our areas clean. Here are a few examples of what students can do:

- Bring containers
- Don’t use foil or plastic
- Empty prepacked food into containers
- Put uneaten food back into your lunchbox

By Schafer and Max

4/5V are recycling mobile phones and we would like some help. All you need to do is bring in an old phone, charger or wireless internet USB. We would like to collect as many as we can from anybody, not just the school, so please donate. There will be a box in the office from Monday 10 March – Friday 21 March, so you can drop them off during office hours.

By Dylan H and Lachlan T
Scripture lessons will begin on Thursday 13 March 2014. Please send a note to your child’s teacher if you do not want them to participate in these lessons.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS KLUB 2014
Kid’s Klub will be starting 7 March 2014 at 3.30 – 6.00 pm. Kid’s Klub is for children in years 3 – 6 and is held on alternate Fridays at Hallidays Point Community Church on Diamond Beach Road. The school bus stops at the church where the children are met by a senior leader. Parents are asked to pick up the children at 6.00 pm. Lots of fun, games, stories and food. Come and join us. We look forward to seeing you.

HUNTER LIFE
Hunter Life Education is funded by the community. It is only through partnership with community organisations and businesses that we can make Life Education’s preventative educational programs available to children in the Hunter. A big “thank you” to Aurizon for supporting our visit with Healthy Harold and the Hunter Life Education team. Life Education supports us in teaching children what they need to know to make smart choices and develop healthy habits that last a lifetime.

BLUE LIGHT DISCO
There will be a Blue Light Disco on Friday 7 March at Tuncurry Bowling Club from 6.30 to 8.00 pm for primary students year 3 – 6. Cost is $5.00. All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised by Police Officers.

TWILIGHT JUNIOR CRICKET
Great Lakes Junior Cricket is holding a four week twilight competition on a Friday evening, from 5.30 pm for 7 to 12 year olds. Games will be short with 6 players per side. Everybody bats, bowls and wicket keeps every game. Players bat in pairs and use rubber balls. This competition is suitable for all skill levels. Just bring yourself and own drinks. Free sausage sizzle for players at the end of each session. Cost is $20 per player (covers all 4 games), FREE for existing Great Lakes Players. Games are at South Street, Tuncurry and will commence on 21 February to 14 March. To book email trevmbc@bigpond.net.au or call Trevor McBride on 0422 436 517.

Important Dates for 2014

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CANTENEEN MENU NEWS

Please see updated roster for the Canteen. A Canteen Red Day will be held on Wednesday 26 March 2014. A choice of two meal deals will be on offer. Please note that the regular canteen menu will not be available that day. A Red Day order form will be handed out to students closer to this day.
## TERM 1 2014 CANTEEN ROSTER
Contact Jackie on 0447 621 340 to add your name as a volunteer

| WEEK 6 | W 05/03/14  | Lisa Starling | F 07/03/14 | Isabel Gottstein |
| WEEK 7 | W 12/03/14  | Julie Castle  | F 14/03/14 | Lauren Vaughan   |
| WEEK 8 | W 19/03/14  | Natalie Wilson| F 21/03/14 | Jess Axisa       |
| WEEK 9 | W 26/03/14  | RED DAY       | F 28/03/14 | Dell Williams    |
|        |             | Jo Edwards/Tammy Cox |           |                |
| WEEK 10| W 02/04/14  | Fiona Threlfo | F 04/04/14 | Harmony Moylan   |
| WEEK 11| W 09/04/14  | Sandy Williams | F 11/04/14 | Alina Ljumanovic |

***Monday cooking days to be advised

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