Another great week has almost finished here at Hallidays Point Public School. Last week saw the students in Years 3 and 5 participate in the National Assessment Programme for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). We will all be eagerly awaiting the results in Term 3. We will also be saying goodbye to our visiting student teacher, Miss Rogers, as she leaves us this Saturday to return home to the United States. She has been working with the students in 5/6J for the past 10 weeks and has thoroughly enjoyed her time here at Hallidays Point. She returns home as a fully qualified teacher with wonderful memories of our beautiful school by the sea. We all wish her the best of luck in the future.

There have been so many sporting and cultural events that have been happening at the school at the moment, it is almost impossible to mention them all. From sporting gala days, to evening events, to debating. I need to say a big thank you to all the staff and dedicated parents who organise these events. Without the hard work of these people, these events would not take place and the value that the students receive from them is immeasurable. These events are what take a good school into being a great school.

One of these events was the Mother / Daughter dinner held at the Ramada Resort, Diamond Beach. The evening by all accounts was a very positive one with some great messages being conveyed to our young girls and their mums. A massive thank you to all the people involved in the organisation of this event, there has been an enormous amount of positive feedback. Well done.

Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disabilities. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disabilities. Better data will help the Government plan for students with a disability. The data collection will have no direct impact on any child, and no child will be involved in any testing process. The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students. All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government’s Privacy Policy can be found here:


Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found here: http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete an exclusion form which can be collected upon request from the school and return it before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to 

Our Core Beliefs: Learning, Respect, Teamwork & Honesty
Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here:
www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who read books and are spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

Peter Johnson
Principal

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LOST PROPERTY

Now that it is getting colder, students need their jumpers. We have an abundance of both old and new lost school jumpers in various sizes. Please check that your child does still have their jumper at home. If not, please come and check in lost property. We also have a full box of trendy home jumpers which are probably being missed. Jumpers that are not claimed will be sent to St Vincents.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The following students received Assembly Awards at the Primary Assembly on Monday 12 May and at the Infants Assembly on Monday 19 May 2014.

Primary Assembly:
2/3M
Jasmine Fraser – excellent effort with writing tasks
Kaiden Franks – excellent effort with writing tasks
Xavier Hanna – improved effort with reading
Jasie Brown – clear thinking in maths activity

3/4I
Renee Coleman – excellent application during mathematics
Dylan Green – enthusiastic participation in class discussions
Lachlan Small – enthusiastic reading habits
James Davison – excellent participation in athletics trials

4/5V
Liam Molineaux – being an engaged and active contributor in our work on pythons
Nelson Crisp – improvements in his multiplication algorithms and working well with division
Matthew Dunham – improvement in his subtraction algorithm work by clearly showing his workings
Jesse Smith – improvement in his subtraction algorithm process

5C
Grace Atkinson – working well in writing lessons
Zali Petersen – delivering a fantastic exposition speech
Otto Pickering – an improved effort with his punctuation
Max Wynne – improved application in class

5/6J
Amber Morris – her wonderful artwork
Nelson Jackson – consistent effort in spelling
Lily Johnson – settling well into her new school
Blayne Smith – application to his writing tasks

CLOTHING POOL HOURS

Please note that the Clothing Pool is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from approximately 9.00 to 9.30 am and NOT Wednesdays and Fridays.
Infants Assembly:

KB
Milla Giffin – making excellent progress in all areas
Scarlett Donnellan – listening carefully and giving her best at all times
Jett Nossiter – improvement in reading
Maliana Steicke – working with diligence and enthusiasm in all areas

K/1J
Zedric Gottstein – clever work in Mathematics
Nicholas Gam – improved listening skills
Daisy Pickering – consistently settled work habits
Leilani Williams – working conscientiously and diligently

1/2M
Cassius Hourn – making excellent progress in all areas of school work
Arion Wouterlood – excellent work in literacy
Sebastian Schmitzer – applying himself with enthusiasm in all activities
Ella Simnett – being responsible and sensible at all times

1H
Yasmin Smith – being a quality worker
Stevie Burston – consistent effort at home and at school
Hayley Wilson – being a quality student
Ava Simnett – consistent effort at home and at school

2/3M
Jalen Richardson – improved listening skills and following instructions
Brandon Huggett – settled work habits and time “on the job”
Brooke Wilson – excellent effort in reading activities
Izaac Boag – effort and commitment to learning

Friendly School & Friendly Families:

2/3M – Tommy Knights – a kind and caring classmate
3/4I – Digby Crowley – being a keen classroom helper
4/5V – Sarah Williams – eagerness to help out with classroom responsibilities
5C – Laura Wilson – being a kind and caring classmate
5/6J – Kristy Green – helping others
2/3M – Kye Wilson – a kind and caring classmate
1/2M – Lachlan Castle – being a thoughtful and considerate student
1H – Cody Hooper – being a helpful class member
K/1J – Mitchell Wolfenden – being a kind, considerate friend
KB – Lily Gillett – always acting with kindness

The following students received Merit Certificates at the Primary Assembly on Monday 12 May 2014 and at the Infants Assembly on Monday 19 May 2014.

Primary Assembly:
Schafer Aiken – Year 3
Kaiden Franks – Year 3
Bailey McMahon – Year 3
Hamish Wilson – Year 3
Charley Parkinson – Year 3
Kalan Steber – Year 3
Dylan Green – Year 3
Georgia Daley – Year 4
Ruby Daley – Year 5
Olivia Knights – Year 5
Teagan Nicholson – Year 5
Kristy Green – Year 5 (2 Merits)
Rainer Fagerstrom – Year 5
Jesse Welsh – Year 6
Marcus Worth – Year 6

Infants Assembly:
Milla Giffin – Kindergarten
Ramona Ljumanovic – Kindergarten
Charlie Maxwell – Kindergarten
Jordan Bendeich – Year 1
Logan Hopkins Year 1
Sonny Cougle – Year 1

Please be reminded that Achievement Awards must be handed in by Wednesday morning to facilitate the Merit Certificate process. Any awards handed in after Wednesday will only have the Merit Certificate presented in a fortnight.

EXCURSIONS

BILLABONG ZOO
Last Thursday 15 May, Kindergarten engaged in an adventure to Billabong Zoo at Port Macquarie. Our visit was designed to enhance the current unit of learning around Australian Animals.
We were fortunate to have a fantastic, knowledgeable leader called Chelsea who guided us around the park. She took us to see all of the Australian animals as well as many others. Favourites included the enormous crocodile called “Shrek”, spider monkeys, penguins, snow leopards, wombats and dingoes. The children thoroughly enjoyed feeding the kangaroos; some even had joeys in their pouches. They also loved patting MJ the koala. Miss Rogers bravely gave a python a big cuddle.

MERIT AWARDS
The children behaved exceptionally well all day, following instructions, being polite and listening carefully. We look forward to our next adventure!
Toni Johnson, Simone Brady & Annette Barber

MOTHER & DAUGHTER DINNER
The Inaugural Mother & Daughter Dinner was held at Ramada on Wednesday 7 May. 72 Mums and daughters attended the night to witness a world renowned speaker, Katie Pitsis aka ‘The Free Spirit Girl’. She spoke about topics including self-love, self-esteem, impacts of the media and confidence. Her encouraging, relevant presentation immediately engaged the girls and their mums and provoked conversations and interaction amongst the entire room. The girls continue to use the catchy phrases and words at school and in their everyday life.

The food was excellent, prepared by Clint Williams and his team, as was the organisation of the event, staff led by Nicole Maxwell.

Many thanks to the action team including Manu Walker, Bernadette Daley and Lauren Vaughan for working collaboratively with me to organise this amazing event. The videos, pictures and PowerPoint were fantastic!

Sponsorship from local organisations made this event affordable for everyone. Thank you to the following businesses that made contributions to our special event...
The Resolution Network
Hallidays Point Lions Club
Hallidays Point Land Care group
Bakers Choice Taree
Sandy Gray (accommodation)
Hallidays Point Public P & C

Attached at the end of the newsletter are a selection of photographs taken on this very special night. Many thanks to Lauren Vaughan.

VISITING PERFORMANCE

On Monday 19th May we had the visiting performance "Beating Around the Bush". Mark Stewart had a huge range of percussion to show the students and explained the different rhythms and patterns, drum techniques and styles. He was an amazing performer who allowed the students to join in and participate in the show. The screams and applause could even be heard up at the office.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

As part of our science and technology unit this term 3/4I and 4/5V participated in environmental water testing. This was carried out at Diamond Beach Creek and students were able to collect water sample to test pH levels, electrical conductivity and turbidity. The results
show that the current water quality is good and a great environment for living things. Thank you to Kirsty Hughes from Midcoast Water for assisting us in our testing.

Mrs Pursch

Stewart House donation envelopes were sent home to all families on Wednesday 30 April, 2014. Stewart House Day was on Friday 9 May, 2014. Thank you to those who supported this worth cause. Draw will take place on 23 May, 2014, and the winner will be notified by telephone and mail.

In school netball, Hallidays Point played Chatham in the second round of the netball knockout on Tuesday 21 May. This was a hard fought match with a very close finishing score of 21 – 17 with Chatham on top. Great game to watch. Well done girls.
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CANTEEN ROSTER

FRIDAY MORNINGS: The Canteen requires extra volunteers to help out for a few hours on Friday mornings during weeks 5 to 9 (the busier weeks of term). Please see below and contact Jackie on 0447 621 340 if you can help out in any way! It’s great to have back-up for those that can’t make their shift!

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***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