Today has been the first really cold day of the year so far. Winter has arrived, although it is still pretty nice weather. As I am writing this, I am remembering the wonderful trip we took to Sydney last week with 40 students to support the Socceroos at ANZ Stadium. Can I just say how very proud I am of how well behaved the students were for the entire trip. We were on the bus for about 8 hours in total for that day and all students behaved incredibly well and did our school proud. They easily stood out as a cut above the rest when we were lining up and waiting to go onto the field. Well done.

Parking is an ongoing issue that we wish to keep on top of here at Hallidays Point Public School. The overwhelming majority of people do the exact correct thing when it comes to parking around our school. However, there are still some people who may be unaware of the correct thing to do. Opposite is a graphic which explains the different parking restrictions, the fines and loss of demerit points associated with them.

We are really lucky at this school to have the facilities and personnel available to create and maintain a wonderful vegie patch full of vegetables. The students either take these home or they are used in the canteen to create great lunches. Unfortunately, from time to time we have some unwelcome visitors who come to the school outside school hours and help themselves to the produce. As these vegies are used by the students at this school it has a direct effect on them if they are taken. The people who help us maintain the garden give their time to us freely and we want to support them as well as our own students to ensure that this does not happen again. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

As Winter approaches quickly, it is a good time to remind all students that the wearing of hats is still compulsory at our school and that skin can still be burnt even on a cold day. We encourage all students to wear a school hat each and every day to minimise the exposure of the skin to damaging radiation from the sun.

Finally, just a reminder that we are expecting to send reports home on Thursday 26th June. As this will be the last week of school, we are expecting to have parent / teacher interviews during Week 1 (for Years 5 & 6 as they are traveling to Canberra in Week 2) and Week 2 for K to 4. Specific notes about this will be sent home closer to the event.

Peter Johnson
Principal
Last Tuesday morning, a tree planting ceremony was held in appreciation of the enormous commitment Mr Ed Proudfoot gave towards the education of students at Hallidays Point Public School. Ed’s interest in our school started with his grandson, George’s Kinder year in 1996 and continued until early 2013. Ed was very involved in sports carnivals, debating, tutoring and also served on the school Council. Ed is remembered as a gentle man who was always keen to see any student progress. It is people of his calibre that help make this school a great school. George Ingram

Above: George Ingram, Vicki Proudfoot and Gerry Hobbs with the Rose Mahagony Tree planted in memory of Ed Proudfoot.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The following students received Assembly Awards at the Primary Assembly on Monday 2 June 2014.

Primary Assembly:

2/3M
Selina Apolony – effort in mathematics
Oni Crowley – fantastic effort with reading

3/4I
Charlie Johnson – enthusiastic participation in ‘Capture the Flag’
Jackson Burns – enthusiastic participation in ‘Capture the Flag’
Chelsea Doyle – enthusiastic participation in ‘Capture the Flag’

4/5V
Zaynab El Mohamad – enthusiastic participation in ‘Capture the Flag’

Harry Grant – improvement in his subtraction algorithm work
Malakai Fraser – effort in applying new writing techniques in expositions
Luke Williams – being a settled and conscientious worker in my absence
Connor Lyle – excellent results in numeracy and literacy this semester

5C
Zane Franks – positive contributions in ‘Review’ lessons
Jema Skillicorn – great project work
Teagan Nicholson – excellent effort in all key learning areas
Jak Wunder – being responsible and reliable

5/6C
Ebony Cavanough – wonderful maths results
Hunter Burns – his application to maths activities
Ethan Williams – his novel study results
Jacob Cain – his impressive general knowledge

Friendly School & Friendly Families:

2/3M – Emily Cougle – a kind and caring classmate
3/4I – Schafer Aiken – positive behaviour at P.E. and Sport
4/5V – Ethan Williams – being a helpful organiser on math’s games days
5C – Hevon Cain-Ashford – always displaying a kind and caring attitude
5/6J – Bianca Young – her work as a Peer Leader

MERIT AWARDS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the Primary Assembly on Monday 2 June 2014.

Riley Giffin – Year 3
Max Hillyer – Year 3 (5 Merits)
Ned Bush – Year 3
Renee Coleman – Year 3
Ruby Hopkins – Year 3
Oliver Wynne – Year 4
Ryan Brown – Year 4
Jesse Smith – Year 4
Maddison Aiken – Year 5
Keseah Bell – Year 5
Joey Brown – Year 5
Max Wynne – Year 5
Grace Atkinson – Year 5
Merit Awards Continued …

Ebony Cavanough – Year 6
Claire Newham – Year 6
Billy Varrica – Year 6
Tiarn Williams – Year 6
April Cougle – Year 6

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Four of our students took part in the Regional Cross Country on 9 May 2014. Laura Wilson gained 37th place, Jasmine Nunn gained 17th place, Izaac Boag gained 40th place and Ziggy Pickering gained 10th place. It was a great effort. Well done to all.

MEDALLION RECIPIENTS

The following student received a Bronze Medallion at the Combined Assembly held on Wednesday 28 May 2014.

Bronze Medallions:
Georgie Parkinson – 1/2M

Class Citizenship Awards:
KB – Jessica Edwards
K/1J – Bridie Hooper
1H – Charlotte Nunn
1/2M – Bianca Dixon
2/3M – Izaac Boag
3/4I – Amy Miller
4/5V – Luke Williams
5C – Chloe Young
5/6J – Billy Varrica

Please note that the Manning Valley Book Store is relocating to Wingham in August. Students who still have book vouchers may prefer to spend them at Taree before they move.

MEDALLION WINNER

Georgie Parkinson from 1/2M with her Bronze Medallion. Congratulations Georgie.

Coming events Term 2 2014

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT SEASONS FOR GROWTH
We will be holding two adult Seasons for Growth events in Forster.
• Seminar “Understanding change, loss and grief”. (7th August) This seminar is designed to deepen participants general understanding of the nature and impact of change, loss and grief on their lives, in their families or in their community
• Group (commencing on Thursday 28th August) This program is educational, focusing on understanding and managing the particular losses experienced by participants. It provides a sound framework and safe learning environment for adults to explore issues of change/loss such as death, separation, divorce, relationship breakdown, disability, unemployment, illness, infertility or other significant life events.

Regarding any enquiries or registrations for these events, please contact Jenny Harris on phone 02 4979 1355 or fax 02 4969 2035.
FREE ABORIGINAL DANCE AND CULTURAL CAMP

**Dates:** 2, 3, 4 July 2014 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

**Where:** Camp Elim, Forster

**Who:** This camp is for Aboriginal youth aged 15 to 18 years. There is a total of 30 (across all three regions) spots and youth must live in the Land Council regions of:
- Forster
- Taree
- Karuah

They do not have to be experienced dancers, just have an interest in dance and keen to learn some culture and connect with Aboriginal leaders.

**What:** This Dance & Cultural Camp will immerse young people in their culture.
- Participants will work with regional Aboriginal dance facilitators to learn the new Saltwater Freshwater “Flash Mob” Dance.
- They will also learn cultural practices like weaving, didgeridoo, bush tucker, visual art and language
- The camp will be visited by Aboriginal community leaders from across the region.

Saltwater Freshwater staff will be selecting the youth and will be done through a process of:
- Schools, youth organisations, Aboriginal organisation, families requesting a visit from staff to yarn with kids and help fill out applications (travel dates will be locked down over the next couple of weeks).
- Our Website
- Request an application through email.
- We will email local organisations the application for their distribution.

On the third day families and community members will be invited to camp Elim to watch a dance performance by the kids.

**Post Camp**
Kids will be invited to perform flash mob dancers around community during NAIDOC week (we will have more information about this in the coming weeks).

If any school’s is interested in a visit from our staff to yarn with students and hand out applications please book a time with Shar Goodwin on 6658 1315.

Here are some link to check out last year’s camp:
- [https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.591616167526717.1073741828.139529446068727&type=3](https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.591616167526717.1073741828.139529446068727&type=3)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9Tm8ReHg7Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9Tm8ReHg7Q)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2KWkguAMUs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2KWkguAMUs)

Please circulate throughout your networks, family and friends to help us promote it, and if you could please print and display the information in your organisation it would be greatly appreciated.

For more information contact
- Organisation Name: Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance Aboriginal Corporation
- Contact Person/s: Shar Goodwin
- Contact Phone: 02 6658 1315
- Email: shar@saltwaterfreshwater.com.au

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Hosting exchange students gives Australian families the opportunity to share their life and their culture with young international students for a term, semester or year. July is fast approaching and our students can’t wait to hear from a welcoming host family they can call their own and learn about the place they will soon call home.

**Are You Interested In Different Cultures?**
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2014. Our students from Belgium, France and Italy are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

**Meet Our Students:**

- **Marco (17) from Italy** is an active student with a wide set of hobbies including skiing, juggling, parkour, acrobatics, snowboarding and scouts. He has been a scout since he was 9 and loves it. Aside from these hobbies, Marco tells us that is biggest passion is film & photography. He can’t wait to learn our culture and improve his English with his new host family.

- **Juliette (17) from Belgium** has a passion for drama, being involved in theatre for 5 years. She started learning to play the piano in September and has been doing calligraphy for 5 years. She is very excited to practise her English with her new host family and see what Australian culture is like.

**Hosting Is Fun! Request Student Profiles!**
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Please ring 1300 884 733 or email sylviakelly@wep.org.au
RED Day will be on Wednesday 25 June 2014. Menu information will be sent out at a later date. The new tasty Winter menu was sent out to all students last Monday 2 June 2014.

TERM 2 2014
CANTEEN ROSTER

FRIDAY MORNINGS: The Canteen requires extra volunteers to help out for a few hours on Friday mornings during weeks 6 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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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