Another term has flown by and we are rapidly approaching our winter holiday break. This term certainly has been a very busy one where we have seen lots of academic, social and sporting activities taking place.

We will be sending information home soon about our parent/teacher interviews which will be taking place from the beginning of next term. Because the Yr5 and 6 students will be attending the Canberra excursion during Week 2, their interviews will be held during Week 1 with the rest of the school having theirs after that time. It is a great opportunity to have a chat to your child’s teacher and gain a greater understanding of how they are going at school and any concerns which we may have.

Just a reminder about the facility to explain student absences using our parent portal. If you have already got an account and forgotten your username or password just send me an email (peter.w.johnson@det.nsw.edu.au) and I will fix it up for you or if you don’t yet have an account and you think you might like to then simply send me an email and I will create one for you. The web address to access this facility is (http://web1.hallidays-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login).

Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Banish the “I’m bored” complaints these holidays

It’s harder in winter to keep kids occupied with anything other than a small screen. Here are some websites that have great tips for things your family can do these school holidays, whether you’re staying put or taking off on a holiday across the state:

- Destination NSW (http://bit.ly/1niJ7sl)
- Winter school holidays in Sydney (http://bit.ly/1nQsVC6)
- School holidays in Newcastle (http://bit.ly/1nIjIpg)
- Winter school holidays Central Coast (http://bit.ly/1ingSwX)
- Attractions for kids in regional NSW (http://bit.ly/1IE8vMw)
- Australian Museum (http://bit.ly/1uEBhxD)
- Kids Camps – NSW Sport and Recreation (http://bit.ly/1hWxTna)

Keep brains ticking over these holidays

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don’t forget www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here’s where you’ll find the free app to download: http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G

Finally, as this will be the last newsletter for this term, can I wish all our families a safe and happy holiday and if you are travelling anywhere please drive safely and we look forward to seeing you again next term. Students return Tuesday 15th July 2014.

Peter Johnson
On 13 June there was a Soccer Gala Day at the Wingham Sporting Complex and Hallidays Point Public Girls’ team played like champions. The girls won one game, lost one and drew all the other games. All the girls demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship, created plenty of choices, were positive, enthusiastic and had a ton of fun. Moana scored most of the goals with Lilli-Mae also contributing one. Fiona was strong in the goals and in the field. Thank you to all the parents, Garry Newman, the organiser from Wingham Public and to Wingham Soccer Club for the refs and canteen. Well done girls.
R Voorby

On 19 June 2014 an Inter-School Chess Challenge was held at Great Lakes College, Forster Campus. Hallidays Point was represented by Callum Boag and Marcus Worth. The boys played against a number of schools in our zone and brought back two trophies. Callum won three games and drew one. Marcus won six games out of seven. Marcus received a trophy for achieving first place in the primary student section. With both boys playing so well, Hallidays Point also won third placed school overall. A fantastic effort boys. You did Hallidays Point proud.

The following students received Assembly Awards at the Infants Assembly on Monday 16 June 2014.

Infants Assembly:
2/3M
Thomas Worth – a well prepared recount writing task
Ziggy Pickering – an improved effort with bookwork and handwriting
Lily Moylan – an outstanding effort with mathematics
1M
Ella Dunn – working hard at reading tasks
Angus Neil – showing excellent general knowledge
1H
Fiona Newman – a mature attitude towards learning
Stevie Burston – being a quality worker
K/1J
Clay Williams – for being an engaged and active learner
Lakeisha Smith – a mature attitude towards learning
Flynn Weber – for being an engaged and active learner
Mitchell Wolfenden – for consistently being on task in group time
KB
Lily Gillett – working with diligence and to the best of her ability in all areas
Bridie Steber – working with diligence and to the best of her ability in all areas
Ryder Edstein – producing quality work in all areas
Zack Richardson – clever work in mathematics

Friendly School & Friendly Families:
2/3M – Hannah Atkinson – a king and caring classmate
1M – Elka Petersen being a caring student
1H – Elka Petersen being a caring student
K/1J – Bridie Hooper – always helping a friend in need
KB – Max Savage – being a good friend to others

The following students received Merit Certificates at the Infants Assembly on Monday 16 June 2014.
Takaihla Billinghurst - Kindergarten
Oliver Castle - Kindergarten
Xavier Dixon - Kindergarten
Scarlett Donnellan - Kindergarten
Jessica Edwards - Kindergarten
Ashlyn Johnson - Kindergarten
Jett Nossiter - Kindergarten
Meika Schmitzer - Kindergarten
Bridie Steber - Kindergarten
Clay Williams - Kindergarten
Mitchell Wolfenden – Kindergarten
Daisy Pickering - Kindergarten
Stevie Burston – Year 1
Matilda Dangel – Year 1
Brett Davies – Year 1
Brodie Forbes – Year 1
Cody Hooper – Year 1
Charlie Keyte – Year 1
Maya Ljumanovic – Year 1
Elka Petersen – Year 1
Ava Simnett – Year 1
Leilani Williams – Year 1
Izaac Boag – Year 2
Lachlan Castle – Year 2
Bianca Dixon – Year 2
Hayley Holman – Year 2
Brandon Huggett – Year 2
Brooke Wilson – Year 2
Kye Wilson – Year 2
Thomas Worth – Year 2

Brienna Ward – Year 5, was absent for the last Primary Assembly held on 2 June, but was presented with her Merit Award at the Recess Assembly on Wednesday 4 June.

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.

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).

FOEI SURVEY

Thank you to all those parents who completed the FOEI Survey. Below are the names of the lucky students whose families had a win in the raffle.
$50.00 Foodworks Voucher - Amy Miller
$50.00 Foodworks Voucher - Cassius Hourn
$50.00 Blackhead Bowling Club Dinner Voucher - Matthew Dunham
$10.00 Canteen Voucher – Bailey McMahon
$10.00 Canteen Voucher - Lachlan Hocking
$10.00 Canteen Voucher – Flynn Weber
$10.00 Canteen Voucher – Maliana Steike
$10.00 Canteen Voucher – Arion Wouterlood
● 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)

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

**NSW Sport and Recreation**

For parents wondering what to do with the kids this school holidays, NSW Sport and Recreation have a number of fun and exciting holiday camps for kids aged 5-16 years.

Led by qualified instructors, our popular camps get kids outdoors learning new skills while making new friends. There are plenty of activities on offer, including fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, rock climbing, cooking and snow camps.

**Sport and Recreation**

T 13 13 02
E sportrec@communities.nsw.gov.au
The Department of Education and Communities
Facebook: Sport and Recreation Centres
SEE THE FLYER ON THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE NOTICEBOARD.

**AFL**

**Have a kick these school holidays!**

AFL School Holiday Camp – Taree
When: Friday 11th July
Where: Johnny Martin Oval, Macquarie St Taree
Who: Boys and girls aged 5 – 12 years old
Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm
The cost of $25 includes:

- Day of skills, activities and games
- AFL Fan Show Bag (Includes football)

A great day learning skills and playing games in a fun and safe environment

To Register Contact AFL Development Officer Rachel Lowe on 0457 389 504 or rachel.lowe@afinswact.com.au

**HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT YOUR LIBRARY**

Visit your library this July school holidays and enjoy lots of fun activities. This program is suitable for primary school aged children and features movie screenings, cooking classes, drama and writing workshops, bingo and a special workshop by artist, illustrator and manga extraordinaire Matt Lin. To explore what's on offer this July school holidays simply pick up a copy of the program from your library or visit [www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au) to download a copy. Bookings are essential for all activities - see program for further details.

See you at the library!

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**CANTEEN MENU NEWS**

RED Day is on Wednesday 25 June 2014. If anyone did not receive the note home please see the admin office or Jackie in canteen. All orders are to be in by this Friday the 20th June, please note that the regular hot food menu will not be available that day.
TERM 2 2014
CANTEEN ROSTER

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!

| WEEK 8 | W 18/06/14 | Jo Edwards | F 20/06/14 | Dell Williams (Extra help required) |
| WEEK 9 | W 25/06/14 | RED DAY Fiona Threlfo Jess Axisa | F 27/06/14 | Sandy Williams (+Extra help required) |

***Monday cooking days to be advised

TERM 3 2014
CANTEEN ROSTER

FRIDAY MORNINGS: The Canteen requires extra volunteers to help out for a few hours on Friday mornings during weeks 7 to 10 (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!

| WEEK 1 | W 16/07/14 | Leslie Campbell | F 18/07/14 | Sonya & Glen Mobbs |
| WEEK 2 | W 23/07/14 | Natalie Wilson | F 25/07/14 | Isabel Gottstein |
| WEEK 3 | W 30/07/14 | Tamie Cox | F 01/08/14 | Harmony Moylan |
| WEEK 4 | W 06/08/14 | Kristine Rebbeck | F 08/08/14 | Fiona Threlfo |
| WEEK 5 | W 13/08/14 | Ali Knights | F 15/08/14 | Jess Axisa |
| WEEK 6 | W 20/08/14 | Lisa Starling | F 22/08/14 | Michelle Ford |
| WEEK 7 | W 27/08/14 | Julie Castle | F 29/08/14 | Kate McSwan (Extra help required) |
| WEEK 8 | W 03/09/14 | Jo Edwards | F 05/09/14 | Dell Williams 9-12 Lyndy Prout |
| WEEK 9 | W 10/09/14 | Tamie Cox | F 12/09/14 | Sandy Williams (Extra help required) |
| WEEK 10 | W 17/09/14 | Fiona Threlfo | F 19/09/14 | VACANCY!! |

***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