PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Great to see everyone back for what is again shaping as a very busy term. I just spent the morning congratulating many young students from our area in the Great Lakes Learning Community Academic Assembly. It wasn’t difficult to see how proud our parents were of their children and how beaming the children were themselves. A big thankyou to Michelle Hooper for helping me on stage to give out the awards and to the teachers who spent a lot of time choosing the recipients. This was truly a team effort.

Week 2 also saw 60 students from grades 5 and 6 travel to Canberra and the snow on their big excursion for the year. I had the privilege of travelling with a great bunch of students as well as some wonderful teachers. A massive thankyou to Lee Crozier, Jenna King and Trish McCann for all their help in organising and running what turned out to be a wonderful excursion filled with some great memories. These are the experiences we carry with us into adulthood and allow us to look back at our primary school experience with great fondness. See photos on back.

We will also be holding a Cyber Safety talk at the school next Tuesday (12th August) starting at 6pm. We are lucky to have a great technician who really knows his way around technology and has some great advice about keeping ourselves and our children safe whilst online. This talk is aimed at adults.

We will also be looking very closely at our school plan very soon. 2014 represents the end of our current school plan and the start of a new plan covering 2015 to 2017. We will be looking for your help in filling in surveys, participating in forums and allowing your children to do the same. We are really keen to hear what people have to say about the direction our school is going for the next 3 years.

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 hands 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.

We also need to welcome three Intern Teachers to our school for this term. All three hope to complete their teacher training at Hallidays Point Public School. They have been assigned to the following classes:

Miss Kelsea Schneider on 5C, Miss Ashlee Dutka on 5/6J and Miss Teegan Collins on 3/4 I.

We trust that they will enjoy their time at our wonderful school by the sea.

Peter Johnson
Principal
The following students received Medallions at the Education Week Assembly on Wednesday 30 July 2014, Merit Certificates and Assembly Awards at the Primary Assembly on Monday 4 August 2014.

**Primary Assembly: Merits**
- Baden Bell – Year 3
- Emily Cougle – Year 3
- Zaynab El Mohamad – Year 3
- Indeanna Lane-McNally – Year 3
- Boston Ford – Year 3 (2 Merits)
- Haylee Brabant – Year 4
- Georgia Daley – Year 4
- Olivia Dew – Year 4
- Connor Lyle – Year 4
- Jasmine Nunn – Year 4
- Lachlan Hocking – Year 4
- Lachlan Turville – Year 4
- Jasmine Axisa – Year 5 (2 Merits)
- Kasharna Billinghurst – Year 5
- Ruby Daley – Year 5
- Dominic Forbes – Year 5
- Zane Franks – Year 5
- Malakai Fraser – Year 5
- Emily Orchard – Year 5
- Jema Skillicorn – Year 5
- Te Reremoana Walker – Year 5
- Fiona Gottstein – Year 5
- Halle Ford – Year 6
- Jacob Cain – Year 6
- Marcus Worth – Year 6

**Primary Assembly: 2/3M**
- Matthew Grant – settled work habits
- Jack Edwards – making an effort to get the job done

**Primary Assembly: 3/4I**
- Laila Dangel – excellent work habits in class
- Timanah Young – excellent work habits and settling in well
- Boston Ford – excellent achievement in mathematics
- Hamish Wilson – excellent production of art work

**Primary Assembly: 4/5V**
- Rodin Griffiths-Da Costa – his teamwork and ability to think critically when solving problems during 4/5V’s Mathematical Amazing Race
- Haylee Brabant – effort and high achievement in her subtraction work
- Liam Molineaux – his engagement and improving confidence in public speaking
- Hannah Paterson – positive efforts with her end of term two homework

**Primary Assembly: 5C**
- Ruby Daley – always being on task and participating in class activities
- Fiona Gottstein – always being on task and participating in class activities

### MEDALLION RECIPIENTS

**Combined Assembly on 30 July 2014**

Bronze Medallions: Left to Right, Sebastian Schmitzer, Bridie Hooper, Riley Coleman. Congratulations to our Bronze Medallion recipients. You have worked hard.

### MERIT AWARDS

The following students received Merit Certificates and Assembly Awards at the Primary Assembly on Monday 4 August 2014.
Primary Assembly Awards Continued …
Adam Dangel – always being on task and participating in class activities
Zali Peterson – always being on task and participating in class activities

5/6J
Ebony Cavanough – being an active group member offering excellent ideas
Bianca Young – working well in poetry
Jesse Welsh – being a settled, hard working student
Joshua Williams - trying hard in all areas

Friendly School & Friendly Families
2/3M – Baden Bell – a kind and caring classmate
3/4I - Zachary Millikin - being a kind and caring class member
4/5V – Jay Kizilos - his efforts with classroom responsibilities which benefit 4/5V
5C – Grace Atkinson - being a polite and caring classmate

5/6J – Sam Gray – willingly helping out his friends and teacher if required.

BOOK FAIR

A huge thank you to parents and grandparents who supported our Book Fair in Education Week. Through your generosity, our library received books to value of $246 from Central Books and $677 from Scholastic Books. Thank you and happy reading.

BOOK WEEK

Book Week across Australia in Week 6 and we will be celebrating st school with daily book readings and our “Book Character Parade” on Thursday 21 August 2014. The parade will commence at 2-00 pm and everyone is welcome. Participants will go into a raffle for some great prizes.

PARLIAMENT AND CIVICS EDUCATION REBATE (PACER)

From 21 to 25 July, most of our Year 5/6 students were involved in an educational tour of our national capital. While on this tour, they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents and carers in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school and the rebate was reflected in the school’s original costing of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.
IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014

12/8/14 NSW Mathematics Competition
14/8/14 P & C Disco
15/8/14 Zone Athletics Carnival
21/8/14 Book Character Parade
27/8/14 Newcastle Mathematics Competition
4/9/14 P & C Father’s Day Stall
5/9/14 Zone Netball Gala Day
5/9/14 Kindergarten Transition Visit
8/9/14 Year 5/6 Sea Acres Excursion
16/9/14 P & C Fun Run
18/9/14 Shine On Matinee/Evening Performance
19/9/14 Kindergarten Transition Visit
24/10/14 Kindergarten Transition Visit
24/10/14 Zone Touch Gala Day
7/11/14 Kindergarten Transition Day
20/11/14 Year 6-7 Great Lakes College Transition
21/11/14 Kindergarten Transition Day
25/11/14 Kindergarten Orientation
8/12/14 Year 6 Farewell
10/12/14 Presentation Day
15/12/14 Picnic Day
16/12/14 Hallidays Got Talent
18-19/12/14 Staff Development/Pupil Free Days

TERM 3 ASSEMBLY ROSTER – 2.05 PM

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UPDATED CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3
Vacancy available Friday 15th August.
Please contact Jackie 0447621340 if you wish to volunteer.

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F 15/08/14  VACANT!
F 22/08/14  Michelle Ford
F 29/08/14  Jess Axisa 9-12 Lauren Vaughan
F 05/09/14  Dell Williams 9-12 Lyndy Prout
F 12/09/14  Sandy Williams 9-12 Extra help required
F 19/09/14  Lauren Vaughan 9-12 Extra help required

***Monday cooking days to be advised
Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion