Dear Parents / Carers

Another fortnight has flown by and it doesn’t look like slowing down any time soon. The weather certainly has turned cooler and we are starting to see the lost property room filling up with jumpers, hats, gloves and all sorts of clothing that get left behind when the day heats up. It really is a good idea to write your child’s name on all articles of clothing to make the job of returning lost jumpers etc a lot easier.

We have got a busy week ahead of us and lots happening in the coming weeks ahead as well. I wanted to say a big thankyou to all the families who have been supporting the school by ensuring that their children always wear their school uniform to school each day. It is so good to see the students dressed and ready for a successful day with their minds focussed on getting the job of learning done to the best of their ability. We know that the way people dress can have a very positive influence on things like their mood and outlook on things. Being dressed correctly for school certainly has its benefits.

The organisation for the school fete is well underway and there will be a meeting held at Hallidays Point Tavern this Friday night at 6.00pm. It would be great if you could come along and show your support for the school. A small group of very dedicated parents do so much to get this event organised and any help would be greatly appreciated.

The school will be having some excavation work done on the southern boundary to fix an issue with storm water run-off. I have been advised that the work will be going on for about 6 weeks and the area next to the fence all the way to the eastern boundary will be fenced off to allow this work to occur. I will let people know once I have some more details.

Don’t forget about our parent portal access. If your child is away from school for any reason we need to be notified. You can do this by contacting me on (peter.w.johnson@det.nsw.edu.au) and I can set up an account for you. Once that’s done simply log into http://web1.hallidaysp.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login and you should see any absences recorded against your child’s name. Simply provide a reason for the absence in the dialogue box and submit. This is a free service provided by the school.

Also if you are a Facebook user you can find us on Facebook where I try to keep everyone up to date with event details and reminders. It is a closed group for parents only so just search for Hallidays Point Public School on Facebook and you should find us. Apply to become a member of the group. Hope to see you on there.

Have a great couple of weeks.

Peter Johnson
PRINCIPAL

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The following students received Medallions and Class Citizenship Awards at the Combined Assembly on Wednesday 20 May 2015 and Certificates of Merit and Assembly Awards at the Infants Assembly on Monday 25 May 2015.

**Bronze Medallions:**
Jack Eschbach  
Brodie Forbes

**Silver Medallions:**
Ryan Brown  
Hamish Wilson

**Sports Awards: Certificates**
Jak Wunder – Regional Cross Country Representative  
Kesah Bell - Regional Cross Country Representative  
Jasmine Nunn – Regional Cross Country Representative  
Fiona Gottstein – Regional Cross Country Representative  
Izaac Boag – Regional Cross Country Representative  
Ziggy Pickering – Regional Cross Country Representative

**Combined Assembly Awards:**
KJ – Kayle Williams – Class Citizenship (Absent)  
KB – Charlie Maligin – Class Citizenship  
IH – Jett Nossiter – Class Citizenship  
1/2K – Lucy Pearce – Class Citizenship  
2B – Yasmin Smith – Class Citizenship  
2/3E – Jack Eschbach – Class Citizenship  
3/4M – Ruby Hopkins – Class Citizenship (Absent)  
4/5V – Olivia Pearce – Class Citizenship  
5/6J – Kasharna Billinghurst – Class Citizenship  
5/6C – Jasmine Axisa – Class Citizenship

**Assembly Awards:**
KJ  
Cheyenne Nestler-Waters – producing quality work  
Zahara Clarke – producing high quality work  
Bronte Kippax – working quietly and efficiently to complete set tasks  
Mitchell Cougle – working independently and efficiently to complete all set tasks

KB  
Solomon Hiley – excellent achievement in reading  
Emily Castle – working diligently to produce quality work in all areas  
Airlie McMahon – always striving to do her best  
Georgie Reynolds – working quietly and efficiently to complete set tasks

1H  
Xavier Dixon – excellent results in spelling  
Zack Richardson – excellent reading and story writing  
Nicholas Gam – consistent effort in all areas  
Maximus Savage – consistent effort at home and at school

1/2K  
Oliver Castle – an enthusiastic approach to all tasks  
Summer Brown – taking care to produce quality work  
Jackie Nossiter – working productively in independent activities  
Ashlyn Johnson – being a motivated, independent learner

2B  
Ashton Dunn – improved focus and staying on task  
Ava Simnett – positive attitude to all learning tasks  
Elka Petersen – being a focused on task class member  
Bridie Hooper – positive improvement in reading and writing

2/3E  
Angus Neil – enthusiasm in maths activities
Friendly Schools and Families Awards:
KI – Tahlia Nicholson – modelling kindness and thoughtfulness to others
KB – Tiano Kleynhans – modelling kindness and thoughtfulness to others
1H – Te Ara Pounamu Walker – being a kind and caring classmate
1/2K – Clay Williams – being a supportive and cooperative class member
2B – Yasmin Smith – always being a kind and caring friend
2/3E – Bradley Feehely – commitment to the class

Representatives. Absent from photo are Izaac Boag and Ziggy Pickering. Very well done to all.

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Please note change of date for Athletics Carnival

ASSEMBLY ROSTER FOR TERM 2 2015

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PARENTING TIPS: More than arguments – Domestic Violence

Most people argue with other members of their family from time to time but sometimes arguments in families get out of hand and people get hurt. It is hard to talk about, and people may ignore or even deny it is happening. Domestic violence hardly ever goes away by itself. DV is not just physical abuse. Abuse or violence happens when people use their power to hurt, control or bully someone else. There is never any excuse!!

Arguing is not DV. Arguing, or telling someone you disagree with them, and even feeling and expressing anger is a necessary part of relationships. Arguing can be done without anyone being hurt. DV is what happens when one partner is hurt physically or emotionally and fears that it will happen again. It may also involve the children.

Effects on Children
Children and young people are deeply affected by DV, both as witnesses and victims, and effects can include:

- Feelings of fear, mistrust, shame, anger, helplessness, low self-esteem, depression
- Signs of stress such as headaches, stomach aches, sleeping problems, nightmares, bedwetting
- Believe that violence in families is normal or ok – it is NOT!!
- Learn the only way to get what you want is by using violence
- Believe it’s ok for men and boys to be violent and women and girls to be abused
- Miss school to stay near a parent who is hurt
- Run away from home
- Use drugs and alcohol
- Aggressive language and behaviour
- Poor school performance
- Not have friends/ withdraw from family activities

(Note: there may be other reasons for some of these behaviours)

Some ideas that may help if you think DV is happening in your home:

For the partner who abuses:
1. You need to get help, talk to someone who understands the problem of DV, or phone the DV helpline 1800800098
2. If you think you could be a danger to your family, leave until you have calmed down

For the partner who is abused:
1. You have a right to be safe – you are not responsible for your partner’s violence and abuse
2. If you or your children are in immediate danger call the police on 000
3. If you are scared or living in fear of your partner you must consider first and foremost your safety and the safety of your children
4. Some time away from your partner can help you to see things more clearly
5. Talking to someone who understands DV can help you to sort out what to do, or phone 1800RESPECT (18007377328)

How to help your children. Children need:
1. Protection from physical, emotional and verbal abuse
2. To know bullying, abuse and violence is not ok
3. Encouragement to talk about their feelings and worries
4. Reassurance that it is not their fault
5. Reassurance they are loved
6. Extra support from a trusted adult
7. Support with schooling
8. Professional/counselling support if they show signs of behavioural or emotional problems
9. To know they can get help in an emergency eg 000, kids helpline 1800551800
10. To always feel safe in their own home

School Counsellor: Sue Colditz
Source: Dep Health SA Gov

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION CARE
As many would know Kiddies Hut OSHC didn’t operate vacation care last holidays due to lack of need. Several children were welcomed into the child care centre instead.
Again, we are looking for numbers of children who require care for these holidays. Where numbers are sufficient, we will then devise a program to distribute.
Please let us know by 12/6 if you will require care by email to kiddieshut@bigpond.com

CALL FOR ENTRIES
EQUINE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION & COMPETITION
Paintings, drawings, sculpture & photography
Celebrating the horse’s birthday.
1st & 2nd August 2015. Sponsored by Manning Valley Performance Horse Club IncAt Taree Showground Taree NSW. Senior & Junior Sections of Art and Photography judged by People’s Choice. Prize money awarded to each section.
Entries close 22nd July 2015. Forms & information available at www.mvphc.com
Email: manningvalleypromotiorhorse@gmail.com
Ph: 02 65 538 086
**TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2015 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

**GIRLS LEAGUE TAG**

Junior Girls 12 – 15 years. Friday afternoon. 8 Week Competition. $25-00 for rego and shirt. Come and try info afternoon 29 May 5-00 pm at Taree Rec Grounds. Competition starts 5 June. Contact Kylie Hilder on 0400 345 519. (See Administration Notice Board)

**BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

Friday 5 June 2015 at Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club. Time is 6-30 pm to 8-00 pm. Cost is $5-00. Primary students years 3 – 6. (See Notice on Administration Notice Board)

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**TERM 2 2015 CANTEEN ROSTER**

To volunteer, please call Jackie on 0447 621 340

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If you are unable to make your allocated shift please swap with another volunteer or arrange a replacement and contact Jackie as soon as possible.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

The canteen continues to run at a busy pace as the colder weather increases the demand for hot snacks and meals on canteen days. Fresh and healthy choices are available on our menu thanks to our school vegetable garden which continues to yield a variety of winter crops. Lettuce, rocket, and radishes have been harvested for our salads and wraps. Celery, parsley and Tuscan kale is "snuck" into our homemade Pumpkin soup along with baby spinach in our Lasagne and over the coming weeks we hope to also have baby beetroot, carrots, snow peas and broad beans for use.

This terms CANTEEN RED DAY will be held in WEEK 8 on Wednesday 10th June. Order forms for the Red Day meal deal will go out early next week and will need to be returned by Friday the 5th June allowing for the public holiday on Monday the 8th June. We require one other volunteer in the canteen for RED DAY so if you can help out in any way please contact Jackie at the canteen. Thank you!