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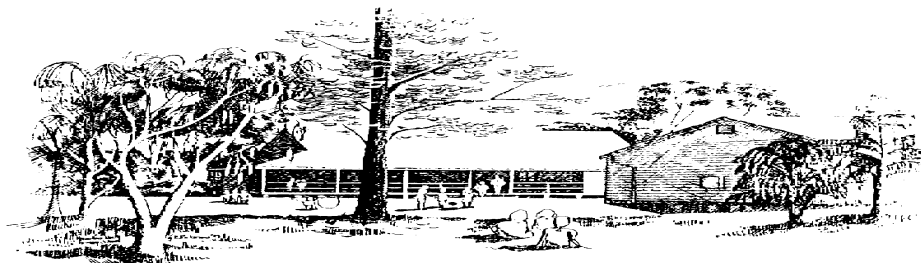
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Chalkboard - Term 3 Week 1 Wednesday, 15th July 2015



Friday Assembly

Assembly will commence at 2.30pm this Friday.

INTEREST GROUPS

We are once again holding interest groups (which the students really enjoy) on each Wednesday commencing from week 5, (12th August)) from 2.00-3.00pm.

The interest groups are organised and run by parents. Generally if you have an interest yourself in (for example) cooking, sewing, art, knitting, scrapbooking, yoga, dance, foreign language, general craft etc. and musical instruments (we have drums and ukuleles that can be used) and would be happy to take a small group for the hour to teach them this interest, please complete the form sent home today.

If you would simply like to help someone running an interest group, also complete the form.

If costs are incurred eg. Buying of cooking ingredients etc, these are met by the students in your group.

Canberra Excursion—Yrs 5 and 6

Please remember that instalment payments can be made for the Canberra excursion up until 7th August 2015 (Friday Week 4 Term 3).

NAIDOC Celebration

Next Wednesday 22nd July students will be involved in a day to celebrate NAIDOC. They will participate in a range of wonderful activities at school including dot painting, dreaming stories and Aboriginal games.

There will also be some special guests attending the day including the Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus Aboriginal dance group and a guest speaker from Newcastle University.

Library News

This week's Premiers Reading Challenge book for KB and 1R is "Hello Baby" by Mem Fox. The PRC number is 10627.

Kinder Enrolment 2016

If you haven't done so already, please let our office staff know if your child is beginning kindergarten at HNPS next year. Also note, that the process of enrolment is different for inzone and out-of-zone enrolment.

Parent/Carer Communication

To make sure you are up-to-date with the latest communication from school please download our Skoolbag App. Previously, our communication sheet has been placed on-to our Facebook page but in the interest of consistency, all communication of events and dates can be found in Skoolbag and our newsletter. The newsletter will still be added to our website each week.

HNPS Spelling Bee

It is that time of the year again, Term 3, which means it is time for a ... HNPS Spelling Bee!

Week 1 - Word lists sent home with students on Tuesday afternoon,, also available on the HNPS App under the events tab. Children are expected to practice both at home and school.

Week 4 (beginning) Class heats Week 4 (end of week) Stage Heats.

Week 5 K- 6 Stage Finals in the school hall on Friday at 2pm

Parents will be notified on Friday of Week 4 if their child will be participating in the K-6 Finals

The winner from each stage will receive a medal on Presentation Day at the end of the year. Stage 2 and Stage 3 winner and runner up will both progress through to the Regional Premier's Spelling Bee Finals at the end of Term 3 , with the date and venue TBA.

An extra list of words will be provided to students who make it through to the Regional Spelling Bee. Words from these lists may be used if we are unable to find a winner from the current lists on the Friday Stage Finals in the hall.

The School A to Z App has a fun Premier's Spelling Bee game on it, just search School A to Z in the app store, it is free to download.



26 Storey Treehouse

Permission slips with payment requirements were sent home with students on Tuesday afternoon . Only to children who returned their EOI last term. A copy of the note can also be found on HNPS app and was emailed out through the app.

HNPS Skoolbag App

We have been implementing the school app over the past term , it will become a major tool for our school community communication in the near future. It is important that we make sure that the implementation is working.

A short survey will be emailed out to all parents in the next couple of weeks and a paper version provided to parents upon request if they have no access to internet or email. It is important that all primary carers for each child completes the short survey to ensure we do not overlook any concerns and we know what families like about the app so far or would like to see the app used for.

BEANIE FOR BRAIN CANCER DAY

Thanks to everyone for supporting this successful fundraiser! The origami stall and workshops were very well supported and our disco was lots of fun. A total of \$328.15 was raised and will be forwarded to the Brain Cancer Foundation. Thank you to all of the senior students who helped to organise this charity fundraiser.

Rookies Basketball Term 3

Please let Ms Deakin know this week if you will be playing in the U/10 Thursday afternoon team. The competition begins next week, Thursday 23rd July. New people interested in playing can see Ms Deakin for further information.

GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons with Mr Paul Nickerson will commence this term in week 3 for 8 weeks at a cost of \$40. If you would like your child to attend, please pay the \$40 at the school office by the end of next week.

CLASSROOM REMINDERS

Class 1R

Children will bring home a class newsletter this week in their communication bags. Homework starts this week as well. Welcome to Miss Claire Tudgey who will be working in our class all term as an intern student from the University of Newcastle.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

As part of a NSW Government initiative, **general admission** to the Powerhouse Museum and Australian Museum will be FREE for children aged 16 years and under, from 27th June.

Canteen Roster

20th July - Mel Keegan

22nd July - Mel Keegan
- Danae Norrish

24th July - Charlie Pfeiffer

COMMUNITY NOTICE

FREE Carer connections Information Session for Carers

To be held at Kahibah Sportsclub, Tuesday 11th August

Guest Speaker: Interrelate

Topic: "Strengthening Changing Relationships within Caring Roles".

Kind regards

Kathryn Jones

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	22nd July	Naidoc Day
Friday	24th July	Zone Athletics Track Events – Glendale Hunter Sports Centre
Monday	27th July	K-6 Excursion to Civic Theatre
Tuesday	28th July	ICAS English Exam
Tuesday	28th July	Zone Athletics Field Events – Glendale Hunter Sports Centre
Tuesday	11th August	ICAS Maths Exam
Thursday	13th August	Touch Football Gala Day (Yrs 3 – 6)
	17th – 19th August	Year 5 and 6 Canberra Excursion
Tuesday	3rd September	Cluster Choir Performance
	15th Sept – 16th Sept	Yr 3 & 4 Sydney Excursion

Regular School Attendance

Information for parents and carers



Did you know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Why must I send my child to school?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory. This means all children from six years of age and under the minimum school leaving age are legally required to attend school.

From 2010, all New South Wales students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age students must be:

1. in school or registered for home schooling, or
2. in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) or
3. in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours per week) or in a combination of work, education and/or training.

Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance.

Principals are also responsible for deciding if the reason given for an absence is justified.

For this reason, Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation for long or frequent absences explained by parents as being due to illness.

If Principals don't consider an explanation to be satisfactory, they will record the absence as unjustified.

It is important to understand that the New South Wales Department of Education and Training may prosecute parents (including carers) if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school.

Must I send my child every day?

YES. It is a condition of enrolment that you send your child to school every day.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (eg a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

Head lice infestations can be a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. Parents should check their child's hair

regularly for head lice and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.

Translated information about head lice and how to treat them can be found at

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/headlice/infosheet.htm>

Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice. Head lice, is not a valid reason for prolonged absences from school.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life.

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps children to build and maintain friendships with other children.

If your child doesn't learn the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in later years.

Why is arriving at school on time important?

Arriving at school and class on time:

- ensures that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert
- helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore
- reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence.

What should I do if our family is going on holiday in school time?

Parents and carers are encouraged not to withdraw their children from school for family holidays. Families should try to arrange holidays during school vacations.

If your family holiday is during school time, inform the school principal in advance and request leave and/or an exemption from school.

Depending on the circumstances and how long the leave will be, you may ask the school to provide tasks that can be completed while your child is absent.

Must my child attend all activities, including daily fitness and sport?

YES. Sport and other physical activities help to keep your children healthy. Children are expected to attend all regular school activities, including sport.

Do not keep your child away from school for the following:

- birthdays
- shopping
- minding other children
- routine check ups or care such as hair cuts
- minor family events
- sleeping in.

Medical and other health appointments for your child should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, it is important to tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:

- send a note, fax or email to the school
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

All absences must be explained to the school. Bilingual absentee notes and further information on attendance can be found on the Department's website under the heading *School Attendance (School Attendance)* at

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/index_s.htm

The principal of the school has the right to question parents' or carers' requests for their child to be absent from school.

The principal may also question any explanation given for a child's absence from school.

My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. The principal may seek support from a home school liaison officer or Aboriginal student liaison officer.

Who are home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers?

Home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers have been specially trained to help you with your child's attendance.

They work with school communities to encourage all students to attend school regularly.

For further information about the Home School Liaison Program you should contact the program manager at your local Department of Education and Training regional office. Contact numbers can be found at the website address:

www.det.nsw.edu.au/contactus/index.htm or by telephoning 131 536.

Do you have problems with getting your child to school, for some of the following reasons?

- won't get out of bed
- won't go to bed
- can't find their clothes, books, homework, school bag...
- school lunches not ready
- slow to eat breakfast
- homework not done
- watching television late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
- test or presentation at school
- birthdays
- screaming and not letting go of you.

Here are some suggestions which are based on setting regular routines:

- Have a set time to be out of bed
- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Make lunches the night before
- Have a set time for starting / ending breakfast. A routine is important.
- Set time for daily homework activities
- Turn the television on for a set time and only if appropriate
- Be firm, children must go to school
- Provide lots of positive encouragement
- Be firm, a birthday is not a holiday
- Time arrival at school to coincide with bell time and leave quickly. If arranged with the teacher beforehand, place your child's hand into that of the teacher and then leave.

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are provided where possible for parents and carers who do not speak or understand English well and for Deaf parents and carers who use sign language. For more information on interpreter services contact your school or phone the Telephone Interpreter Service and have them contact the school. The telephone number to ring is 131 450. Ask for an interpreter in the required language and the interpreter will call the school and stay on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.