From the Principal

Medical forms will be sent to the parents of those children requiring medication or a medical plan for school. Although we may have the information required for administering medication or dealing with a medical issue concerning your child the records need to be updated every year to ensure the most current plan is in place. A doctor is required to complete a medical action plan for those students requiring one and the parent needs to complete the prescribed medications form.

Students with an asthma diagnosis will need a medical action plan completed by a GP. These students should also carry their medication with them in case of an attack.

Please complete the forms as soon as possible and return to school.

Stage 2 and 3 Aboriginal students have been given a note, “Who’s Ya Mob.” The University of Newcastle, through their Aim High Program, is offering this cultural experience to the students in grades 3-6. The program is at no cost to the school or students and looks to developing cultural knowledge and insight into tertiary education. Parents of the students involved are most welcome to attend with their children. It is held Tuesday afternoons at 2pm.

The school disco is on this Wednesday. See the times and available menu later in this bulletin. Your prompt pick up at 9pm is much appreciated as the staff who supervise the disco do so without overtime payment (no additional pay) and are usually at school from 8am. All students need to be picked up by their own parent (not sibling) unless written permission is given prior to the disco starting.

Have a good week

Events for Term 1

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Free Kids Dental

Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2016! The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provide eligible children with $1000 free kids dental benefit on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period. Not sure if your kids are eligible? Contact your local Pacific Smiles Dental Centre, have your Medicare card ready and they can easily check to see if your kids are eligible or have remaining benefits from 2014.
NAPLAN

TEST DATES

Tuesday May 10
Wednesday May 11
Thursday May 12

In May 2016, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The tests will be conducted across Australia on the same days for all students.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement and will be able to compare their child’s performance against the national minimum standard.

Consideration for exemption can be given to students:
- newly arrived in Australia (less than a year before the tests) and with a language background other than English, or
- with significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions that severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

Exemption must be discussed with the principal. Students may also be withdrawn from the tests at the request of the parent/carer. The completed parent/carer consent form for exemption or withdrawal must be lodged with the school principal by 2 May 2016.

STUDENT INVOICES – SCHOOL FEES

Invoices have been sent out today which include School Fees and the Outdoor Education Experience camp deposit. The camp deposit is for years 5 and 6 only. School fees this year have been set at:
- 1st child $20.00, 2nd child $15.00 and 3rd child $10.00 with the 4th nil. These payments can be paid at the office or online. Instructions for using online payments can be collected from the office.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 4 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

NAMES ON CLOTHING / UNIFORM ITEMS

It is important that students have their uniform and other clothing named for school...Please spend 5 minutes writing the names on labels or somewhere so that the items can be identified. You would not believe how many “LOST” items we end up with in the Lost Property bin.

Owners cannot be found if the items are not named.
Canteen News

Tuesday 1st Mar – Sarah Ide
Wednesday 2nd Mar – Jo Delaforce
Thursday 3rd Mar – Kristy Medway, Tanya Picot
Friday 4th Mar – Susan Martin, Cathy Hedges
Monday 7th Mar – Sarah Ide

Please have school lunch orders in by 9am to allow time for preparation and cooking.

School hats available in the canteen $10.00.

P & C NEWS

School Disco
Times:
Kinder –Year 2 - 5pm 6.45pm
Year 3 to 6 – 7pm-9pm
Cost $3.00

The first school disco is on Wednesday 2nd March 2016. The canteen will be opened for students to purchase food and drink on the night. The only food the canteen will be selling on the night is:

- Mini Hot Dogs $1.50
- Fresh Popcorn $1.00
- Ice-Cream Cups $1.00
- Freddo Frogs $1.00
- Water $1.00
- Mineral Water $1.80

Please note the change in prices of the mini hot dogs $1.50 and the mineral water $1.80.

Just a reminder to keep the Easter donation and tickets coming in……

Easter Hat Parade lunch order forms are due back on 17th March. No late orders will be accepted.

Thank You.

Yellow Form

Last week a yellow essential information form was sent home with the newsletter. This form needs to be sent back to your child's/ren's classroom teacher. This form is a requirement of the Department of Education. Students will Not be able to access the internet without this form signed by a parent or guardian. Please return the form ASAP.

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

DCO Hunter and Interrelate are holding various Workshops for Defence Families (members&/or partners) where the ADF member is posted without their family. Topics include: Self-care & wellbeing on 3 March ‘16/ Parenting Positively on 17 March; The effects separation can have on children on 31 March. You can attend one session or as many as you would like. It is open to all ADF members and partners & information is relevant to all service separations. The workshops are free & will be held 9-11am at RAAF Base Williamtown Please RSVP to: dco.hunterrims@defence.gov.au or DCO Hunter on 4034 6973 one week before each workshop.

I would be very grateful to hear from any new defence family or ADF members that will be absent due to deployments, etc that has not already been in touch; please contact me via email: deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au or please leave a message at the front office and I will be in contact asap,

Many thanks, Deborah O'Donoghue
Defence School Transition Aide
**PBL Awards**

Curtis, Kodie, Felicity, Logan, Ashlynn, Brooklyn, Riley, Brandan, Kiahlani, Jordan, Ruby, Logan, Chontay, Amelia, Sonny, Millah, Seth, Zoe, Abby, Kaylee, Brandon, Hayley, Emily, Cooper, Ivy, Chelsea, Jake, Dean, Ella, Lily, Lani, Reuben, Aidan x 2, Denzel, Clare, Lilliana, Sean, Ethan, Jake, Lara, Lili, Brenton, Tyler, Thalia, Jack, Jake, Harry, Hayden, Brienna, Kyan, Caylee, & Mia

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Charli

“Congratulations”

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**Assembly awards**

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“Congratulations to all students”
Administering prescribed medication at school

When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents are responsible for:

- bringing this need to the attention of the school
- ensuring that the information is updated if it changes
- supplying the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way
- collaborating with the school in working out arrangements for the supply and administration of the prescribed medication.

Key points to remember:

- Parents of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request. Medication is sent on a weekly basis and in a pharmacy labelled container detailing the student’s name and the prescribed dosage.

Please note: Students' immediate access to prescribed medication is very important for the effective management of conditions such as asthma.

MONEY FOR ACTIVITIES

When making payments for school activities please ensure notes and the CORRECT money are placed in envelopes or plastic clip-lock bags with the student’s name on them. Money and notes must be in separate envelopes/bags for the P&C, Canteen, classroom collections and activities paid to the office. Payments to the office need to be brought in BEFORE class of a morning.

Library News

Congratulations to our new Computer Monitors: Amelia, Lilliana, Lily, Jake, Lockie and Sean. Congratulations also to our Library monitors: Tora, Chloe, Alice, Kaytlin, Lily –Jade, Azhure and Lili. These students will be helping in the library during lunchtimes and special events throughout the year. Thank you to all the new monitors for your assistance.

Jane Lockhart

Clean Up Australia Day

Grahamstown will be supporting the Clean Up Australia Day initiative. In week 7 students are encouraged to bring nude food where possible to reduce our rubbish use as a school. Each stage will be responsible to keep our playground clean and tidy on a selected day during week 7. Clean Up Australia Day activities and lessons will be take place in classrooms.

Clean up Day