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NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report

Swimming Carnival

The School Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday, a lovely sunny day, at Richmond Pool. It was a very successful event. The students were excellent with their swimming endeavours and the participation ratio was high with children aiming at contributing to overall 'house points'. It has to be noted that a fantastic amount of new records were set in various events. A very special vote of thanks needs to go to Mr Wilson, who coordinated our carnival for this year. Well done children, for your fabulous swimming efforts on the day. Results for the carnival will be announced shortly. Mr Wilson's report appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Regional Success

Wilberforce had some representatives competing in the 'Little Athletics' Regional Championships at Dubbo over the weekend, with a lot of success coming their way. The results for our 'Athletes' competing over the weekend at the Championships included:

Lochlan B – 1st – 400m, 1st – High Jump, 2nd – High Jump and Finalist in the Hurdles

Luke B – Finalist in High Jump, Shot Put, 200m and Hurdles.

Billy T – 1st – Shot Put, 2nd – 100m and Finalist in the 70m and 800m.

Cody B – 2nd – High Jump, 3rd – Discus and Finalist in the Hurdles.

Joel M – Finalist in the Long Jump, Hurdles, 70m and 100m.

Lachlan M – Shot Put Finalist.



Well done boys for your fantastic results!

Staff Training and Development

Starting this year, two of our teachers, Miss Kate Brady and Ms Donna Horam have commenced a course of study to be held periodically over the next two years. Their training and development is on the student welfare subject of "Kid's Matter". They will be sharing information gained during this course so that all staff and students will benefit from their commitment.

P & C Association Annual General Meeting

Monday 4 March

7.30pm

in the Staffroom

Drinks & Nibbles Provided

Positions to be filled include;

- President
- Treasurer
- Publicity Officer
- Uniform Committee
- Vice President (x 2)
- Secretary
- Fundraising Committee

The P & C Association is significant to the whole community, so it is important that meetings are well attended. The P & C provides a vital link between the parents and the school, as well as participating in school decision making and supporting the students in many ways. The Canteen Committee is also holding their AGM on Tuesday 26 February. All are most welcome to attend.

Role descriptions for the P & C 'Office Bearers' and **nomination forms** were sent home recently, so you can start thinking about candidates prior to the AGM. You can see what a great contribution the parent body makes in our school. They improve the physical environment as well as providing important resources for our children's use. Please support the P & C and attend the Annual General Meeting. You do not have to take on an executive position, but your attendance and contribution will be important for your child and the whole school.

Weekly Awards

Congratulations to weekly winners!

- ♦ **Gold:** Olivia D 3/4G
- ♦ **Silver:** Kurt R 1/2N, Louis C 2/3M, Olivia D 3/4G, Jayden A 1/2CR
- ♦ **Bronze:** Savanah Y 3/4G, Guy R 3/4G, Abbey G 1/2H, Jackson M 3/4G, Neven P 2/3M, Louis C 2/3M x 2, Tegean S 5/6C, Lachlan D 3/4G, Olivia D 3/4G, Jayden A 1/2CR

Important Dates

Tuesday 26 February	AGM – Canteen Committee
Friday 1 March	District Swimming Carnival
Monday 4 March	AGM - P & C Association 7.30pm

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see that most students have commenced the year in full school uniform. For your convenience, we sent home a Uniform Order Form recently, which has full details of uniform requirements on the back. Please take note especially of the "Shoe Requirements".

Below is a sample of suitable black leather shoes that are acceptable.

Note: Black leather joggers meet all criteria.



- There are a lot of students that are not wearing the required black leather shoes.
- "Raben" style canvas shoes are not acceptable.

Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform each day.

Regards – David Deal – Principal

Expression of Interest for Placement in Year 7

Procedures are underway for enrolment in secondary schools for 2014. Shortly, 'Expression of Interest' placement applications for Year 6 students going into Year 7 in 2014 will be sent home.

- **It is a requirement that EVERY YEAR 6 STUDENT returns the Expression of Interest, to notify their choice of either Government or Non Government High School**
- **These MUST BE returned to our school office by – Friday 22nd March**

Thank You

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Our whole school assemblies will continue to be held in the hall on: **FRIDAYS at 2:45pm.**
Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by **3/4G**

Reminders

- **Year 1 & 2 Maths Textbook Fee** – Payment of \$16-00 is due to be paid to the front office as soon as possible.
- **Dance Group** – Permission note and payment of \$20-00 is due to the front office by 28th March
- **School Fees** – Information Note sent recently - \$42 per child or \$100 for three or more children.
- **District Swimming Carnival** – Notes and payment of \$6-00 is due to the front office by Wednesday 27th February.

Library News

Borrowing has started

All students are encouraged to bring their Library Bags on their designated Library Day:

Monday	2/3M
Tuesday	5/6W, 3/4G, 5/6T, 5/6C
Wednesday	Kindergarten, 3/4H, 3/4C
Thursday	1/2CR, 1/2W, 1/2N, 1/2H

FREE COMPUTER SOFTWARE

The Library has some old educational computer software which is no longer needed. Subjects include Mathematics, English and Science. (Floppy disks and discs compatible with Windows 95/98 or Windows 3.1)

If you are interested in any of the software please visit the library on Monday 25th February between 9:30am – 10:00am and 3:00pm – 3:30pm.

Mrs Ruzgas - Teacher Librarian

2013 Swimming Carnival

Monday's swimming carnival was another satisfying success. It was pleasing to see children competing to the best of their ability, taking encouragement from their own achievements, but also recognising the achievements of their fellow competitors. We certainly have some accomplished swimmers with thirteen new records set this year. Well done all competitors.

Congratulations must also be extended to the children who attended as spectators. Your behaviour was outstanding and your support for the competitors genuine and appreciated. You waited patiently for your chance to have a free swim, and then followed the set rules to the letter.

These carnivals do not function without expertise and sacrifice. This is what our talented and dedicated staff always bring to our carnivals, and their day to day teaching. They worked non-stop all day, even sacrificing their lunch to supervise free swimming.

Parents, you were magnificent in your support and encouragement. You create such a wonderful and wholesome feel to the day. Thank you.

A special thank you to the parents who acted as time-keepers and ribbon awarders. On this point, wasn't it great to see the dedication shown to our school by two of our leaders from 2012, Ashlee S and Erin S, who helped with awarding ribbons to competitors.

We wish all those students going further with their swimming all the best in their efforts at the District Swimming Carnival. Thank you again, to everyone involved.

Mr Ron Wilson ~ Sports Co-ordinator

HIGH SCHOOL FOCUS DAY

~ Year 6 Students ~

Two detailed notes have been sent home to all students in Year 6 regarding the High School Focus Days coming up on Monday 4th March and Monday 11th March. This is a great opportunity for the students to gain high school experience. Students need to be at Hawkesbury High School and seated in the hall by 9:00am for the introduction. They will need to bring their recess and lunch or may use the canteen if they wish. The day concludes at 3:00pm.

Please complete the permission notes and return to school by tomorrow – Friday 22nd February.

School Contributions – Thank You

Thank you to all the families who have already contributed towards our Voluntary School Contributions. These funds will greatly assist with purchases of equipment for student use.



ALL VISITORS

• Visitor Sign-In Book

During school time All Visitors **MUST SIGN IN** the Visitors Book - Located in the foyer

This policy is to assist with ensuring the safety of the students and Occupational Health and Safety emergency procedures.

• Child Protection Forms

Child Protection Declaration Forms need to be updated on a yearly basis by all volunteers at the school. These forms are located next to the Visitors Sign-in Book. Please complete and submit to the school office.

Thank You.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN EVERY 2ND **WEDNESDAY**

from 3pm

Mrs Vera Bonham, our valuable volunteer Uniform Co-ordinator for 2013 will next open the shop on:

Wednesday 6th March

However, orders may be left at the office any day. Please send your order in a marked envelope with the correct money. As soon as possible, these orders will be sent to your child's class.



Please Note:

Hats need to be hand-washed in mild detergent only. Do not dry in a dryer.

Dresses should be washed with the zip closed to avoid damage to the zip.

Canteen Annual General Meeting Tuesday 26th February at 9:45am in the P&C Room.

We REALLY need your support at this meeting as we have members of the committee who are unable to continue in their present roles. All positions will be declared open.

President, Vice President, Purchasing Officer, Treasurer, Secretary, as well as general committee members, are needed. Without people filling these roles, we are unable to function.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

 **School Tennis Court Bookings**
Phone Cheryl Annear on 4575 1823

Canteen Roster

Fri 22 nd February	Michelle Butcher, Julie Jones, Mel Moxon
Mon 25 th February	Renee Chugg, Nicole Miller HELP NEEDED
Wed 27 th February	Sharon Scott, Teresa Handerek, HELP NEEDED
Fri 1 st March	Sandy Whitney, Vera Bonham, Wanda Palmer

Canteen News

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Monday 25th February
- Wednesday 27th February

Please contact Narelle Smith on 0409 816 556 ASAP if you are available to help on the above dates.

We still have quite a few days to fill later in the term. If you are able to help on any of the following days please call Narelle.

Monday 4th March, 11th March, 25th March and 8th April

Wednesday 20th March, 27th March x 2 volunteers, 3rd April and 10th April.

If we don't get enough volunteers for the above dates, we may have to close the canteen.

- Please note: Canteen **IOU's** will be issued to student's who have forgotten their lunch or recess. Students will only be supplied with food after they have seen their teacher or a staff member.

Now Available –

- Lemonade Focus Water
- 375ml Apple/Blackcurrant Juice

NEW Fruity Fix Focus Water 350ml - \$1-50

*Thank you
Canteen Committee*

Community Notices

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Wilberforce United Soccer Club:

Our club **Annual General Meeting** will be held on:

11th March at 7:30pm

at the Wilberforce School of Arts
Come along and find out more
about us and see how we operate.

