Term 1  Week 4  Newsletter 3  18th February 2016

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Last Friday we successfully held our School Swimming Carnival, largely due to the efforts and organisation of Mrs Robinson. Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who attended, especially those who assisted with marshalling, recording and time keeping.

Kon’nichiwa + Bonjour! + Bytes + Sustainability = GeniUS!

Hinton teachers have many talents and we are tapping into their expertise. This week we began a GeniUS program for all classes. Mrs Robinson is teaching Japanese, Mrs Clarkson French, Mr Hieke Technology and Mrs Drayton Environmental Education. The program runs over the next six weeks on Tuesdays from 2.45 – 3.15pm. Groups will be rotated during the remainder of the year enabling all students to experience being a ‘GeniUS’.

Did you know you can submit a student absence explanation note on Skoolbag? I didn’t either until a clever parent lodged one last week. It certainly had Mrs Jordan and I on a steep learning curve to discover how it’s done! Simply open e-forms on the home page then open Absentee Form and follow the directions.
# DATES TO REMEMBER

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<td>SCHOOL ASSEMBLY</td>
<td>Every Friday</td>
<td>Assembly begins at 2.50pm in the Library</td>
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<td>Zone Swimming Carnival</td>
<td>Tuesday 23rd February</td>
<td>Maitland Pool</td>
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<td>9am to approx. 2.30pm</td>
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<td>Entry fee $3.50</td>
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<td>Pink Stumps Day</td>
<td>Friday 18th March</td>
<td>Fundraiser for Cancer</td>
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<td>School Cross Country</td>
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<td>Stuart Park</td>
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## SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 3 TERM 1
No Awards due to the Swimming Carnival

## SCHOOL FEES
Accounts have now been sent home with your eldest child.
Payments are for students Textbooks and Technology Fee.

**Kindergarten: Total cost is $50**

**Years 1-6: Total cost is $60**

Payment can be made online, cash or Cheque and are due by Friday 18th March.
Thank you to the parents who have already made their payments.

## DRUM INFORMATION
The due date for all student members with their term payments is by the 2nd lesson. (The only exception to this is the direct debit option).

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE COST INCREASE
Due to the increase in prices of meat Sausage Sizzle will now cost $2 per sausage sandwich. This will commence next week.
**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have now obtained their working with children check.


- Fill out an online application form at
- When you have completed the application form, you will receive an Application number (APP) by email.
- Take this Application number and proof of your identity to a NSW motor registry or Service NSW Office.
- Your Application number can be used by an employer to verify your Check status. If the outcome of the verification is 'application in progress' you are allowed to begin working with children.
- Once your application has been processed and you are cleared, you will receive your Working with Children Check number (WWC) by email (or post if you do not have an email address).

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016**
Girls Football (Soccer)

Raymond Terrace Soccer Club is trying to help grow girls football. Our club is hoping to have girls-only teams in at least three age divisions this season. If your daughter is U5/6, U7 or U8 and interested in playing football in a girls-only team and draw, please contact Holly on 0407 899 379 for more information or visit http://www.raymondterracesoccerclub.com for registration dates.


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**Canteen Roster for Term 1, 2016**

We apologise to the families whose orders were sent back home this week.

If you can assist, please **text/call Jade on 0401604066** with your available dates.

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<td>19th Feb</td>
<td>9:30 - 11:30</td>
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<td><strong>Canteen Closed</strong></td>
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<td>26th Feb</td>
<td>Katrina Farley</td>
<td>Volunteer needed</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>4th March</td>
<td>Steve &amp; Belinda Walterback</td>
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<td>Aleisha Wheaton</td>
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<td>18th March</td>
<td>Holly Moore &amp; Scott Spackman</td>
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<td>25th March</td>
<td><strong>Good Friday</strong></td>
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<td>1st April</td>
<td>Jade Hopkins</td>
<td>Volunteers needed</td>
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Thanks to all who attended the P&C meeting last night. Our next meeting is Wed, 16 Mar at 6pm. If you are concerned about not being able to attend due to having children at home, the P&C will be offering a movie and snacks for the children (to keep them occupied) during the meeting. This will enable more parents to attend and participate. The P&C cannot run without the support of the parents of Hinton Public School, and we would love to see more attendees. Discussions are held not only on fundraising but all aspects of school life.

**Family Disco & Welcome BBQ** – This will be held on FRIDAY, 26 FEB – 5.30 PM – 7.00PM (See flyer for more information).

**Future events – Easter Hat Parade & Raffle – 24 March 2016** – Keep an eye out for details on the Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle. As in the past we ask for donations of Easter goodies (eggs, gifts, books), for our raffle. (FYI – Just noticed that Woolworths have their Easter goodies on sale this week for those who want to get in early, and save a penny). Children can take donations for the raffle to their class teacher, or they can be dropped to the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home in March.

**Entertainment Books** – As the Entertainment Books don’t arrive until April, we are taking orders early, so as to not miss out. If you would like an Entertainment Book, please call Donna on 0429 357720. Also, if you have any tips for using the Entertainment Book that you would like to share, pass them on.

**Sporting Events** – Cross Country (1 April 2016) and Athletics Carnival (24 Jun 2016) – We will be seeking helpers in the future for these two fantastic school sporting events. In line with our representatives at various school sporting events, the P&C are purchasing a number of Hinton Public School Athletic Singlets for use. Looking forward to these in 2016.

**Canteen** – It is with great regret that we had to close the canteen this week, due to a lack of helpers. Our school canteen is only available one day per week, and we are struggling to get helpers. The kids love getting a canteen lunch once a week, but more than that they love seeing the mums, dads (and sometimes grandparents) in the Canteen. Kids will often come home and say "I saw Mrs such and such in the canteen today. She said hello to me". It’s a great way to be involved in the school, and from the safety of the Canteen (no flying handballs), watch out over the cola and play area, and see what the kids do at lunch and recess. You can see who you children are friends with and get to know other kids and families at school. Don’t forget the social aspect of chatting with another parent, and catching up on the school news.

Jade Hopkins has taken over the coordination of the canteen roster. So if you are able to help in the canteen (even once or twice a term) please contact Jade on 0401 604 066. Remember, we do it for the kids.
**(SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER TERM 1)**

Dear Parents,

Volunteers are needed for sausage sizzle in term 1. If any parent or grandparent from K-6 could assist it would be greatly appreciated. **Sausage sizzles are $2 each which includes a piece of bread, sausage and sauce if required.**

Cooking commences at 10.30am and finishes at 11.30am. The Year 6 students then serve the sausage sizzle to the students.

Please insert your name if you are able to assist with this roster and return to the school office.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sue Jordan

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<td>Lyn Crebert</td>
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<td>Steve Walterback</td>
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<td>Wednesday 9th March</td>
<td>Nigel Parkinson</td>
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<td>Wednesday 16th March</td>
<td>Stacey Jenkins</td>
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<td>Wednesday 23rd March</td>
<td>Val &amp; Len Tomkins</td>
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**Seaham Bowthorne Football (Soccer) Club**

Player Registration Season 2016

We are looking for additional players in the following age groups to complete our teams

Under 6, Under 8, Under 9 and Under 10's

If your child turns 6, 8, 9 or 10 this year and would like to play football (soccer) then please give us a call. We would be more than happy to hear from you

**Registration Costs**

Small Sided Football $120.00 (U6-U7)
Small Sided Football $140.00 (U8-U10)

Please contact our Club Registrars Ken Williams – Ph 4988 6808 or Daniel Flynn - 4988 7245
Join us on the river for a night of fun and entertainment to help raise funds for Newcastle kids living with cancer and their families.

Saturday 5 March 2016
840 Hinton Road, Osterley
Gates open 3:00PM, Entertainment starts at 4:30PM

Local Bands including:
- 1/2 Cut: Summer Dreeze and Helen & Friends
- Free Kids Entertainment: Sam Moran
- Camping
- BBQ and Cakes
- Raffles and Auctions!

For more info or to book tickets visit:
rockontheriver.com.au
Family Disco & Welcome Night

You are invited to Hinton Public School’s P&C Family Disco and Welcome Night.

Who: All families (the more the merrier!); parents, carers, grandparents and siblings

When: This Friday the 26th of Feb 2016

Time: 5:30pm-7:00pm

Where: Hinton Public School

Cost: FREE!!

What to Bring: You are encouraged to bring your own picnic (no alcohol allowed as it is a school event), chairs and/or picnic rug. The canteen will be open for drinks, chips, lollies and ice blocks. Perhaps bring some insect repellent too.

This is a chance for Hinton School families to come along and get together in a relaxed atmosphere and have some fun.

We hope you can come and look forward to seeing you there!

There will be a disco and games for the kids!!

If anyone can help in the canteen on the night for a 30min block please text Kerrie on 0415 574 506.