



HEATHCOTE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Success Follows Effort

NEWSLETTER

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TERM 3 WEEK 4 2006

It is with great excitement that we are able to announce our new Principal will be **Mrs Sandy Chad**.

Mrs Chad is currently the Principal of Sylvania Public School.

She will join us at the beginning of 2007.

For the remainder of the year, Ms Bleeck will be the Relieving Principal and Ms Gurney will continue on 5/6K.

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection (CP) lessons will begin this week in all classes. CP is taught by class teachers and is a mandatory part of the curriculum. We encourage you to discuss the topics covered during CP lessons with your child. The topics for each stage are as follows:

- **Early Stage 1** - Relationships, Trust, Rights & Responsibilities, Protection, Body Parts, Yes & No Feelings, Warning Signals, Safety Strategies: NO, GO TELL, Networks, Standing Strong - Saying NO, Prepared to GO, My Strategies
- **Stage 1** - Kinds of Touch, Caring for Others, Protection, Privacy, Safe and Unsafe Situations, NO, GO, TELL, Happy and Unhappy Secrets, Telling, Persistence, My Strategies
- **Stage 2** - Trust, Rights & Responsibilities, Identifying Safe and Unsafe Situations, Sexual Abuse, Physical Abuse, Effects of Abuse, Bribes and Threats, Feel-Think-Act, Secrets, Seeking Help, NO, GO, TELL
- **Stage 3** - Expectations of Gender Roles, Harassment, Physical Abuse & Sexual Abuse, Effects of Abuse, Planning for Safety, Talking About It, Responding to Risk Situations, NO, GO, TELL

If you would like a more detailed overview, please contact the Office.

NEW MONEY COLLECTION SYSTEM

Beginning very soon, we will be trialling a new money collection system. Each class will have their own letterbox outside the office. All money for P. & C. and school activities will be placed in these letterboxes as soon as children arrive at school. No money will be collected and counted by teachers in classrooms. **The**

only exception will be childrens' lunch orders and Friday PSSA bus money. No money is kept in the office so if you are paying by cash and do not have the correct amount, change will be sent home via your child once the money has been receipted.

KINDERGARTEN 2007

We are continuing with our organisation for Kindergarten next year. If you, or someone you know, is intending to send children to school next year, please contact the Office to obtain an enrolment form. If you would like to discuss your child's readiness for school or would like a tour of our school, please contact the Office. The dates for our Kindergarten Orientation Program this year are:

- Thursday 19th October - 9.30am - 11.00am - Parent Information and Student Visit
- Thursday 26th October - 9.30am - 11.00am - Student Visit
- Thursday 2nd November - 7.00pm - 'Getting Ready for Big School' - Information and "hands-on" activities

NEW REPORTS

You may have seen recently in the media a lot of discussion surrounding the introduction of a new reporting system to be used by all NSW public schools. The teachers have been working to prepare for these reports and before they are issued we will be holding parent information sessions to explain the new A-E grading system. At this stage, Years 3-6 will receive A-E grades in all Key Learning Areas. Years 1 and 2 will only receive A-E grades in English and Maths. Kindergarten students will receive a written report but without grades.

STAGE PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

During the last few weeks we have heard a number of fantastic speeches in class. The students and their teachers have made decisions as to who will represent them at the Stage Finals. As the students who will go on to represent our school at the District Finals will not use a microphone for their prepared or impromptu speeches, this year our children will not be using a microphone either. Therefore, voice projection becomes a vital part of their public speaking presentation. A special thank you to **Miss Watmough** for her organisation of our public speaking competition.

SSSMF TICKETS

Ticket allocation for both the Infants and Primary Sutherland Shire Schools' Music Festival will be done this **Friday, 11th August**. **All ticket orders and money must be in by then. We are unable to accept late orders.**

STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who received Gold Awards at last week's assembly: **Jarrold Mazurkiewicz, Emily Kenney, Beulah Mackenzie, Luke Middlemiss, Hayden Redfern, Nicholas Jago, Kelsey Brown, Luke Wilkinson**. Also at our assembly last week we presented the remainder of our credits and distinction certificates from the University of New South Wales competitions. These results include:

WRITING

- **Distinction: Natalie Wild**
- **Credit: Anthony Dawson, Mitchell Peatman, Corinne Peatman**

MATHS

- **Distinction: Ben Koschnick, Shane Slade, Dean Boland, Jake Boyce, Lauren Street**
- **Credit: Joel Potter, Kelly Tompson, Tara Wells, Megan Gillman, Amber Keen, Mitchell Peatman, Amy Shelley, Daniel Michel, Connor Nash, Daniel Evans, Steven Keen, Laura Koschnick, Alexandra Neave, Cody Parsons, Georgia Pettit, Kyle Shelley**

Well done to everyone who participated.

NEWSLETTER ON LINE

The newsletter, minus the advertisements, is available on line at <http://www.heathcoteps.nsw.edu.au>. When you apply for the newsletter, a return email will be sent in order to confirm that the request was genuine and you need to respond to it before newsletters will be emailed to you. While looking at the school's site, enjoy a peek at the ART GALLERY and on the home page there is a picture of a new interactive whiteboard in action.
Mr Purkiss

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL

Today the Stewart House bags have been sent home. Please fill with any unwanted clothing and return to the office by **Friday 25th August**. Every child who returns a bag will get a raffle ticket to go into a surprise draw to be held in assembly during Week 7.



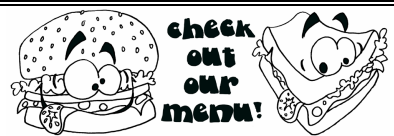
REMINDERS



- ❖ **SSSMF MUSIC FESTIVAL TICKET ORDERS - due this Friday, 11th August**
- ❖ **RAFFLE TICKETS - due back by Tuesday 15th August. If you would like another book to sell please phone either Mrs Kenney (9520 3330) or Mrs Koschnick (9520 8126)**
- ❖ **CHOCOLATES - we still have some more Cadbury chocolate available - please contact the Office if you are able to sell some more**
- ❖ **SPORT FOR YEARS 1 AND 2 - will be on Fridays for this term only. Sport for Kindergarten will continue to be on Wednesdays**
- ❖ **STAGE 3 - Canberra excursion final payment due**
- ❖ **STAGE 1 - Taronga Zoo Mobile - Tuesday 15th August**
- ❖ **STEWART HOUSE BAGS - to be returned by Friday 25th August**

SHIRE YOUTH ON PARADE

On 25th July the three school dance groups performed at the Shire Youth on Parade Concert to raise money for Sutherland Hospital. The Year 2 dancers were first to perform in their colourful costumes. They danced very well to "I've Been Everywhere" and "Hangin' Five". Next to dance were the Juniors from Years 3 and 4 who performed to the music "Start Jumpin'". There was a lot of movement and excitement. Their different costumes stood out because not all of them were the same. The Senior Group were last to perform. They danced beautifully to a piece of music called "Swing Set". **Tayla Hines, Talei Williams and Kyle Shelley** introduced each dance item to the audience. All the dancers, teachers and parents were pleased with the fine performances.



SNACK SHACK NEWS



Thank you to all of our volunteers last fortnight. **Again, we still need some extra help on Fridays.** If anyone is interested please call Di on 0413 609 529. Even if you can come for only a couple of hours from 9.00am to 11.00am, it would be a great help (don't forget - grandmas, granddads, aunties, uncles all welcome!!)

A copy of the new menu is available at the Office if you have not already received one.

New item for Recess only: Smilies @ 20c each. This product has been approved by the Canteen Association

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday	9 th August	Melinda Dodson, Sandra Neave
Friday	11 th August	Cathy Johnston, Sue Sullivan, Robyn Knight
Monday	14 th August	Muk Sanderson, Janine Peatman
Wednesday	16 th August	Melissa Addis, Michelle O'Meara
Friday	18 th August	Ross Meldrum, Sue Humphreys, HELP NEEDED
Monday	21 st August	Maria Cozijnsen, HELP NEEDED

CALENDAR FOR TERMS 3 AND 4, 2006

For your information the calendar set out below contains dates of various school activities.

Please check this calendar each newsletter for any changes and/or additions which may occur.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
4	7 Newsletter Stage 2 and 3 Public Speaking Finals	8 Stage 1 Public Speaking Final	9	10 SRC Jeans for Genes Day	11	12/13
5	14	15 Taronga Zoo Mobile -Stage 1	16	17 Assembly - 3/4H	18	19/20
6	21 Newsletter Primary Proms Rehearsal - leaving school at 7.45am	22 SSSMF Snr Choir Rehearsal	23 SSSMF Jnr Choir Rehearsal SSSMF Senior Choir Concert - 7pm	24 SSSMF Junior Choir Concert - 7pm	25 Stewart House Bags to be returned by today	26/27
7 BOOK WEEK	28	29 Book Fair Parade 9.00am	30 Year 6 to Heathcote HS	31 Assembly 1M	1	2/3
8 September	4 Newsletter	5 Finance Meeting 6.30pm P. &C. Meeting 7.00pm	6 Zone Athletics	7 Zone Athletics	8	9/10
9	11	12 Years 5 & 6 to Canberra Southern Zone Public Speaking Competition	13 Years 5 & 6 to Canberra	14 Years 5 & 6 to Canberra Assembly - 1J Stage 2 excursion to Sutherland	15	16/17

10	18 Newsletter	19	20 Stage 1 excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park	21	22	23/24
11	25 Primary Proms day rehearsal and evening performance at Sydney Town Hall	26	27	28 Grandparents' Day	29 TERM 3 ENDS	30/1

TERM 4						
1 <i>Oct</i>	16 School resumes for staff and students	17	18	19 Kindergarten Orientation 9.30- 11am	20 Science Fair	21/22
2	23 Newsletter	24	25	26 2007 Kindergarten visit 9.30-11am	27	28/29
3 <i>Nov</i>	30	31 P. & C. Meeting	1	2 2007 Kindergarten School Readiness Parent Information Night -7pm	3	4/5
4	6 Newsletter	7	8	9	10	11/12
5 <i>Special Swim Scheme</i>	13 Special Swim Scheme commences	14	15	16	17	18/19
6 <i>Special Swim Scheme</i>	20 Newsletter	21	22	23	24 Special Swim Scheme finishes	25/26
7	27	28	29	30	1	2/3
8 <i>Dec</i>	4 Newsletter	5 Finance Meeting P. & C. Meeting	6	7 School disco	8	9/10
9	11 Presentation Day rehearsal - HHS	12 Presentation Day - HHS	13 Year 6 Farewell	14 School picnic - Shelley Beach	15	16/17
10	18	19	20	21 TERM 4 ENDS	22	23/24

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SRC NEWS - TERM 3



JEANS FOR GENES DAY WEEK 4 - THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST



What is Jeans for Genes Day?

Chances are you probably know someone who has a genetic disease, because one in twenty children are born with some form of genetic fault. There are children with leukaemia, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis and many other disorders. The scientists at the Children's Medical Research Institute are working to try to prevent these diseases before they occur in children or, where that is not possible, to develop better treatments. The money we raise from Jeans for Genes Day goes towards the work of these scientists.

www.jeans4genes.com.au

Wear jeans or denim clothing to school on Thursday 10th August and make a gold coin donation. The SRC have stickers to give out on the day.