PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

School Leaders 2014
The following students will be presenting their captain's speeches to students in Years 2-6 next Monday at 9:10am. Voting will take place after students have had the opportunity to listen to the candidates.
Girls: Cassidee L., Tanika J., Macey I., Ashley F., Emily F., and Amanda C..
All parents are welcome to attend.

Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition
Brayden R. and Logan S. both achieved a distinction in this competition. Nathan V., Jayden F., Cain F., Taylah H., Nathan S., Madyson T., Amy M., Joshua S., James C., Cameron B-T. and Maddie B. were all awarded merits. Congratulations girls and boys.

P&C
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th November. Child care is provided. Please come along if you can. Our P&C has always played an important role in our school, particularly in terms of fundraising, however, the role of the P&C is broadening and will involve aspects of school budgeting and decision making into the future.

Remembrance Day
We held our Remembrance Day Service yesterday. I would like to thank our official guests, Mr Day, who recited the Ode, Mr Newell, who addressed our students in an engaging and relevant way and Kirralee Hardcastle our bugler.
Amy, Josh, Seth and Phoebe conducted this significant commemoration with dignity and respect, well done.

The Canteen will be closed this Friday 15th November due to no one available to do this duty. Please ensure children bring their lunch on Friday.
Expressions of Interest to Operate School Canteen
• Special Dietary Requirements: Gluten/Lactose
• Healthy Canteen Policy
• DEC Nutrition
• Safe Food Handling
• Working with Children
• Insurance

Please contact Michelle Floyd for further information.

Michelle Floyd – Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Week 3 Term 4
KLH  Liam D. – taking more responsibility for his learning.
K/1K  William G. – working hard and focusing across all subjects.
1B  Seth F. - for his great attitude to learning.
2DP  Ryan P. - displaying focused and on-task behaviour
3/4A  Matt J. - enthusiasm towards learning his times tables.
3/4P  Ben J. – excellent problem solving skills using division.
5R  Amanda C. - an excellent attitude towards her work.
6M  Georgia F. – showing positive classroom behaviour at all times.

Week 4 Term 4
KLH  Rose McB. - for taking pride in her bookwork and for striving to complete quality work on time.
K/1K  Madison G. – excellent planning for interesting news every week.
1B  Vanessa H. - for always being kind and respectful.
2DP  Will H. - always responding to feedback to improve the quality of his work.
3/4A  Kasey Leigh P. - outstanding commitment to improving her skills in all areas.
5R  Jack S. - demonstrating excellent time management skills.
6M  Shaylee H. – consistent effort in all areas.

MERIT AWARDS

KLH  Jaxon R., Candy B., Jordon H., Chloe C.
K/1K  Matthew W., Harry D., Jackson D., Charlotte B.
1B  Mason B., Claire J., Brydie B., Lucy McC.
2DP  Lila B., Tyson C., Jade H., Molly J.
3/4A  Rhys N., Brianna H., Cullen S., Cody B.
3/4P  Delta H., Liam B., Ben J., Meagan P.
6M  Emily W., Taylor B., Josh S., Maddie B.

P & C NEWS

The P & C AGM is on Wednesday 20th November at 6.30pm.
Topics on the agenda are:
• Election of office bearers for 2013/14
• Naplan Results

• Expressions of Interest for Operating the Canteen.
• Playground equipment options and opinions.
If you have any items that you wish to be raised and added to the agenda please contact the school.

CANTEEN NEWS

There are no LOL drinks available at this time.

The canteen roster this week is:

**Wednesday 13th November**
Lisa Taylor
Natalie McCamley

**CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON**
**Friday 15th November**
Due to noone available to do this duty.
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LIBRARY NEWS

The Willow Markets are on 1st December 2013 from 9am – 2pm. The markets are a fundraising activity for our school library. If anyone from our school or community would like to have a stall or provide food on the day as a fundraising opportunity let us know by email: willowmarkets@outlook.com, or see me in the library.

The Buy 1 Get 1 Free Scholastic Bookfair will be in the library from Tuesday 3/12/13 to Thursday 5/12/13. Please feel free to come up during the following times:
Before school – 8am to 9am
Recess – 11am to 11.25am
Lunch – 1.15pm to 1.55pm
After school – 3pm to 4pm

FORTHCOMING DATES

15th November  Canteen will be closed
20th November  P & C Meeting
25th Nov-6th Dec  Intensive Swimming
5th December  Mini Fete
12th December  Year 6 Farewell
16th December  Strathearn Visit K - 2
17th December  Presentation Day
Class KLH

What’s On:
As part of our Focus on Reading unit, we have begun to look at the skill of ‘visualising’. This skill requires students to create a mental image of the text, increasing engagement of the text and its themes. Last week the students read the text ‘Where is the Green Sheep?’ by Mem Fox. Afterwards the students were asked to make a visualisation of their own sheep. As a result we had some fantastic interpretations of sheep and we created our own book called, ‘Where is the KLH sheep?’ Each child is allowed to take the book home to read as part of our home reading. Enjoy!

KLH have also put together a little book about times as we study o’clock. Some children are very aware of times and schedules, some not so much. Family discussions involving times (especially o’clock) and schedules would help contribute to fundamental understandings of routines. This book will also be part of our home reading.

In HSIE the students are looking at ‘Places We Know’. Last week we discussed where each of the students special places are. This would be a great opportunity to discuss as a family where each members special place is at home after dinner!

Class K1K

What’s On:
K1K are continuing to work hard this term in all areas. In HSIE students are investigating needs and wants (K) and workers in our community (Yr1). If you or someone you know is willing and available to talk to the class about the work you do please see Miss Teague or Mrs Kerrigan. If you are a florist, nurse, fire officer, miner, chef, shop keeper, librarian, police officer, secretary and so on we would love to hear from you.

Kinder students are encouraged to continue playing the maths games for homework each week and practise number combinations to 10. Year 1 are encouraged to work on number combinations to 20 and counting forwards and backwards to and from 100 by 1’s, 2’s, 5’s, 10’s.

I hope Year 1 is enjoying working on their wetlands projects. Miss Teague and I are looking forward to reading your information reports when they come in on Friday.

Class 1B

What’s On:
1B have had a great time looking at life cycles of plants and animals in their science unit and natural v’s manmade environments in HSIE lessons. In spelling students are learning the ‘igh’ letter pattern and revising ‘fr’, ‘bl’, ‘th’ and ‘sh’ letter blends. In Maths students are practicing adding numbers from the largest number. The dice game below is a great game to play with your child to practice this skill. A big thank you to Mrs Mitchell who joined our class last Friday afternoon for craft. The children all enjoyed your company.

Reminder: homework and home readers are still running this term. We have had a slump in home readers being returned, and homework is due each fortnight. The latest homework is due this Friday, with news items presented throughout this week on news days. Students will have two spelling sheets and one homework grid to hand in on Friday, along with their home reader.

Dice Game - Build a Tower
Use Lego, wooden blocks, popsicle sticks or any basic building material you can find.
You will need 2 dice and 2-4 players.
Have players roll a pair of dice and add the two numbers aloud (focusing on counting from the largest number). The player gets the total number in building materials if the dice are added correctly and they are used to build a tower. Go through 5 or 10 rounds.
The player with the tallest or most creative tower at the end wins.

Class 2DP

What’s On:
2DP have been working really hard to ensure they stay on task in the hot afternoon sessions. Please help your child to stay hydrated during the day by providing them with a drink bottle. Students are allowed to keep these on their desks during class time.

The homework grid system is working well and I am enjoying reading all the lovely homework students are producing. It is due this Friday and a new grid will be sent home next Monday. We have been learning about money at maths time. We have been looking at all the different coin combinations we can use to pay for something. I am sure they would love to show you how clever they are!
Remember if you have any queries please contact me through the office or a note and I will get back to you.

Class 3-4A

What's On:
Wow! This term is flying! 3/4A has had a very settled, successful term so far. We have been busy with assessments this week; they have been doing really well. We are seeing a lot of improvements in times tables and I ask that you continue to quiz them at home. Even just saying one set per night will help!

This Friday our class will be presenting an item at the assembly, the class is very excited! We are looking forward to being a part of the captain selection process, which begins Monday with nominee speeches.

Class 3/4P

What's On:
Sim City 4 is proving to be a popular HSIE activity. We are learning to use the game to understand how communities are built, what services are necessary for a community to survive and who is responsible for paying for them. Mind you, the class thought it was quite funny when Mrs Pennell managed to bulldoze the whole city on the first day (accidentally of course)!

Please continue to practise times tables at home. We are practising in class but if you could continue to spare some time at home to do so as well, would be fantastic.

Many students have returned notes to say that they would like to participate in Intensive Swimming. This is absolutely fantastic to see.

Class 5R

What's On:
Congratulations to all nominees for captain positions in 2013. Nominees will present their speeches in the hall on Monday the 18th November from 9.00am. All parents and community members are welcome.

You may have noticed that your child received an itinerary about life in the armed forces. Our armed forces do such a fantastic job and this information gives students a snapshot about what daily life is like for people serving in places like Afghanistan. This was something that was received in exchange for one of the CARE packages that was sent overseas. There was a lot of interest in this information so it has been sent home with your child, it is not a set homework activity but rather something that some students may be interested in.

Class 6M

What's On:
We have all recovered from our phenomenal excursion to Sydney and have been working tirelessly to complete our end of year assessments. It is really important that all students are at school each day and please remember that if you need to be away a note needs to be sent ASAP.

The final Orientation Day for Scone High School will be held next Wednesday. A note detailing the day has been sent home to all students attending SHS next year. This note needs to be returned to school this week to ensure we can organise transport for all students attending.

Preparations are underway for our annual Year 6 Mini-Fete. This year it will be held on Thursday 5th December, starting at 4:30pm. If you are a parent who would be willing to help out in any way before, during or after the mini fete please return the slip at the bottom of this newsletter. Your help will be most appreciated.

I ________________________________ am able to help out with the Yr. 6 Mini-Fete.

☐ Before the day
☐ On the day
☐ After the event

If there is a particular area you would like to be involved in please indicate below:

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_________________________________

My contact number is ____________________