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Term 1 Week 8

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Principals Report

The selection process has run its official course and I can now officially introduce the two new permanent teachers to our school. The first teaching position went to Miss Letitia O'Callaghan, who will continue on with Year 6. It is nice to be able to welcome Letitia as a permanent member of our staff.

The second teaching position went to Ms Kim Lamb who is currently living at Bywong. Kim comes to our school with a wide variety of teaching experiences and a wealth of musical knowledge. Kim will be on the Year 5 class from the start of week 11 this term.

I would like to thank Mrs Jenelle Haskew for her time and efforts on Year 5. Due to personal reasons, Jenelle's last day will be this Thursday; however, we will see her back around the school, in a casual capacity, over the rest of the year.

The Video Conference with Rod Slockee will be held today, which the primary classes will be attending. Rod will be exposing the students to Aboriginal music, dance and story telling. You may wish to talk about the experience with your child this evening.

We have our first class assembly this Friday, with 1/2 M running the show. Good luck to Miss Morris and her students on their performance.

The school was broken into between Thursday evening and Friday morning of last week. Thankfully nothing was taken, though there was damage in the office area to desk draws and doors. Police have informed us that there has been a spate of break-ins at local schools over the last fortnight.

A reminder school photographs will be taken on Thursday 26th and the School Athletics carnival will be held on Friday 27th.

Lorne Smith
Principal

**1/2M
ASSEMBLY
THIS WEEK
Friday
20/3/09
12.30pm**

Dates for the Calendar

Week 8

Friday 20th March
P&C Street stall

Week 9

Tuesday 24th March
Round 3 PSSA cricket match

Thursday 26th March
School Photos

Friday 27th March
Athletics Carnival

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken next Thursday 26th March. All students have received an envelope with details of packages available. Please ensure a **separate** envelope is used for each child. Family photos are available, envelopes are available at the school office. If you wish to purchase photos please ensure envelope and payment is returned to school **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 23 MARCH**. To ensure students are looking their best and in full summer school uniform, **Wednesday 25/3/09** will be an out of uniform day. A reminder that sports uniform will be required for Athletics Carnival on the Friday.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The athletics carnival is next Friday 27th March. Please ensure you child has returned their permission note, and indicate how you child will be getting to and going home from the carnival. Parent helpers will be needed on the day to assist with various duties. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs Tonpi at school.

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Community News

JUNIOR CRICKET PRESENTATIONS



welcome.

Junior Cricket Presentations will be held on Friday 27/3/09 at Roberts Park Murrumburrah commencing at 5.00pm. All

HARDEN SWIMMING CLUB MEETING

Harden Swimming club will be holding a general meeting **TONIGHT** Wednesday 18th March at the Harden Bowling Club commencing at 7.00pm. Any enquiries please contact Jenny Daley on 6386 2310.



HARDEN PLAYGROUP OPEN DAY

Harden Playgroup have great cause to celebrate. Between 22nd March and 28th March Harden Playgroup are joining in the Australia wide activities for National Playgroup Week.



An Open Day will be held on Wednesday 25th March at Harden Tennis Club from 9:30am - 11:30am.

National Playgroup week is the perfect time for parents/carers with babies and children under five to discover what playgroup is about.

So, come along and join us on Wednesday 25th and enjoy some fun activities in a relaxed environment!!!!

BUNYIP PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Your framed family portrait for only \$15 (Valued at \$130)

Saturday 28th March 2009

Please contact the preschool on 6386 2631 for booking times and forms

Limited spaced available so be quick 100% of funds collected on the day go to the preschool.



Stars of the Week



Citizenship Awards

Maria Raptis—Being a 5 Star student and following school rules
Coady Morton-Manwaring—An excellent, helpful attitude to all others



Friendship Awards

Hayley Chesworth—Being kind and thoughtful towards her classmates
Luke Thorsby—Always making everyone around him feel happy



Sportsmanship Awards

Sharna Allen—Being a sensible leader to other children during sport
Jeffrey Brown—A mature and sportsman like approach to representative cricket



Mrs Heywood—KH

Riley Arabin—Fantastic 5 Star painting and use of describing words

Logan Drew—Great number work in Maths

Miss Morris—1/2M

William Cracknell—Great participation in group activities

Peter Fischer—5 Star reading

Mrs Stewart—1/2S

Rohan McArdle—Trying hard with spelling and maths

Jessica Bunt—A great diary about her holiday

Mrs McFadyen—3/4M

Brittany Logue—Persisting in all that she tries

Ryan Daley—5 Star work in all that he does

Mr Dinnerville—3/4D

Thomas Field—A pleasing spelling effort

Emma Manwaring—Enthusiastic Digital Story Writing

Mrs Haskew—5H

Josh Barker—Always using polite, respectful manners

Breeanna Douglass—Staying on task in group work

Miss O'Callaghan—6O

Emily Daley—Her persistence in Maths rotations

Justin Stewart—Striving for accuracy and achieving his goal at the Riverina Tennis Trials

P&C NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE—P&C will be holding a mother's day raffle. Tickets will be sent home today. Tickets will cost \$1 with a fantastic "Super Mum Pamper Pack" as the prize. Tickets will need to be returned to the school by Wednesday 8th April.



PARENT MORNING TEA—Morning tea will be held for all parents on the last day of term, Thursday 9th April @ 11.30am, before school Easter festivities begin. It is a great opportunity to welcome all of the new families to our school. So please come along and have a cuppa, mark it on your calendar.

STREET STALL—Our first street stall is to be held this **Friday 20th March** from 8am to 1pm. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of school readers for the infants department. We are hoping to raise about \$1500 for this so we need your support so let's get cooking. If you are able to assist for an hour or so on the day or just have some queries please phone Belinda Miller on 6386 2408 so a roster can be organised. If you are cooking for the big event please drop cakes, slices, biscuits, etc. to the school office on Thursday 19th or drop them to the street stall (near the Post Office) on Friday morning. Thanks heaps.



CLOTHING POOL SALE—There will be a half price sale at the clothing pool on Thursday 9th April at 11.15am just before the Parents Morning Tea and the School Easter festivities.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL—The P&C will be holding the annual Mother's Day stall on Thursday 7th May. Mother's Day is on Sunday 10th May. The idea of the stall is to have enough gifts for every child to buy one for their mum. So we need you to support the Mother's Day Stall by donating 1 gift per child. Children can buy presents at the stall from 50c to \$5.00. Thanks for your support.



AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

Educational Assessment Australia is a not-for-profit organisation of the University of NSW, and has been conducting the Australasian Schools Competitions for over 20 years.

Students in Year 3 to 6 are able to participate in the competitions which are run in the following areas:

Subject	Cost	Exam Date
Computer Skills	\$6	27th May
Science	\$6	10th June
Spelling	\$8	23rd June
Writing	\$11	23rd June
English	\$6	4th August
Mathematics	\$6	19th August

These tests are a valuable learning experience. External testing is part of our School Gifted and Talented Program. It provides students with the opportunity to extend their thinking and powers of logic, employing their knowledge gained at school.

Structured testing also gives students the opportunity to experience exam conditions, which are important for high school and further education.

Please complete the permission note below if you wish your child to participate in all or any of the tests. Please indicate test/s your child is entering and enclose the money required.

All entries and money must be received by the school by Friday 3rd April 2009.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

I give permission for my child of Year to participate in the following competitions:

- Computer Skills \$6
- Science \$6
- Spelling \$8
- Writing \$11
- English \$6
- Mathematics \$6

Payment of \$ enclosed.

Signed:
Parent/Caregiver

Date: