LEARNING RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY



Together We Are Stronger; Relentlessly striving for personal excellence through high expectations

WALLSEND WHISPER

Payment Reminders					Diary and Deadlines 2 Jun School Bus Education K-6		
Event	Class	Activity Date	Cost	Closing Date For Payments	3 Jun Spelling Bee (moved to Week 2 Term4 Jun Netball Gala Day4 Jun Stage 2/3 Mixed Soccer Team Game		
Canberra Excursion	Years 5 & 6	July 28 to July 30	Total Cost \$350	\$50 due 7/5/21 \$50 due 21/5/21 \$50 due 4/6/21 \$50 due 18/6/21 \$100 due 16/7/21	 4 Jun CAPA Program Yr7 2022 Group Audition 5 Jun Aerobic State Series 10 Jun Public Speaking Competition 14 Jun Public Holiday -Queens Birthday 16 Jun Children's University Excursion 16 Jun Soccer Gala Transition Day Yr6 		
Please Note: No payments for excursions or incursions will be accepted after the due date unless prior arrangements are made with the Office. All notes and money must be returned to the Office in an envelope with your child's name, class and activity. EFTPOS is available at the Office. If you have not received a note for any activity, these are available from the Office or the school's website.			made with th envelope with ce. If you have	 18 Jun NAIDOC Activity Day 21 Jun NAIDOC Week 25 Jun Semester 1 Student Reports Home 			

Principal Message

Hello and welcome to week 7. Through this period of the year, our teachers are diligently working on compiling all students' school reports for the semester. These are due to go home in a couple of weeks time. Please take the time to discuss reports and progress with your child and see the classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Congratulations to both Lilliana and Myra who represented our school and zone at the regional cross country. An extra special congratulations must go to Lilliana who has qualified for State with a strong 5th place finish. This is an amazing achievement!

Once again I have been speaking with students about road safety. As you would be aware, the times just before and immediately after school can be extremely busy. Please ensure that your children are close to you when crossing roads and/or know the safest route when walking or riding home. If you are picking up, please do not park close to zebra crossings or close to the corner of each street. As a courtesy do not park across neighbours driveways.

As a school we have been working hard on our Strategic Directions;

- 1. Student Growth and Attainment particularly in the areas of Reading and Numeracy
- 2. Enhanced Pedagogy and Curriculum
- 3. High Expectations Culture

Teachers Professional Development has been strongly focused towards direct instruction, particularly in the initial 'warm up' phase of learning. This aims to have a structured and precise way of teaching what students need to know next, continually aiming to extend students' learning. The 3 weekly impact meetings have particularly focused on extending students Numeracy skills and our intervention team has been supporting around 25% of our students in this area as well as Reading.

Our partnership with Newcastle University continues to strengthen. This year we are part of 'lighthouse' schools who have larger than usual intakes of Student Teachers. Having these soon to be teachers helps us support the next generation of teachers but more importantly for our students, we have extra teachers in each classroom. This allows us to provide more targeted intervention and support for our students and once again aim to extend their learning outcomes.

It was great to see our choir and some band members perform at last week's assembly. These opportunities are so vital in nurturing the whole child and we are so lucky to have such specialists in Mrs Jeffress, Miss Rose and Ms Hannah to support our students in the arts. Their progress in such a short period of time has been outstanding after a disastrous 2020 for our music program. Thank you to these wonderful teachers. Our Girls' Cultural Group began last week as they worked alongside our boys. Together they started with a project that will eventually support a network initiative. Such opportunities really take our students out of their comfort zone but with support provide a higher level of expectation and self-esteem. Again, thank you to Aunty Jill and Jateeka for their support as well as Ms Lemmon who is helping support the group.

Have a safe and happy week. Mr Ricki Metcalfe Proud Principal

Head Lice

Several children have presented with head lice. Control of such a problem can only be achieved through the co-operation of <u>all</u> parents. Untreated hair can cause distress and ongoing financial burden to many families. All parents are asked to check their child's hair tonight for eggs or lice and treat accordingly.

Head Lice Prevention Spray

15 drops Eucalyptus Oil 15 drops Tea Tree Oil 20 drops Thyme Oil Mix with water in a spray bottle and use daily.

P & C News

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is stocked with uniforms to keep your children warm this winter from their heads to there legs we have them covered.

Beanies: \$10

Baseball Jackets sizes 4-16: \$35

Long Sleeve Polos sizes 4-16: \$30

Adult Long Sleeve Polos sizes—small and medium: \$35

Trackpants sizes 4-16: \$18

Orders can be placed via Flexischools.com.au or cash.

100 Nights of Home Reading								
Awarded to:	Claire G Kevin Z	Thomas B Seth C	Audrey B	Abineeth B	Kaelen F			

Weekly Award Recipients						
Learning	Respect	Responsibility	Safety			
Hussain S	Declan Y	Mia L	Miles J			
Claire G	Isla W	Hasib A	Phoebe F			
Mitchell C	Imani R	Myra G	Shevvi J			
Mazen A	Ruby B	Jordan Q	Tanner P			
Harvey D	Jazmine S	Nehemiah F	Liam P			
Chloe J	Elaynah C	Aidan W	Lilliana G			
Seth C	Delisha G	Mathew M	Michael O			
Serena F	Moussa A	Penny M	Maddison M			
William N	Haylee G	Jahmarl G				
Ethan F	Isabelle S	Tyler C				

Community News







Is it time for a dental check-up?

Hunter New England Oral Health provides free dental care for <u>all</u> children under 18yrs of age

We accept the Child Dental Benefits Scheme

HNE Dental Clinic opening hours: 8:00am – 4:30pm



Call 1300 651 625 to book an appointment for your child For more information about oral health and accessing our service, visit the HNE Kids Health webpage at www.hnekidshealth.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth