Surprise, Surprise, Surprise! Another great achievement by the best small school in the Hunter! Our superstar senior mixed Netball team last week won the Friday PSSA competition by a fairly healthy score of 23-3! Congratulations to super coach Mrs Williams and all children involved. You’ve done the school and the community proud! Thanks also to all of our parents and caregivers who supported the team and helped out with lifts to games and moral support! That’s two years in a row kids! Excellent effort!

We are holding a parent forum this Thursday between 12 noon and 2pm to discuss the next school plan for the period 2015 -2017. We will meet in the community room at the end of B Block. Light refreshments will be available for all participants. Please feel free to come and help us shape the school’s future.

Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their Math skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a “Maths Monkey” game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are available for Apple and Android phones and tablets.


School concludes for this term on Friday 19th September, 2014 and students return for Term 4 on Tuesday 7th of October, 2014. If you see anything unusual inside the school grounds during the school holidays please call the school security hotline - 1300 88 00 21.

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”
— Mahatma Gandhi
Term 3, Week 9 Award Winners

Principal's Award

K/1N        Hannah Dezelak
1/2M        Kirralee McDonald
1/2O        Will Dobson
3M          Fred Aitchison
4B          Daisy Niddle
5/6W        Olivia Felemi

Student of the Week

K/1N        Jack Roughan
1/2M        Connah Smallwood
1/2O        Conrad Dalwood
3M          Saxon Jones
4B          Evan Scott
5/6W        Luke Halls

You Can Do It - Confidence

K/1N        Dannica Penfold
1/2M        Bailey Robson
1/2O        Sage Mullins
3M          Skye Blundell
4B          Thomas Dezelak
5/6W        Jay St John

Merit:

K/1N        Deliama Felemi
1/2M        Nelson Niddrie
1/2O        Sheldon-Lee Cosgrove
3M          Mac Dobson
4B          Brodie Franklin
5/6W        Kane Hodge

Weekly Focus - Persistence
Macquarie Shield Netball

On Friday the Senior Black Team from BNPS played a hard fought game against St Johns Primary School, to become this year’s Winning Grand Finalists.

The Competition was fierce but our team was up to the challenge! We have won this division now for a second time (2013 & 2014). Not bad for a small school!

A huge thank you to our wonderful supporters who drive our children to and from the games each week. Your continued support and encouragement is much appreciated. Thank you also to Rochelle Jeans and Tammy Eastham our experienced umpires, for their support each week. Congratulations to all our netballers, you were a pleasure to take to the games.

Mrs Glenda Williams
Library News

The 2014 Children’s Book Council of Australia books of the Year Winners have been announced.

2014 Book of the Year Books:

Early Childhood Winner: The Swap by Jan Ormerod
Picture Book Winner: Rules of Summer by Shaun Tan
Younger Readers Winner: The Unusual Pursuit by Catherine Jinks
Eve Pownell Information Book Winner: Jeremy by Chris Faille
Chritchon Book Winner: Big Red Kangaroo by Claire Saxby

Library Flash

Silver Button’s

The book I am reviewing is called “Silver Button’s”, written and illustrated by Bob Graham.

This book is about how everything can happen in only one minute….like when Jonathan pushed slowly to his feet, he swayed, he frowned, he tilted forward…and took his first step and at the same moment birds built a nest, children played in the park, people shopped and an ambulance shrieked past a house. This book is inspiring for children and it teaches everyone that special things happen everywhere in the world. This is a great story and I would rate this book with 4 stars out of 5.

By Melanie Hughes 5/6W

Disco

Fundraising - Yr6 and Zipper Tickers

On Thursday 18/9/14 from 2-3pm we are holding a SPIDER DISCO and an Ice Bucket Competition. We are fundraising for Yr6 and for Zipper Tickers. We have families in our school community who will benefit from our fundraising for Zipper Tickers and Yr6 fundraising goes towards our end of year gift to the school.

Cost: $5.00 per child (included)

• Out of Uniform
• Spider Drink (ice-cream and fizzy drink)
• Packet of chips
• Dancing and fun!

Mr Booth and Mt Layzell have generously agreed to have ‘ice-cream buckets' of iced water poured over them to aid “Zipper Tickers”

Donation - $1 per “bucket” allows you one turn of tipping iced water over a teacher, 2 turns $2. Looking forward to everyone joining in and having lots of fun!

Mrs Glenda Williams
The next P&C meeting will be 14 October 2014. It will be held at 9am in the staff room. It has been great to see new families coming along to participate.

Each year at the Annual General Meeting, all positions are declared vacant. Any current position holders and any current member of the P&C are eligible to nominate or vote. Next year the current Secretary, Uniform Co-ordinator and Treasurer will not be re-nominating therefore we encourage more families to join. The P&C requires a minimum of 5 Executive Members and the Secretary Position and the Treasurer Position are both Executive Positions.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop is only opened Friday mornings from 8.45am to 9.15pm. If you cannot make this time please put your name & contact number in an envelope and place it in the letterbox in the Canteen for us to contact you to make arrangements. You can also place an order & money in the letterbox at the Canteen and we will give the items and receipt to your child.

**NEW HOODIES HAVE NOW ARRIVED WITH SCHOOL LOGO - $27.00 EACH**

UNIFORM SALE!!!!!!

Only a few items left - be quick....the following items are stock without the school logo and are on sale. There are assorted sizes so be quick. There are no laybys, no returns and no refunds on these items.

- Hoodies - $20.00
- Zip jackets - $15.00
- Shorts - $9.00

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**STOCK** - With the holidays approaching, canteen stock will begin to dwindle so please check with our volunteers when ordering to make sure we have your choice.

**MEAL DEALS** - Please note that the canteen volunteers CANNOT change or swap anything in the meal deals.

**RE-HEATING OF FOOD** - Please note that the canteen volunteers CANNOT re-heat any food items, whether they are from the canteen or home due to health regulations.

**LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE HANDED IN BEFORE 9AM** - the doors will close at 9.10am as late orders are consistently happening and they simply cannot be cooked in time.

**PLEASE NOTE**: The canteen cannot accept $20 notes or $50 notes as we do not hold a float to accommodate large notes.

**SPOONS** - The canteen has plastic spoons which are for the purchase of items such as mousse or jelly. If your child requires a spoon for something they have brought from home or eating a pie for example, then there is a cost of 5c per spoon.

**Canteen Roster**

**This week 15th – 19th Sept**

- Monday – Sue
- Tuesday – Ella
- Wednesday – Tina K
- Thursday – Mel & Kayleen
- Friday – Tammy & Tiana

**RETURN FROM HOLIDAYS 7th – 10th Oct**

- Monday - Closed
- Tuesday - Ella
- Wednesday – Tina K
- Thursday – Mel & Kayleen
- Friday – Tammy & Tiana

**YEAR 6 CAN COLLECTION**

Keep bringing in your cans and fill up our new recycling cage. PLEASE DO NOT CRUSH YOUR CANS. The money raised from the cans is put towards the students' gift to the school at the end of each year.

**RING PULLS**

Remember to keep the Ring Pulls in a zip-lock bag and hand to the canteen volunteers as they help Ronald McDonald House raise funds for much needed equipment.

Weekly Focus – Persistence
HNE Carer Education & Support Program - Hunter Invites you to
2014 Expo for Families & Carers

What's in it for you?

- Support & Information for Families & Carers in their caring role
- Information for Professionals to support Families & Carers
- Opportunities to Network & Promote Carers Week Activities

Children's Entertainment:

"Loopy the Clown"

"Face Painting, Animal Balloons, Magic"

Details:

Date: Thursday 9 October 2014
Time: 9.30am - 3.00pm
Venue: Newcastle Panthers, King Street, Newcastle Cost: Free

This is a Collaborative Project between HNE Carer Support Program - Hunter and our Carer

For Information or to Register Phone: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776 or Email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

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Full-day Kids Creative Writing Workshop – get inspired to write!
Thursday 25th September 9.30am - 3.00pm For 10-13 year olds
Cost $40 per student. Places are limited

Weaving at the Wetlands
Tuesday 23rd September 9.30am - 12.30pm for 9-12 year olds
Cost $20 per child

Bush Skills Adventure
Wednesday 24th September 9.30am - 12.30pm for 9-12 year olds
Cost $20 per child

Wriggly Wetlanders
Wednesday 24th September & Wednesday 1st October 10.00am - 12.30pm for 5-8 year olds
Cost $20 per child

Booking ph: 4951 6466