

Welcome back everyone. I hope the school break saw everyone re charge the batteries for the fun filled and busy term ahead.

Term Calendar

Attached to this newsletter is the calendar for Term 4. There are still some dates that need to be confirmed so they have been left off the calendar at this stage to save any confusion. These include our Presentation Evening and the Year 6 Farewell. As soon as venues and dates have been confirmed we will let you know. Some of the important upcoming dates are as follows.

Friday 23 rd October-	School Photos
Thursday 29 th October-	Book Fair Preview
Friday 30 th October -	Book Fair and purchasing, Grand Parents Day
Friday 6 th November -	Hunter River High, Small Schools Transition Day
Wednesday 25 th November -	Canberra Excursion
Wednesday 3 rd December-	Hunter River High Orientation Day Hunter River High, Parent info evening.

School Photos Friday 23rd October

MSP Photography will again be responsible for our school photos.

With today's newsletter you should receive an order form and envelope combined. Please follow the instructions on the envelope for ordering and paying and return it to school with your child on photo day. Please note the school does not collect or receive this money. It is collected by MSP Photography on photo day and no change can be given. Please do not send money and envelopes to the school office, these will be held by the class teacher.

On photo day students should be in full school uniform. This means no Year 6 shirts on the day.

Grand Parents Day

National Grandparents Week starts on the 25th October. To help celebrate we are holding a Grandparents Day at school on the Friday of Week 4, 30th October.

On Grandparents Day we encourage students to invite their grandparents or significant other people in their lives to visit them at school. On the day we will reverse our lunch and recess times.

Grandparents are invited for a yummy morning tea from the canteen, this is being generously supplied by our P&C at 11:00am. Grandparents are then invited to spend the next session with students on activities in their classrooms and visit the Book Fair in the library with the student's class before we have lunch at 1:00pm. Anyone wishing to stay for lunch with the kids can order their lunch through the school canteen or bring it from home. Students will return to normal lessons at 1:40pm.

Book Fair

On Thursday 29th October we will have a Book Fair Preview Day. Students will be able to do a **wish list** for purchases to be made on Friday 30th October when Grandparents can visit the fair with students and make purchases.

Dance for Sport in Term 4

Dance started last week and Samantha has already got the kids boogying. Students are actively learning a range of dance styles including Zumba, Jaz, Hip Hop and Go Go/Disco in the 10 week program. At the end of term they will put on a display for us all. The cost for this activity is \$18 for the term and invoices will come home shortly.

Student Leadership

Shortly Year 5 students will be asked to consider standing for student Leadership positions. Procedures for this will be a little different than in the past, although all the positions will remain the same.

The big change is that the school will give formal leadership training to all Year 6 students in 2016. If you would like to hear more about this process come to the P&C meeting on Thursday 15th October, straight after school.

Shortly Year 5 students will bring home a leadership application form. Keep an eye out for it.

Canberra Excursion

Week 8 of next term will be our 3-6 Canberra trip. Payments are still being taken in instalments at the office with the final payment due no later than **Friday 6th November (Week 5 Term 4)**.

A detailed information sheet including what to bring lists and consent and medical forms will come home early in the new term.

Schools & Community

Sometimes we forget about schools being an important part of a community. Our communities don't, however.

Out of the blue last week we received a visit from the parent of a past student, who made a donation of a new book for the library, simply because his son Mitchell was a past student and he and his wife, thought the particular book would be a good one for the school.

Thanks Mr & Mrs Cram.

Add this to the generous donation to our school canteen from Pauls Corner Fruit & Veggie shop of fresh fruit and you can see that community members care about their local school.

PBL is coming!!!

PBL or Positive Behaviour for Learning is a systems approach to the teaching of school expectations across all settings with the goal of improving student learning outcomes. To do this properly it takes time to test the schools core values and receive input from all stake holders. Our journey has started with the students and staff and will continue with the P&C meeting this week. If you would like to know more please come along on Thursday afternoon or give me a ring.

Confidence is a key to success!

Confident people strive to do the following

- Participate in new activities
- Attempt difficult tasks even though they may not be immediately good at it
- Share new ideas with a class, peer or teacher
- Introduce themselves to someone new
- Greet adults with good eye contact and use their name

YOU CAN DO IT!

Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students on their recent awards and continuing to show the Keys To Success.

Bronze Awards:

Riley Cadman, Sienna Donnelly, Natalia Ferguson, Maddison Mitchell, Addison Towers, Kyle Anderson, Annabella Barton, Joanna Booth, Ally Davison, Eliza Kiernan, Courtney Swain, Connor Bell.

Silver Awards:

Kobi House, Xavier Knight, Libby Vogtmann, Zachary Zucca, Chloe Anderson, Annabella Barton, Megan Bowden.

Gold Awards:

Aleisha Hockey, Kelsi Bielefeld, Montana Latham.

