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SMS student absences
0427 016 460

SCHOOL HOURS:
Supervision from: 8.25am
Classes begin: 8.55am
Classes finish: 2.55pm

NOTES SENT HOME:
• Zone Cross Country

DATES TO REMEMBER:
• Harmony Day, Friday, 20th March.
• Yr 7, 2016 EOI forms due by Friday, 20th March.
• Debating Workshop, Monday, 23rd March.
• Child Protection Training, Wednesday, 25th March.
• Disco, Thursday, 26th March.
• Yr 3 Day Camp/Camp Out, Friday, 27th March.
• Zone Cross Country, Friday, 27th March.
• Easter Raffle drawn on Thursday, 2nd April.

WEEKLY ASSEMBLIES:
Mondays, 2.05pm

THERE WILL BE NO ASSEMBLY NEXT MONDAY, 23rd MARCH DUE TO THE DEBATING WORKSHOP

NEXT P&C MEETING:
Tuesday, 21st April
at 7pm in the Library

CANTEEN OPEN:
Mondays & Fridays

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN:
Wednesdays,
8.30am—9am
2.30pm—3pm
Thursdays,
8.30am—9am

Principal’s News

CONGRATULATIONS Last week Sophie (6H) and Mila (5/6J) represented the Maitland Zone at the Hunter Regional basketball trials. From this carnival both girls have been selected to represent the region at the PSSA State Basketball Carnival coming up in May on the South Coast. Well done girls.

We also have several students who have progressed to the Hunter trials. Well done to Kelci, Jenna, Brendan and Ryan who will attend the Hunter Hockey trials, Ethan who will represent at Hunter Soccer Trials and Lachlan and Max who will represent at Hunter Rugby League.

P&C EXECUTIVE Congratulations to our on-going and in-coming P&C executive:
President: Chame Saunders
Secretary: Cheryl Lucas
Treasurer: Tracey Constable
Vice President: Lindy Tuck
Vice President: Mel Jeffs

Thank you to all P&C members for their hard work last year.

HARMONY DAY Our school will be celebrating Harmony Day tomorrow, Friday, 20th March (Week 8). We are encouraging students to wear orange socks and/or an orange ribbon with their full uniform to celebrate the message of “everyone belongs”. Each class will be discussing Harmony Day and participating in an art activity to acknowledge the 15th anniversary of such an inclusive event. Thank you for your support in making this a harmonious and special day.

YEAR 3 DAY CAMP/CAMP OUT is being held next Friday, 27th March. This note/payment is now overdue. Due to space restrictions we have limited the number of overnight Camp Out participants and we have now reached our limit. Places are still available for the Day Camp. As this is a normal school day and part of our curriculum, all students are expected to participate in the Day Camp. Please return your note/payment immediately for planning purposes. If you do not wish your child to participate in the day activities please advise the school so supervision can be arranged.

YEAR 4 OVERNIGHT SYDNEY EXCURSION notes have been sent home. A $50 deposit is due by next Thursday, 26th March. For planning purposes please return your note (and payment if your child is attending) by this date.

THE GRANDPARENTS MORNING TEA for Kindergarten students will be held on Thursday, 2nd April. Grandparents are welcome to meet the students in their classes at 9.15am to see what their grandchildren do at school and then help with a craft activity. Kindergarten students will then sing a song for their grandparents before morning tea in the hall. Grandparents are then welcome to join the whole school at the basketball court for our Easter Hat Parade and picnic lunch.

THE EASTER HAT PARADE will be held on Thursday, 2nd April. Students across all grades are encouraged to design and make an Easter hat to parade on the day. Please do not include any real eggs, eggshells, egg cartons or chocolate on the hats. The parade will begin at 10.30am on the basketball court. Parents and other family members are welcome to watch the parade and join their children for a picnic lunch after the parade until 12.30pm.

Have a successful week, Narelle and Staff.
Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focussed on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenships education.

To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. Students visited Parliament House, Old Parliament House, The War Memorial, Questacon, the High Court, the National Gallery, the National Museum and many more activities. We hope that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all our senior students.

Year 7, 2016 Expression of Interest

Forms must be returned to our school office tomorrow, Friday, 20th March. Even those students applying for non-government high schools must return the form. Thank you.

Library News

Congratulations to the 2015 Library Monitors. They were presented with their badges at the school assembly held on Monday. The successful Year 6 students are: Adaleice, Alexis, Alice, Callie, Claire, Hannah, Hayley, Jennifer, Kelci, Leah, Lincoln, Maddy, Mikayla, Morgan, Olivia and Sophi. Thank you to all the students (and mums and dads) who were able to find their overdue books and return them to the library this week.

We are celebrating Harmony Day in the library this week with lessons revolving around the theme of “Everyone Belongs”. The students have been involved in discussions about their heritage and where their families have come from. It has been interesting to see just how multicultural our cohort at Ashtonfield Public School is.

New books released into the library this week included the “Stuff Happens” series. This is a powerful series of books that have been written by some of Australia’s finest male authors for boys aged from 7 to 12. They are engaging, funny, fast paced and perhaps more importantly, they deal with real life issues for young boys such as the emotional ‘stuff’, the friendship ‘stuff’ and the family ‘stuff’. Certainly worth a look. “Books light up our world”.

Class Awards

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Special Programs

Harrison (3B) / Sophie (4H) / Lincoln (2F) / Phoenix (1M) / Damian (KO)
SCHOOL DISCO

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are having a disco for our students only ……….

WHERE: Ashtonfield Public School Hall
WHEN: Thursday, 26th March, 2015
TIME:
   Kinder to Year 2: 5.00pm to 6pm
   Year 3 to 4: 6.10pm—7.20pm
   Year 5 to 6: 7.30pm—9pm
COST: $4 per child or $8 for a family (3 or more students from the one family)

Things to note:
- Drinks can be purchased for $1.00.
- Goodies for sale.
- Children must be picked up by an adult inside the hall.
- This is a Year 6 fundraiser.
- Payment to be made at the door on the night. Consent form to be handed in with payment on the night.
- All children are expected to show appropriate behaviour.
- All asthmatics must bring their own puffers.

The group will be supervised by class teachers and the following code must be followed or parents will be contacted to pick up their child.
- Teachers directions and requests are to be followed.
- Students are to make good choices.
- No sliding on the floor.
- All food/drinks to be consumed while sitting in the appropriate area.
- Have a wonderful time.

Additional Information: Children may wear sensible clothes and shoes.

MONEY TO BE PAID AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT. CONSENT FORM TO BE HANDED IN WITH PAYMENT ON THE NIGHT. PLEASE HAVE CORRECT MONEY TO ENSURE DISCO STARTS ON TIME. IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN BOTH INFANTS AND PRIMARY, PLEASE SEND THE NOTE AND PAYMENT WITH THE YOUNGEST CHILD.

CONSENT FORM—SCHOOL DISCO—THURSDAY, 26th MARCH, 2015

I hereby give consent for my child/children: ___________________________________________ Class: __________________

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at Ashtonfield Public School to attend the School Disco at Ashtonfield Public School Hall on Thursday, 26th March, 2015. I understand the cost is $4 per child/$8 for a family of 3 or more children.

I understand that there is no injury insurance cover for injuries sustained at this event. Medical requirements/special needs for my child/ren are: ___________________________________________

I give permission for my child to receive medical treatment in case of an emergency.

My contact phone number for this night is: __________________________________________

Parent/Guardian: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Student Signature/s: I agree to abide by the code of conduct: ____________________________
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Canteen News

More helpers are required. If you are able to volunteer in the canteen please contact Cheryl Lucas on 0466 542 041.

The canteen will be open for drinks and snacks ONLY (no lunch orders) on Thursday, 2nd April for the Easter Hat parade. Volunteers are needed to help on the day. Please contact Cheryl if you can assist.

CANTEEEN ROSTER—MARCH 2015

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Uniform Shop News

Cheryl Lucas has recently stepped down from her position in the Uniform Shop. Kirsten Worth will continue as Uniform Shop co-ordinator. A volunteer is required to assist Kirsten. If you are interested please leave your details at the school office.

A reminder that the Winter Uniform order is now overdue. Please return orders immediately. Due to limited storage space, extra stock of most items will not be ordered.

P&C News

Volunteers are required to help wrap Easter Raffle prizes on Tuesday, 31st March, 2015. Please contact Cheryl Lucas on 0466 542 041 if you can help.
Uniform Items for Sale

There are a number of girls summer and winter uniform items for sale. Please contact Ilze on 0488 581 400 for more information.

Dry’n’Cozy maroon jackets—size 14 and size 10. $15 each. Contact 0408 492 924.

Donated Easter eggs or other items needed!

Easter raffle …..Fundraiser for APS

We require donations of Easter eggs or perhaps a book, toy or DVD to be handed in to the office by Friday, 27th March, 2015.

NO MATTER HOW BIG or SMALL!! The more donations we have - the more draws we can have!!
EASTER RAFFLE

Please return tickets to school office in a sealed envelope with correct payment and child's name and class clearly on the front. Please keep raffle tickets separate from other school payments.

*Please return by Friday, 27th March, 2015. Drawn on Thursday, 2nd April, 2015.*

$1 – 3 tickets  $2 – 8 tickets  $5 – 20 tickets

It would greatly assist us if you could cut the tickets along the lines before sending in.

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