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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



#### Student of the Week

Congratulations to Lexi Adams who is this week's student of the week. Lexi receives our student of the week award for always working hard in class as well as being kind to others.

Lexi receives a certificate and is rewarded with a \$5 voucher to the Ice Cream Shack. Well done Lexi! We look forward to announcing our next student of the week on Friday.

### MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Merit Award recipients who received awards at our weekly assembly.

Class	Students	Reason
Lobsters Yinga	Jaxon	Excellent application in literacy groups.
	Ella Cameron	Consistent effort and application in all learning areas.
Platypus Yapii	Lucas Edwards	Improved understanding of phonemes.
	Lachlan Mills	Being a positive role model.
Possums Bilu	Amarni Reynolds	Working towards personal goals.
	Kade O'Neill	Fantastic use of the jump strategy.
Sea Turtles Guraa Gurrwa	Cooper Fischer	His effort during independent reading activities.
	Jared Armstrong	His positive attitude towards his learning.
Snakes Batjay	Liam Mitchell	Being an active participant in class.
	Kathleen O'Brien	Quality poetry writing.
Dingoes Dapin	Mitchell Henning	Starting the term ready to learn.
	Kalli Bates	Always doing her personal best.
Goannas Girriwa	James Dolan	Enthusiasm in mathematics.
	Elidjah Wolfram	For outstanding improvement in spelling.
Gum Trees Gurambak	Jessie Lawler	Writing descriptive metaphors.
	Seth Thomson	A great attitude towards learning.

### BOUQUETS

Thank you to Mrs Ingram for coordinating our Kindergarten Orientation Program during 2019. Mrs Ingram provided an informative session which was well received to our prospective parents and grandparents. Thank you Anya!

## **Student Superstars!**

We are very proud of a number of individual students this week! Including but not limited to:

### **James- Hunter Cricket**

Congratulations to James McCarthy who represented the Hunter region at the NSWPSA Cricket state championships in Wollongong last week. James indicated his highlight as getting 2/15 from eight overs in his third match of the tournament. Congratulations James! We are very proud of your effort.

### **Kelson – Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition**

Congratulations to Kelson Hawkins who performed admirably in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics competition winning a monetary prize as the top performing student across the entire Great Lakes area. Kelson will attend a special award ceremony in Newcastle early next month to receive his prize. Congratulations, Kelson! We too are very proud of your effort.

## **COMING UP**

### **Kindergarten 2020- Orientation Program continues Thursday 24 October**

Our Kindergarten orientation program commenced last Thursday 17 October and continues weekly for four weeks. At this stage, we have 26 students commencing with us for Kindergarten next year. If you have not yet registered your child for next year's kindergarten, it's not too late, please call 02 4997 0286 to commence the process.

### **Youth Challenge Visits - Friday 25 October**

Selected Youth Challenge students will be involved in visits this week to the Myall Dolphins under the supervision of Mrs Andrews.

### **Tell them from Me Student Surveys for students in Year 4-6. (Stage 2/3)**

This week, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

### **BANDANNA DAY THIS FRIDAY. \$5 per bandanna. All proceeds to CANTEEN. Kids with cancer.**

Bandannas are on sale from the Year 6 classroom all this week. Students are allowed and encouraged to wear bandannas next Friday 25 October.

### **WORLD TEACHERS DAY – THIS FRIDAY**

World Teachers' Day is being celebrated in Australia on Friday 25 October. The day is a great opportunity for everyone to recognise and appreciate teachers and the important role they play in shaping the next generation.

This year, we are focusing on the #brightfuture of the profession including beginning teachers starting their career. We're also celebrating the role experienced teachers play in both the classroom and supporting beginning teachers on their teaching journey.

## MYALL RIVER FESTIVAL- Saturday 26 October the Great Duck Derby



Don't forget to buy a duck and support our school fundraising efforts. There are great monetary prizes on offer. You will be able to sponsor a duck for \$5 from 10am on Saturday 26 October at the festival. Alternatively, get in early and secure a specific numbered duck from the school office this week!

Individually numbered ducks are only \$5 each

### **Selective High School Applications close soon. Attention parents of Year 5 students.**

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, using specialised teaching methods and materials at the appropriate level.

Year 7 enrolments are available in:

- seventeen fully selective high schools
- twenty-four partially selective high schools
- four agricultural high schools, three of which have boarding places where students live at the school for the school term. Find out more about boarding at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/information-for-applicants/agricultural-high-schools>
- one virtual secondary school, Aurora College, for students in rural and remote areas. Find out more at <http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/>

See a list of selective high schools and their websites the end of this document. A map is at <http://www.maptive.com/ver3/Selective>

Find more information about catering for academically gifted students with high potential in NSW at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/high-potential-and-gifted-education>

Parents of students enrolled in NSW government and non-government primary schools, home schools, interstate and overseas schools can apply.

Parents of Aboriginal students are encouraged to apply for selective high school placement. Find out more at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/general-information/student-experience>

For further information and support, parents can speak with their child's current principal, or contact their local Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Advisor.

## P&C NEWS

**P&C November General Meeting** will be held on 12 November commencing at 7pm in the school library.

### **P&C Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 10 December**

ADVANCE NOTICE of the upcoming P&C AGM – Tuesday, 10 December. The P & C Association AGM is being held on Tuesday 10 December at 7:00pm after the monthly P&C Meeting.

All positions will be declared vacant.

Members of the current Executive are moving on. This gives the opportunity for some new people to be on the P&C. To ensure the successful continuation of our P&C it is crucial that these roles are filled. Please join us, we look forward to seeing you.

## TERM 4 CALENDAR

Day	Date	Event	Additional Information
Wednesday	23 October	Youyoong AECG Meeting & AGM	Murrook Cultural Centre 10am
Wednesday	23 October	Rugby League Clinics	9:55-12:55
Friday	25 October	Myall Dolphins Visit	
Friday	25 October	World Teachers Day	
Saturday	26 October	Myall River Duck Derby	
Monday	4 November	Whizzy Waterdrop	12pm K-2
Wednesday	6 November	Bulahdelah Show Student Night	
Wednesday	6 November	Peter Sinclair Remembrance Day Service	
Monday	11 November	Remembrance Day	
Tuesday	12 November	P&C Meeting	
Wednesday	20 November	Volunteers Morning Tea	
Mon-Thurs	25 November-28 November	Swim Scheme (Week 1)	Learn to Swim Program @ Tea Gardens Pool
Tuesday	26 November	Christmas SRE Service	
Wednesday	27 November	Youyoong AECG Meeting and AECG Awards Night	Hunter River High School / Murrook Cultural Centre
Mon-Thurs	2-5 December	Swim Scheme (Week 2)	Learn to Swim Program @ Tea Gardens Pool
Monday	9 December	Reports home today	Semester Two reports go home
Monday	9 December	Presentation Day	
Tuesday	10 December	P&C Meeting and AGM	All positions are declared vacant and a new committee are elected
Wednesday	11 December	Year 6 Farewell	Venue to be advised / TBC
Wednesday	18 December	Students last day	Summer Vacation
Sunday	22 December	Community Christmas Carols	

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

School Focus of the week is: Playground - hat Expectations.

Safety		Respect
Sun safety	Pride in our uniform	Compliance with uniform policy
	Sense of belonging	

### Have Your Say on Before and After School Care

The NSW Government is committed to providing before and after school care to all students of public primary schools in New South Wales. As part of the reform, a parent web form has been established by Service NSW that will enable parents to tell the department about their specific care needs and to stay up to date with any new developments.

The information provided by parents will help the Department of Education to understand your needs, give them insights into where there are gaps in service delivery and help to ensure the extra places are delivered where they are required.

Have you say today at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc>.



## STAGE 2 – NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL



### Stage 2 2019

Term 1 we started back at school,  
With brand new teachers that were cool.

We filmed some ads in Term 2  
And made some artworks just for you.  
In Sydney we learnt about the First Fleet,  
And Aboriginal culture, it was neat.

In Term 3 we did gymnastics,  
Our instructors were fantastic!

Congratulations Mr Feeney,  
Your new baby is cute and teeny!

In Term 4 we'll work with clay,  
And rugby league we will play.

In our last term we will have fun,  
Then Christmas holidays in the sun!







JOIN IN THE FUN OF THE  
FLAMINGO RACE AT THE MYALL RIVER FESTIVAL  
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BRING YOUR COZZIES, A GOLD  
COIN AND BE ABLE TO SWIM 50 METRES - WE SUPPLY



THE FLAMINGOS ....  
WE HAVE SOME GREAT  
PRIZES ON OFFER –  
REGISTER ON THE DAY AT  
THE WATER TENT IN  
FRONT OF THE MAIN  
WHARF AT MARINE DRIVE  
AND MAXWELL STREET -  
OPEN TO PADDLERS  
OVER 10 YEARS OF AGE.

# Good for Kids good for life

## HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEENS

When it comes to healthy eating it is important that kids get consistent messages at school and at home. As part of the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, the Good for Kids team provides support to school canteens to create healthy canteen menus.

How can parents help?

Below are some ideas to use at home that support the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy and build positive food habits for life.

- **Swap sugary drinks with water.** For a twist try adding sliced or frozen fruit, herbs or vegetables to the water.
- **Plan meals together** and allow your child to assist in compiling a shopping list, and help with meal preparation and cooking.
- **To add flavour to meals** use your favourite herbs and spices. Spring is the perfect time to plant a herb garden with your kids. Easy to grow herbs include mint, chives, thyme and basil.

For more ideas visit [healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au](http://healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au) and search 'parents and friends'



Health  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

[HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

# Great Christmas Present Ideas!

Imagine your child's artwork as the feature of a beautifully presented calendar, diary or gift cards for 2020! Support our school's fundraising by ordering these individualised calendars, cards, diaries, notebooks, sketchbooks, tea towels, pillowcases and tote bag.

Your child will create their own unique picture and it will be professionally printed onto any of the following items.

		
<b>Calendar \$14</b>	<b>Cards – 8 per pack \$14</b>	<b>Pillowcase \$25</b>
		
<b>Diary, Notebook or Sketch Pad - \$18</b>		<b>Tea Towel - \$25</b>
<p><b>Please complete one order form for each child.</b> More forms available at the front office.</p> <p><b>Orders with payment are due at the school office by: Friday 8th November, 2019</b></p> <p><b>Orders back in time for Christmas...</b></p>		 <p><b>Tote / Shopping Bag - \$25</b></p>

## Christmas Fundraiser Order Form

Name _____		Class _____	
Item	Cost per item	Quantity	Total
Calendar	\$14		
Notebook	\$18		
Cards (pack of 8)	\$14		
Diary	\$18		
Sketch Pad	\$18		
Pillowcase	\$25		
Tote / Shopping bag	\$25		
Tea Towel	\$25		
		Grand Total	



# Fun, Easy & Creative Fundraising

-Turn your child's artwork into these AMAZING products-



Greeting Cards

\$14



Diaries, Notebooks & Sketchpads

\$18



Pillowcases

\$25

Calendars



\$14



Tea Towels

\$25



Tote Bags

\$25

Great  
gifts



Celebrate your child's creativity by ordering keepsakes you'll treasure forever!

ORDERS DUE: Friday 8th November

An order form will be sent home with your child.

