



# Hinton Public School



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*"Every little one counts"*

Term 1

Week 2

Newsletter 1

4th February 2016

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. It has been a smooth transition into 2016. The students have settled into routine quickly. There has been lots of data gathering happening in the classrooms. This data will be used to track the progress of the students over the year.

Plans are underway to complete the concreting at the front of the office. Improved drainage and fencing should be completed by the end of term.

Parents are reminded that supervision of students does not commence until 9.00a.m when teachers are officially 'on duty'. If you need to drop your children at school before then please utilise the Before and After School Care facility at the school. Further information about this program is available by contacting the school.

The new automatic bell system is operational. Gradually we will make some minor adjustments while we become accustomed to the new evacuation and lockdown sounds. We now have the capacity to page students in the classrooms or playground. The photo shows the Minister for Communication, Shaine Lambert, ringing the manual bell on Friday for the last time.

The Home Reading Program will recommence shortly. Research has shown that 15 minutes a day can make a lifetime of difference to a child's reading ability. Other factors that help children excel in reading are;

- Access to quality books
- Choice in what they read
- Practice time to read
- Family involvement in reading activities



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Event	Date	Details
<b>SCHOOL ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>FRIDAYS IN THE LIBRARY. ALL WELCOME</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY COMMENCES AT 2.15PM. NO ASSEMBLIES 12 FEBRUARY &amp; 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>
<b>SPORTING SCHOOLS BASKETBALL</b>	<b>HAS COMMENCED ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEB FOR THE NEXT EIGHT WEEKS</b>	<b>FREE. STUDENTS TO WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM INCLUDING SPORT SHOES</b>
<b>PARENT INFORMATION EVENING</b> <b>(please note change of date for 5/6 C)</b>	<b>TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>  <b>TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	<b>5.30PM – 1/2R</b> <b>6.00PM K/1D &amp; 3/4H</b> <b>5.30PM 5/6C</b>
<b>SWIMMING CARNIVAL</b>	<b>FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	<b>PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION NOTE AND ENTRIES</b>
<b>P&amp;C MEETING</b>	<b>17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	<b>COMPUTER LAB</b>

### Parent Information Night Change of Date for 5/6 C

As the Year 7 2017 information evening at Maitland High School is due to take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, I will be postponing the 5/6 information evening until the next Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February so that parents may attend both. It will take place at the same time as planned, 5:30 pm. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and hope to see all parents there!

Teresa Clarkson

### 2016 Student Contact Information Update

Parents please be aware that an information update sheet for your family has been sent home to be completed and to be returned to school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February. This helps in the case of emergency and to ensure that all your details are correct when we need to contact you at any time.

Also in this newsletter the information regarding Working With Children Check and Skoolbag have been included for your assistance when applying. Thank you for your co-operation in completing this form.

## **OPAL CARDS for Transport**

Opal cards should be posted to your home address during the first two weeks of school.

If you do not receive a card please contact by email: [transportnsw.info/school-students](mailto:transportnsw.info/school-students) or 131500.

## **SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**

Parents are advised that Working With Children Checks now have to be obtained from the RMS. If you are a volunteer in the school, no matter in what capacity, you will need a WWCC approval number. Please follow the information below to obtain this.

Any enquiries please contact the school office



To apply for a Working With Children Check

- Fill out an online application form at

[www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check)

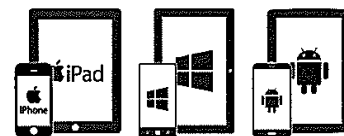
- When you have completed the application form, you will receive an Application number (APP) by email.
- Take this Application number and proof of your identity to a NSW motor registry or Service NSW Office.
- Your Application number can be used by an employer to verify your Check status. If the outcome of the verification is '*application in progress*' you are allowed to begin working with children.
- Once your application has been processed and you are cleared, you will receive your Working With Children Check number (WWC) by email (or post if you do not have an email address).

Already in child-related work as a paid employee or volunteer?

If you are currently in child-related work you will be required to obtain a new Working With Children Check as part of an industry phase-in schedule.

To find out which sector you belong to and when you need to obtain a new Working With Children Check go to [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check)

\* Please note it can take up to four weeks for a Working With Children Check to be processed, or longer if a risk assessment is required.



## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

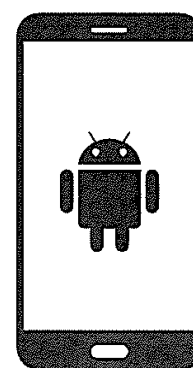
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

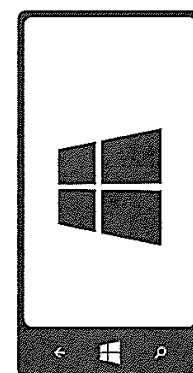


Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.



## **P&C NEWS**

Welcome to 2016! Our first P&C Meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday, 17 Feb 2016 at 6pm in the Computer Room. We would love to see lots of new faces, and returning ones, come along to our meetings. Meetings commence at 6pm and close at 7.30pm (so as not to drag on too long). The P&C are responsible for the Canteen, Uniform Shop, and Fundraising. The P&C run a number of events throughout the year, and the more helpers the better.

Easter will be here before we know it, so look out for information in coming newsletters (YES there are already Easter eggs at Woolies). If you have any questions regarding the P&C, or can help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact myself (Donna Morris – Secretary) on 0429357720, or Karin Hines – President on 0414496600.

## **Premier's Reading Challenge – Volunteers needed!**

I hope to see a lot more students having a go at, and completing, the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. The Premier's Reading Challenge asks those school students participating to read 20 books before the end of the challenge in September. 15 of the 20 books must come from the Reading Challenge list and the other 5 are free choice books. The students can read books from their age list or from higher lists. Teachers will provide recording sheets to students participating in the challenge.

There are lots of children in our school reading more than 20 books a year, so they could easily complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. The trick is knowing which books are on the list!

Students participating in the challenge can go onto the website and search for the book that they are reading to see if it is on the reading list. But to make it easier for students to find Premier's Reading Challenge books in the school library, many books in the library have been labelled as Premier's Reading Challenge books, complete with age group, for easy selection.

However, this labelling was done a number of years ago. Some of the books may no longer be on the list and many of the newer books in our library may be on the list but not labelled. Therefore, I am asking for any parent volunteers, who may have some spare time over the next couple of weeks, to go through our library and look for any books that need labelling. Everything you need to do the job will be provided, all you need is the time to do it and that time is flexible - whatever suits you.

If you are interested in helping out, please see me as soon as possible. Two or three people could knock over the job pretty quickly.

Mr Hieke.

## **DRUMMING 2016**

Notes for Drumming have been sent home and lessons will commence next Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER TERM 1



Dear Parents,

Volunteers are needed for sausage sizzle in term 1. If any parent or grandparent from K- 6 could assist it would be greatly appreciated. Sausage sizzles are \$1.50 each which includes a piece of bread, sausage and sauce if required.

Cooking commences at 10.30am and finishes at 11.30am. The Year 6 students then serve the sausage sizzle to the students.

Please insert your name if you are able to assist with this roster and return to the school office.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sue Jordan

	<b>Roster Sausage Sizzle Term 4</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of volunteers</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>Nigel Parkinson</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Mark Webb</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Steve Walterback</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Lyn Crebert</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Steve Walterback</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Nigel Parkinson</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Volunteer needed</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Volunteer needed</b>
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Volunteer needed</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Volunteer needed</b>

## CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 1, 2016

**We need 2 volunteers (parents/grandparents/family friends) to assist in the canteen for Lunch and/or Recess on Fridays for the indicated times. Here's a rough overview of what is involved.**

**Lunch preparation involves counting out and heating up lunch items, then bagging and placing food and drinks into class lunch baskets.** Our canteen supervisor collects all lunch orders on Wed, creates a tally of food and drinks required, places orders and collates lunch order money.

**Recess volunteers serve the students items for sale (no hot food at recess) and collect money. Floors are cleaned, bins emptied and money taken to the front office at the end of the recess duty.**  
*We have a handful of experienced volunteers who can help newcomers learn the ropes.*

**If you can assist, please write your name on the roster when you are available and return the note to school or text/call Fleur on 0422316777 with your available dates or questions.**

	Friday Lunch 9:30 - 11:30	Friday Recess 2.15-2.45
<b>TERM 1</b>		
Wk 3 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<i>Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival NO CANTEEN</i>	
Wk 4 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Wk 5 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Wk 6 4 <sup>th</sup> March		
Wk 7 11 <sup>th</sup> March		
Wk 8 18 <sup>th</sup> March		
Wk 9 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>	
Wk 10 1 <sup>st</sup> April		
Wk 11 8 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>CANTEEN CLOSED</i>	