



# Hinton Public School



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*"Every little one counts"*

Term 1

Week 7

Newsletter 6

10th March 2016

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Entries are now open for the ICAS Competitions. These are external tests coordinated by the University of NSW. Students may sit the tests at the school. Parents receive an individual report on their child's performance and a comparison to other students across Australia. These tests only run for approximately 40 minutes and are valuable for parents wanting more information on their child's performance in each subject area. The table below outlines what is available this year and the cost of each.

ICAS Subject	ICAS Sitting Date	*Price
Digital Technologies	Tues 17th May	\$8.00*
Science	Tues 31st May	\$8.00*
Writing	Mon 13th Jun – Fri 17th June**	\$17.00*
Spelling	Wed 15th June	\$11.00*
English	Tues 2nd August	\$8.00*
Maths	Tues 16th August	\$8.00*

- Please note the prices indicated above are a guide only. ICAS charge a minimum fee three times the above prices, if less than 3 students per class undertake the competition. Further information is available by contacting the school office.

## TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

This term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>. The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they 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 improve how they do things at school.

We want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9th March and 2nd April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. 'Opt out' notes for students will be sent home separately.

## TOWARDS 2017

We are now beginning to take enrolments for 2017. If you know of any prospective students, please have their family contact the school.



## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Event	Date	Details
<b>SCHOOL ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>Every Friday</b>	<b>Assembly begins at 2.50pm in the Library</b>
<b>SRC Event Carbon Neutral Day</b>	<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Walk to Stuart Park and doing laps of oval. Gold coin donation, Out of Uniform for Stewart House</b>
<b>Pink Stumps Day</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Fundraiser for Cancer Raffles, Cake Stall</b>
<b>Easter Hat Parade</b>	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Sausage sizzle 11.30 Parade 12.30</b>
<b>School Cross Country</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Stuart Park</b>

## SCHOOL AWARDS: Term 1 Week 6

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Lachlan Farley

### FAIR PLAYER



Zac Wilkes

### Class Awards Term 1 Week 6

<u>K/D</u>	<u>1/2R</u>	<u>3/4H</u>	<u>5/6C</u>
Alina Farley	Emma Webb	Zoe Webb	Dakota Bradley
Oscar Merchant	Hallie Bishop	Emilly Hughes	Adelle Jardine
Tyrone Mexon	Mekayla Hepplewhite	Harriette Connolly	Claudia Wheaton
Eliza Irwin	Eliza Irwin	Chloe Crebert	Maddisson Burton
	Connor Crebert	Tully Manhood	Jack Brooker
		Bonnie Walterback	Lilly Peters
		Darcy Howe	Halle Walterback
		Banjo Spackman	Timothy Farley
			Jack Marquet
			Jackson Morris
			Branden Power



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## 1/2R News

It has been an exciting term so far. The children are learning about Present and Past Family life in History this term. As part of our GENIUS groups 1/2R are learning Japanese. The children are really enjoying learning another language and are always excited by the challenge. They can ask someone their name, name parts of their body and greet you in Japanese.

Reading groups start our day Monday to Thursday in a very positive way. The children enjoy the variety of activities and the extra support of the parents, Miss Mahony and Mr Welsh. If you like to join us for reading groups we could accommodate you on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning 9.40 to 10.15 am.

Home Learning is due every Friday. Websites for weekly homework tasks:-

Spelling - [www.spellingcity.com.au](http://www.spellingcity.com.au)

Maths - [www.studyladder.com.au](http://www.studyladder.com.au)

Additional websites:-

Reading - [www.raz-kids.com](http://www.raz-kids.com)

Maths - [www.splashmaths.com.au](http://www.splashmaths.com.au)

If you have any question please don't hesitate to ask. If you would like to discuss your child please make an appointment so we can talk without being interrupted.

Arigato (Thank you)

Gail Robinson

## PINK STUMPS DAY

We will be hosting a Pink Cricket Stumps Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Hinton Public School to raise money for the McGrath Foundation. There will be cricket matches taking place in the playground, a cake stall and a limited amount of merchandise for sale. Items include wristbands for \$1, sunglasses for \$5 and a range of sweet goodies which will sell from 50c to \$1. We also have a great set of pink stumps and pads with a McGrath Foundation pink baseball cap to raffle. Tickets priced at \$1 each will be sold to students throughout the week at lunchtimes.



Parents and caregivers are welcome to come along and cheer on their children and have a fun day while supporting this worthy cause.

All students, staff and visitors are encouraged to wear pink with a gold coin donation on the day.

Activities start at 10am. Donations of cakes or other sweet goodies (try to keep it pink!) are most welcome. They should be left at the office prior to the day with a list of ingredients.

Thank you for your support.

Teresa Clarkson

## Tenambit Leader's Day Report (Halle Waltrerback, Lilly Peters, Jackson Morris & Tim Farley)

On the 18th of February 2016 we, the leaders of your school, represented our school at the Tenambit Leader's Day. This day taught us many leadership skills. Lorin Nicholson, a motivational speaker, told us about his challenges in life, the main one him being legally blind. This has really inspired us to believe in ourselves, and set a goal to reach. Along the way you will face challenges but if you don't face any challenges, your life will be boring! We learnt to cooperate with other people to become a better leader. Leading is not just about guiding others but being a good role model and obeying the rules so you can set a good example for others to follow.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING: HINTON OOSH – Before & After School Care

As a member of the P&C and a parent who was pushing for an operating Before & After School Care at Hinton, thought I would give you an update on how it is going. The OOSH is operating both morning and afternoons, but more children are needed to keep this service at our school. After such a struggle to get this service, it would be a shame to lose it, and to the parents who currently use the system, a struggle to organise childcare elsewhere.

I have recently investigated the cost of childcare using the OOSH and was very surprised that it wasn't as expensive as I thought.

The max you will pay for a morning (afternoon) session BEFORE the 50% REBATE from Centrelink is \$15.30 (\$18.50). The lower your household income the more your REBATE PERCENTAGE INCREASES. You need to apply to Centrelink for the CHILD CARE BENEFIT & RELIEF REBATE to get the discount. So my weekly fee is  $\$7.65 \times 5 \text{ days} = \$38.25$  a week. The 50% REBATE is offered to everyone, this is not means tested, and anyone who applies to Centrelink gets the discount. Booyah!

It is easy to sign up for childcare with the OOSH. Drop in to the office and pick up a folder with a form inside. Fill it out with your details, and drop down and see the ladies at OOSH. If you already have an online Centrelink account – it is super easy. If you don't, you need to set up an online Centrelink account (slight pain involved – but worth it once it is done) so that you can apply for the Child Care Benefit and Relief Rebate.

The Child Care Benefit (also called CCB) is only available to lower household incomes, BUT the Child Care Relief Rebate (also called CCR) is available to EVERYONE. This is to make child care more affordable.

If you are interested in utilising the OOSH and need some advice, don't hesitate to give me a call on 0429 357720. Donna Morris



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**Main Office:**  
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Phone: 02 4939 1840 Fax: 02 4939 1849  
Email: [admin@mbcosh.org.au](mailto:admin@mbcosh.org.au)



## **SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER TERM 1 & 2**

Volunteers are needed for sausage sizzle in term 1 & 2. If any parent or grandparent from K- 6 could assist it would be greatly appreciated. **Sausage sizzles are \$2 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.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sue Jordan

	Roster Sausage Sizzle Term 1
Date	Name of volunteers
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Volunteer Needed
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Val & Len Tomkins
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Volunteer needed
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Volunteer needed

## **SCHOOL FEES**

Accounts have now been sent home with your eldest child.

**Payment can be made online, cash or Cheque and are due by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.**

Payments are for students Textbooks and Technology Fee.

**Kindergarten: Total cost is \$50**

**Years 1-6: Total cost is \$60**

Thank you to the parents who have already made their payments.

# CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 1, 2016

We would like to thank all the parents who have volunteered for Term 1.

If you know of a parent/grandparent/family friend who can assist in the canteen for lunch and/or recess, please contact the number provided below. We have a handful of experienced volunteers who can help newcomers learn the ropes.

If you can assist, please **text/call Jade on 0401604066** with your available dates.

	<b>Friday Lunch 9:30 - 11:30</b>	<b>Friday Recess 2.15-2.45</b>
<b>TERM 1</b>		
Wk 7 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Aleisha Wheaton Brooke Mexon	Mandy Ash Katrina Farley
Wk 8 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Holly Moore & Scott Spackman	Holly Moore & Scott Spackman
Wk 9 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
Wk 10 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>	
Wk 11 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Mandy Ash Katrina Farley	Mandy Ash Jade Hopkins

## P&C NEWS

**Next Meeting** – Wednesday, 16 March 2016 – 6pm in the computer room. Come along and hear Mr Welsh talk about the exciting initiative HOW2Learn.

**Entertainment Books** – Available for pre-order – contact Donna on 0429357720 (or [craigndonnamorris@bigpond.com](mailto:craigndonnamorris@bigpond.com))

**Easter Raffle** – Easter is nearly upon us and we are again running an Easter raffle, and tickets will be sent home very soon (and will also be available for purchase on the day of the Easter Hat Parade). We are seeking donations of Easter related gifts (eggs, books, craft items etc) for our raffle prizes. Please drop to your class teacher, or to the office. Thank you.

## WALLALONG PLAYGROUP

**Do you have children 0-6 years of age? Come and join our Wallalong playgroup at Hinton Public School every Monday morning from 9.45 -11.45 during school terms. We are a small informal group so come and have a chat while the kids play. Please bring a hat and small plate of food to share for the kids. Phone Katrina on 0421815840 for more information.**



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Bethany Mate 0403 143211

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## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY



## BASKETBALL

