NEW NSW SYLLABUSES

Parents would be aware that from 2014 schools throughout New South Wales will be implementing a revised NSW Syllabus that incorporates the Australian Curriculum. From the beginning of 2014 all primary and secondary schools will be teaching a new English syllabus. High schools will also be teaching from new Mathematics, Science and History syllabuses. Primary schools have a staged introduction of the other syllabuses given the complexity related to their implementation from Kindergarten to Year 6. Teachers from our school are working hard to prepare for this historic introduction of a single curriculum for our nation. Much of their work is being undertaken in their own time and contains hours of online training modules. We are committed to being ready so that your child will benefit from the high level of professional training our teachers are receiving. Each week a report will be included in the Highlights from one of our curriculum committees to give you an update on our progress. Parents who would like more detailed information related to the new syllabuses will find it on the Board of Studies website. [http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu.au/support-materials/parents-guide/](http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu.au/support-materials/parents-guide/)

STUDENT ILLNESSES

If your child is sent to school when suffering from an illness they will find it very difficult to concentrate and, depending on the illness, have the propensity to make other students sick. Our policy is to contact the parent as soon as possible when students are unwell or injured because the best place for them is with their parents and/or seeking medical attention.

YEAR 6 AT BULLI HIGH SCHOOL

Last Friday 1 March 2013 our Year 6 classes travelled down to Bulli High School to have an opportunity to experience high school for the day. All reports indicate our students had an informative visit and experienced a wide variety of subjects and activities. Our students were great ambassadors for their school and should be congratulated for their excellent behaviour.

iPADS at FORTY PACES

It seems our students are getting a real taste for new technology with classes from Kindergarten to Year 2 using iPads during literacy and numeracy groups. The school has decided to have a staged introduction to this new technology to work out clearly the needs of our staff and students in real learning experiences. The school is investigating installing a wireless network to assist the introduction of iPads into primary classrooms.

What parents can do at home to help their kids with reading

* Be confident that your child will learn to read. Give positive messages and involve them in everyday conversations and opportunities to read.
* Read aloud to your child. It helps them to learn about the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
* Read to your child in your home language if your first language is not English.
* Make reading enjoyable and talk about books, magazines and computer stories that you have read together.
* Try not to let television intrude on reading time. Make a special time for reading with your child, away from interruptions.
* Listen to your child read as often as you can, every day if possible, even if only for a short time.
* Give books in print or electronic form as treats and presents.

Hints for listening to your child read

* When reading together at home try to make the time relaxed, enjoyable and positive. Vary it. Read together, read to your child and take turns or have them read to you.
* Before reading, talk about the cover, the title and the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about.
* During reading, discuss what has been read up to that point and predict what might happen next.

Christopher Connor
Principal
Helensburgh Public School

2013 School Photos Wednesday 6th March

All students should have received their own individual envelope, spares are available from the office. Sibling photo envelopes are also available. Please ensure students wear full school uniform and bring their photo envelope to school on Wednesday.
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Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)
The PRC website opens for children today. Go to https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html Children can log on using their DEC username and passwords. All children will be bringing home a note this week with information about the PRC and this week’s library lessons will be focusing on it. I urge all parents to encourage their children to take part in the challenge and help them with their reading. Anyone requiring extra assistance with the challenge please see Mr McQueen in the library.

Parent Help Wanted
Over 450 new books have been added to the PRC booklists this year. As a result many books in our library need to be labelled as PRC books. If any parents can help with this process their help will be greatly appreciated. Over the next few weeks we will also have books that need covering. Once again any parent help covering books is greatly appreciated.

Book Club
Scholastic Book Club pamphlets have arrived at the school and have been distributed to children in years K – 2. Children in years 3 – 6 who would like the pamphlet can collect them from the library circulation desk. Due back Friday 15th March.

Mr McQueen Teacher Librarian

Curriculum News - MATHEMATICS
To implement the K-10 Continuum the school is utilising some regional programs developed to support the teaching of Mathematics, these include:-

Best Start

TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy)

Count On - Years 5 and 6

At HPS all teachers are committed to developing their professional learning in Mathematics and to follow these programs.

Overview of programs

Best Start - begins in Kindergarten and continues to Yr 2.

TEN - is a research based model of learning that provides clear guidance for all student’s development of early numeracy strategies for addition and subtraction problems.

Count On - is a professional development program that targets the needs of students in the middle years. Teachers at HPS differentiate their teaching and learning programs to guide student’s strategies beyond the count-by-one strategy to solve calculation tasks.

Teachers track students achievements along the K-10 Continuum in 7 aspects:

1. counting sequence
2. early arithmetic strategies
3. patterns and numbers
4. place value
5. multiplication and division
6. fractions
7. length, volume and area

These aspects will continue to be a focus for all teachers with the introduction of the new NSW Mathematics syllabus.

Where to next?
We have been communicating with our partner high schools to ensure our Stage 3 children have no gaps in their learning when they reach Stage 4. Mathematics resourcing stock take at HPS has begun to ensure we have adequate equipment to support the new syllabus.

Where can you go?
Look on the departmental website A-Z for more details on fact sheets, videos and activities in to support your child’s learning in mathematics.

Leanne Hebden- Mathematics Committee

2013 Textbooks
Textbook notes have been sent home with all students (a copy is also available on our website). Books will be distributed to students after 11th March and payment has been received. Please contact Mr Connor if you are experiencing financial difficulty and payment options can be arranged.
HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

Engadine High School 2013 Open Night
On Tuesday, 5th March 2013, Engadine HS will host an Open Night 6.00 - 9.00pm. Interested parents can contact the school direct on 9520 0411 or 9520 0124.

Bulli High School 2013 Parent Evening
On Tuesday, 5th March 2013, Bulli HS will host its Expo evening at 6.30pm. Interested parents can contact the school direct on 4284 8266.

Mrs Murray
High School Transitions

NSW Public School Primary and Junior Drama Ensembles Auditions
The NSW Public School Primary and Junior Drama Ensembles Auditions for Years 5 and 6 are currently being organised. If your child/children attend Drama class outside school and is/are exhibiting talent, you may be interested. Please visit www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au for full details and application criteria.

Attention: Year 2-4 Dance Students
Nominations are now open for the 2013 Years 2-4 State Dance Workshops. The NSW Public School Dance Workshops have been developed in response to a large demand for dance experience in Years 2-4.

When: Thursday, 14th March (Years 2-3) and Friday, 15th March (Year 4)
Where: Sydney Dance Company Studios, Walsh Bay,
Cost: Year 2 - 3: $50.00 Year 4: $62.50
Apply: Susan Rix on 8512 1179
or susan.rix@det.nsw.edu.au

Spare Clothing
We are in urgent need of girls clean undies size 6-10.

Environmental News
Family and community members are warmly welcome to join the Environment team on Thursdays. Activities include maintenance of our veggie, sensory and bush-tucker gardens, rainforest area, bush trail and ‘quiet area’.

Abundant rain and sun have nourished our veggie and herb gardens, and many of the citrus are bearing their first fruit. Students have also planted new autumn vegetables over the past two weeks. Our thriving gardens enable Canteen staff to harvest weekly, for use in lunches.

If you happen to have spare bunching onions and flat garlic chives, we are looking to add these to the garden smorgasbord.

Thank you for your used Nepresso coffee pods. 6C are in charge of recycling these. Other items recyclable at our school include stamps, corks, elastic bands, mobile phones, ink cartridges and batteries.

Ms Lewis

Canteen News
LAST CHANCE - for orders. This Thursday (7th March) is cheese n bacon roll day. Order forms went home last week and all orders should be left in the canteen by Tuesday morning.

Thank you to everyone who supported “Milkshake Monday” last week. We are sorry to anyone who missed out but after 15 litres of milk and 5 litres of ice-cream, we were totally sold out. We are looking at introducing milkshake Monday on the last Monday of each month. Next one is 25th March.

We are now compiling a new canteen roster for terms 2 to 4 this year. We are in URGENT need of helpers, if you can spare one half day per month please fill out the form attached and return it to the canteen A.S.A.P. If you have any queries, please drop by the canteen and see us.

Thank you
Jan Hill Bronwyn Charman
42941778 42943568

Canteen Helpers

| Name ____________________________________________________ | Phone No. __________________________ |
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| Child’s Name _______________________________________________ | Class ______________________________ |
| Day Preferred ______________________________________________ | Take me off roster _________________ |
| Change of Day ____________________________________________________________________________________ |
Community Notices
SPAT presents La Triviata
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Motor Bike Gear For Sale
Two pairs of brand new goggles $20 each. One pair of motor bike boots - Forma Terrain TX - Euro size 41, UK 7, USA 8. These boots are brand new, never worn - $150. Youth XL long sleeve riding shirt - $20. These items can be viewed - Phone 0414 293 724

Musical Instruments for Sale
Used clarinet for sale, most likely needs a service. $380. Please call Kerry on 0413 142 655

Sealiff Hockey Club Registrations 2013
Sealiff Hockey Club has spots are left in their U7 and U11 mixed teams. Playing in the Illawarra on a Saturday morning for fun or to learn a new sport. Contact info@seacliffhockey.com.au for more information or visit www.seacliffhockey.com.au

Northern District Tigers Junior AFL
Registration is underway for the 2013 season AFL caters for boys and girls from 5 to 16 years
For further information Contact Evie (Club Registrar) on northerndistrictjunior@northerndistricttigers@gmail.com

Lions Club Easter Scramble
Join your local Lions and chocolate lovers for the 5th Easter Scramble on Saturday, 30 March 2013, in Charles Harper Park from 9am to 11.30am. We will be serving breakfast from 9am – bacon and eggs, sausages or pancakes with fresh fruit salad.
Buy a raffle ticket for some chocolate prizes and then enjoy a free reptile show with Snake Tails, an interactive and informative talk about all things slithery and scaly! When the show is over, the Scramble begins! To Scramble, we need eggs, so please bring along some eggs for the Easter basket so there is plenty to go around! There will be two sessions, the first for children under 5, the second for children 6 and over. Remember the Scramble rules:- No pushing or shoving - No taking other people’s eggs, and - Absolutely, NO bags or buckets! We hope to see you on Easter Saturday for this wonderful community event!

Have You Ever Wondered About the Animals that Live on Our Coastal Rock Platforms?
Come and join us for a brief seminar learning about our coastal environment followed by some light refreshments and a walk over the Coalcliff rock platform investigating the amazing diversity of life that lives between the land and the sea. A fun event for the whole family. Hosted by Coalcliff SLSC as part of the Coastal Ambassadors Program on behalf of SLS NSW, NSW Environment Trust and the Coastal Environment Centre. Bookings ESSENTIAL TO: mingara7@bigpond.com Saturday 9th March, 2013 Where: COALCLIFF SLSC What to bring: Sturdy covered shoes that can get wet, hat, sunscreen, water bottle

Parks Week 2013 “Get Healthy by Nature”.
NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service is hosting a family cycling event at Bungonia National Park.”On Ya’ Bike” at Bungonia National Park starts at 10:30 Saturday morning 2nd March, and includes a variety of activities, such as an obstacle course, slalom rides, down hill roll-over, bike-carry, mountain biking and a mystery ride. Camping facilities are also available, as Sunday morning will see a family bike parade and awarding of the best decorated bikes. Bungonia National Park is about 35 kilometres from Goulburn. There’s a small cost of $5 per child per day for the event. Vehicle entry and park camping fees also apply. To ensure a smooth running weekend, numbers are limited, so bookings are required through the Fitzroy Falls Visitor Centre on 02 4887 7270. For more information about this and other Park Week 2013 activities, visit: http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/Whats- On/parpsweek To find out more about Bungonia National Park or book your camp site, visit: http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/bungonia-national-park
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