PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 23rd May, Hunter participated in the Hawkesbury District Cross Country Carnival as part of the Small Schools Cross Country Team.

Congratulations to Hunter who came 49th in his age race. Well Done!

RELAY FOR LIFE

Thank you to all the families and students, who supported our Hawkesbury Relay for Life fundraiser at Vineyard Public School on Wednesday 21st May, 2014.

Our school community raised $200 that was donated to the Jimbo for Life Team. Congratulations to Jimbo for Life Team who raised over $8000 for the Cancer Council.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Students in Year 3 and 5 have now completed the 2014 NAPLAN. Parents should receive feedback around the beginning of Term 4 on the outcome of these assessments.

ALLERGIES

We currently have students at our school that have allergies. As a result of this, we are requesting that students DO NOT bring nut products to school. These items could include; peanut butter sandwiches, nut bars and Nutella.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Wednesday 14th May, we had the reshoot of our School Group photos. I have now proofed the photos and have approved them for publishing. Hopefully, it will not be too long before you receive your photo package.

I appreciate your support and apologise for the delay in you receiving your school photos. I am hoping that on receiving your packages you will be happy with the quality of the photos considering the cost in which you have all outlaid.

WRITERS’ FESTIVAL YEARS 3 – 6

I went to the Writers’ Festival. One of the authors had a funny joke book. He was my favourite. One of the illustrators drew the pictures on the book he wrote, Too Many Elephants in the House. He also wrote lots of other stories.

Reported by Ethan

Calendar

Wednesday 4th June
- K – 3 Excursion Australiana Pioneer Village

Thursday 5th June
- K – 6 Assembly: Host – School leaders, performance 3/4/5/6 2.45pm
- World Earth Conference - Year 5

Tuesday 10th June
- Sports Carnival
- Year 6 Fundraiser

Thursday 12th June
- Coffee and Chat 9.15am
- Recycling Show

Tuesday 17th June
- Choir rehearsals @ Hawkesbury High School
- Hawkesbury G & T Courses hosted by Vineyard

Thursday 19th June
- Science Enrichment Afternoon @ Riverstone High Years 5 & 6

Friday 20th June
- Soccer Gala day @ Londonderry Years 3 – 6

Tuesday 24th June
- NAIDOC Celebration Day

Thursday 26th June
- Longneck Lagoon Leadership Day Year 6

Friday 27th June
- Last day for Term 2
- Year 6 Fundraiser
2013 YEAR 6 FAREWELL GIFT

The three decorative three metre long pencils, which were a gift to the school from the 2013 Year 6 students, have now been installed in our garden.

We have already had some wonderful comments as to how good they look. Thank you Year 6, 2013 for giving our school such a wonderful gift that has enhanced our school playground and provides a powerful message to our community and visitors to our school.

Thank you to Chloe, Maddison and Lachlan’s dad and his friend who kindly installed the pencils, provided the equipment and donated the materials that were required.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

To streamline the process when students are returning permission notes and payments for school activities, we have installed a letter box in the school foyer for students to place their permission notes and money.

All money and permission notes must be in either a sealed envelope or a snap lock plastic bag with the student’s name and then placed in the letter box by the returned date as per the school note.

We have placed envelopes on the office counter for your convenience.

C.A.R.E.S (Community and Road Education Scheme)

On Tuesday, Tim, Chloe, Charlotte, Hayley, Tara, Hunter, Iziah and I went to Blacktown to participate in an activity about Road Safety. The activity was called Community and Road Education Scheme. They taught us about road safety, the road rules and how to signal while turning and stopping.

We had our own licences with 12 demerit points. The aim was to try and keep all of your points. We would lose points for not stopping at a red light, not giving way at a give way sign, not stopping at a stop sign, not signalling while turning and speeding.

Reported by Andrew

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Vineyard Public School will celebrate NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week. Since NAIDOC Week is celebrated from the 6th July to 13th July we will recognise the day on Tuesday 24th June, 2014.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Vineyard’s Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 10th June, 2014. The carnival will be held in the school grounds. You are invited to come and enjoy the day watching your child participate in their events.

Students will participate in the age races using the age that they will be in 2014. Boys and girls races will be held separately. We will be running races of varying distances.

ENROLLING FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015
We are currently accepting enrolments for next year, 2015. If you or your neighbours or friends have any children ready to start school, now is the time to complete the necessary paperwork.

We are required to submit our anticipated numbers for 2015 to the Department of Education and Community in Term 3. It will be of great assistance if we have accurate numbers of proposed kindergarten enrolments for next year.

LIBRARY BOOKS
We are currently doing a stock take of the books in the School Library. We have found that a considerable amount of library books are no longer on our shelves. Could you please check your bookshelves and children’s bedrooms for any books that may not have been returned to our school. We would appreciate it, if any books that you find are returned to school.

COFFEE AND CHAT
You are invited to Coffee & Chat in the school library on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 9.15am. This is an informal gathering of parents where we will have an opportunity to discuss what’s happening at Vineyard.

Please put this date in your diary and come along to meet some of the other parents and have an opportunity to contribute to the life of our school.

SMOKING ON PUBLIC LANDS AND BUILDINGS
I am sure everyone is aware that smoking on school grounds is prohibited. We all appreciate the efforts made to ensure that these laws are supported for the welfare of staff and students.

It is also important to ensure you are not smoking in close proximity to the school entrances and exits. Some parents are naturally concerned about smoke being around students especially those with breathing and asthmatic health issues. We do appreciate your support in helping us to ensure the health and safety of all our students and families.

ATTENDANCE
Our school values and encourages regular attendance at school. Each Monday we have an attendance draw. The name of each student who has attended school every day of the week is placed in their class attendance draw. The student’s whose name is drawn receives a $1.00 gift voucher for the canteen and their name is published in the newsletter.

At the end of the term, students who have attended school every day and have no more than 3 partial attendances, go in the draw for a $20 gift shopping voucher.

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school.
Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

P&C BUNNINGS BBQ
This Saturday 31st May, our P&C will be holding a Sausage Sizzle at the Bunnings Warehouse at McGraths Hill to raise much needed funds for the school. This will be the major fundraiser for 2014 and we would like to see you there.

The Sausage Sizzle will operate from 8am until 4pm. If you can help us on the day we would greatly appreciate your assistance. Please come along and enjoy a delicious sausage sandwich and support our wonderful school. We hope to see you there!
P&C MEETINGS
P & C meetings are held at Vineyard Public School on the last Monday of the month at 6.30pm. The P&C can play a vital role in our school, by raising funds and purchasing much needed equipment for the benefit of all children in our school. The meeting also allows the opportunity for me to report on school activities and achievements, gather your ideas, opinions and thoughts to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our students.

A requirement of the P & C Federation is that there is a quorum of five for the meeting to be held. Unfortunately, the last two P & C meetings have had to be cancelled as we have been unable to meet the quorum requirements.

The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday, 23rd June at 6.30pm. Please come and meet our very dedicated members and become actively involved in our school community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to all the students who celebrated their birthdays.

Jeremy 6 years   Eva-Rose 8 years   Liam 6 years

Pauline Bentham
Principal

CLASS AWARDS
CLASS K/1/2 3/4/5/6
Codie  Iziah
Joseph  Josh H

PICK OF THE BUNCH AWARDS
Green CLASS K/1/2 3/4/5/6
Sara  Ronald

GRAPE BADGES CLASS K/1/2
Luka  Eva-Rose  Maddison

ATTENDANCE AWARDS CLASS K/1/2 3/4/5/6
Billy  Brady-James

CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD
Joshua P  Liam

NOTES SENT HOME YEAR COST PARENT / PERMISSION NOTE DUE
Australiana Village Excursion   K-3   $7 Monday 2nd June
Hawkesbury G & T Program   Selected students   $10 Thursday May 29th
School Camp   Yr 4/5/6   $215.00 1st Instalment: Wednesday 28th May
                              2nd Instalment: Wednesday 11th June
                              3rd Instalment: Wednesday 25th June
                              4th Instalment: Wednesday 16th July
                              Full Payment: Wednesday 25th June