PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student of the Week
Congratulations to Taylor Simmons from the Armada class for being selected as this week's Student of the Week. Taylor receives this award for always working well. She is polite and considerate in the playground. Taylor performs her role as the shadow minister for the environment with great diligence.

Bouquets
Many thanks are extended to the NAIDOC Committee for their hard work in preparation for our celebrations this week.

I’d also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Fowler for all her efforts behind the scenes ensuring that we have a very successful athletics carnival on Friday.

Thanks to all the students who supported our Red Cross fundraiser last week. It’s great to think that our students can make a difference to other students doing it tough elsewhere.

Our teachers have been busy working on semester 1 reports over the past few weeks. I am most impressed by the quality of the reports that I have read so far. I hope you are too. Remember, you are always welcome to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss progress. Contact the office or the teacher to make an appointment.

Coming Up

REMEMBER: No Weekly Assembly this week due to our K-6 Athletics Carnival

NAIDOC Week Activities

Tomorrow is the last chance to pay for the Snake Tails Performance- only $5.00 per student. Don’t let your children miss out! Wednesday 25 June 2014, NAIDOC day

Highlights of the day include:
- Snake Tails performance
- Indigenous food sampling (Crocodile, Emu and Kangaroo Sausages, Kangaroo stew, damper)
- Free to wear Red, Black and / or Yellow to celebrate the day.
- Boomerang Painting
- Hunter River High Cultural Dance Group

Indigenous Sporting Activities and other exciting activities.

School Athletics Carnival

Our annual K-6 Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday. Students will participate in activity based tabloid style activities throughout the day. Please return the permission note and $2 bus fare by Wednesday. We ask that all students travel together on the bus, as costs are calculated on this basis.

Further information is located later in the newsletter.

Reports
Student reports will be going home this Thursday. Please return your blue report folders to the classroom teacher or the Administration office.

School Vacation
Students return to school on Tuesday 15 July 2014

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
The Stage 3 Canberra Excursion is fast approaching. This excursion begins on Monday 28 July. Please continue to make payments as this needs to be paid by Friday 18 July.

Mark Clemson
Principal

Flu season is here!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two
Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

**Banish the “I’m bored” complaints these holidays**

It’s harder in winter to keep kids occupied with anything other than a small screen. Here are some websites that have great tips for things your family can do these school holidays, whether you’re staying put or taking off on a holiday across the state:

- [Destination NSW](http://bit.ly/1niJ7sI)
- [Winter school holidays in Sydney](http://bit.ly/1nQsVC6)
- [School holidays in Newcastle](http://bit.ly/1nljlpg)
- [Winter school holidays Central Coast](http://bit.ly/1ingSwX)
- [Attractions for kids in regional NSW](http://bit.ly/1lE8vMw)
- [Sydney Olympic Park – What’s On](http://bit.ly/1IXUJ7Z)
- [Australian Museum](http://bit.ly/1uEBhxD)
- [Kids Camps – NSW Sport and Recreation](http://bit.ly/1hWxTra)

**Keep brains ticking over these holidays**

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don’t forget [www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au](http://www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au) has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework. For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here’s where you’ll find the free app to download: [http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G](http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G)

**School Social**

The school social will be held on Wednesday 25 June. It will be held from 6-7.30pm. Please make sure students turn up just before 6 to ensure that they are supervised. The entry cost will be $1 and poppers will be sold for $1. The theme for the night is “Fantasy”. Tomaree and Corrie to bring a plate of food.

Emily True

**Golf Tournament**

Tuesday 24 June at 3.45pm at Hawks Nest Golf Club

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**BAND FEES REMINDER**

Band fees were due by Monday 16 June.

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**WANTED**

**CANTEEN WORKERS FOR CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH FRIDAY 25 JULY**

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**Boys’ Soccer**

Last Thursday our boys’ soccer team played Raymond Terrace at Memorial Park, Tea Gardens. After a quiet first half, the boys worked hard in the second half to secure a victory of 6-1. Well done boys! I will pass on any information regarding our next game as soon as possible. I would like to thank Mr Woodfield and Mr Barry for their assistance on the day and setting up the field. We look forward to our next game.

Emily True

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**Helen Holdom**

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Helen Holdom. Mrs Holdom was part of our staff for many years. Helen retired at the end of 2009 after a teaching career which spanned 43 years. She had a number of roles at our school, including class teacher, art and craft teacher and teacher librarian. Many students developed a love of reading through Mrs Holdom’s encouragement.
Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday 27 June 2014 at Myall Park, Hawks Nest. Please ensure that your child has returned their permission note and $2 bus money. The carnival will run from 9.15am – 2.00pm. Parents / caregivers are most welcome to join us on the day.

Students have been allocated a house colour and may like to wear a t-shirt and other clothing of that colour on the day. Otherwise, sports uniform should be worn. The houses and colours are: Corrie – yellow, Stephens – green, Tomaree – red and Yacaaba – blue.

The canteen will be operating throughout the day selling sausages sandwiches ($2.50), muffins (50c), Icy Bites (50c), flavoured milk ($1.20), poppers ($1.00), bottled water (sm-$1.00, lg-$1.50), tea, coffee and milo (all $1.00). Students will need to order their sausage sandwiches and drinks prior to the day. Please have orders in to the canteen by Wednesday 25 June and ensure your child’s name, class and ‘Athletics Carnival’ is clearly marked on the envelope. If you are able to assist serving the lunches at the carnival, please see Christine Wisemantle at the canteen on the day.

Please note that many events for representation at zone, region and state level are based on “Junior”- aged 8-10 years, 11 years and “Senior” aged 12/ 13 years. Winning an individual race or event does not guarantee a position in our school representative team. The results from the tabloids of individual age groups will be compared against other individual age groups and qualifying heights / distances to select our zone representative team.

Below is a copy of the program of events for the day.

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Kathryn Fowler
Carnival Coordinator
CANTINE NEWS—TERM 2 WEEK 9

WEDNESDAY 25th June
NO CANTEEN

THURSDAY 26th June
(Melinda Scott/Leanne Whitby)
Chicken Quiche & Salad
$4.50 meal only

FRIDAY 27th June
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL—HAWKS NEST OVAL
Sausage Sandwiches
Flavoured Milk
Poppers
Bottled Water (sml)
Bottled Water (Lge)
Tea, Coffee, Milo (all)
Muffins & Icy Bites

Students will need to order their sausage sandwich, drinks and food by 25th June.

PLEASE NOTE: CANTEEN WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERING MEAL DEALS. MEALS ARE $4.50. DRINKS SOLD SEPARATELY

SMALL JUICE POPPERS
LARGE JUICE POPPERS
MILK

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 20th June 2014. They were:

PRIDE
Kobi Wells Improved reading and writing
Montana Delaney Working well in reading groups

ARMY
Disa Godwin Great hearing of sounds in words
Jack Steffen Great hearing of sounds in words

TEAM
Lara Randall For improved effort in maths
Jaydon Condie For fast typing skills during computer lessons

MOB
Shaylee Gibbs For working well in maths
Kayla-Jane Horne Working well in all areas

POD
Logan Craft Consistent effort and application in reading groups
Angie Roberts An improved approach towards her class work

TROOP
Mikayla Stuart Improvement across all key learning areas
Casey O’Bryan Fast recall of number facts

CORPS
Lillarna Baillie Great answers to questions
Jackson Gibbs Great work in maths

COLONY
Harry Roberts Great effort in writing
Carlin Ussher-Durham Great effort in writing

ARMADA
Georgia Stevenson Enthusiasm for drama activities
Zoe Hockings Improving her skills when using power point

GET THE KIDS ACTIVE!

Do you find it challenging to get the kids away from their computer or TV to play outside?

We all know how important it is for a child’s health, growth and development to be physically active each day, but with increasing technology in our lives, this can sometimes be a real challenge!

We may have the answer for you!

Go4Fun is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13. It is run after school hours by a qualified Dietitian and Exercise Leader. To see if your child qualifies for the Go4Fun program, or for more information, visit the Go4Fun website at http://go4fun.com.au or call 1800 790 900.

Term 3 programs being offered in Maryland, New Lambton, Raymond Terrace, Anna Bay, Maitland and Belmont North – even a Saturday afternoon program to meet the needs of busy families.

REGISTER BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!!!!

Encourage your child to be active, happy and healthy TODAY!!