PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations are extended to Lily Arum-Laws from the Cadets class for being named our ‘Student of the Week’. Lily receives the acknowledgement for always doing her work diligently, for being a responsible member on the shadow bench, showing initiative and being a self-directed learner. Congratulations Lily on being a much-deserved recipient of this week’s award!

BOUQUETS

Blue Mountains / Bathurst Excursion

Many thanks to Miss Winney for coordinating the stage three excursion. In addition, thanks are extended to the other accompanying staff, Mr Weightman and Mrs Evans plus our accompanying parents namely Ivy Stevenson, Christie Gessey, Col McCarthy and Andrew Jeffries. It sounds like it was an enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Canteen Volunteers

Many thanks are extended to all parents who have volunteered their time in the canteen during 2015. Our P&C operated canteen would not be able to function without the ongoing support and assistance of our dedicated volunteers. Thank you!

Student decision making and the Tea Gardens Men’s Shed

Thanks to Kevin and the wonderful group of men at the Men’s Shed for sourcing and replacing the 48 wheels on our chair trolleys. Over time, many of the wheels had fallen off and the trolleys had become unsafe to manoeuvre. Recently, our student parliament passed a motion to have the wheels replaced. Unfortunately, this job was beyond the capacity of the staff at school. The senate (our school staff) suggested making contact with representatives at the Men’s Shed to seek their support. A short time later and with minimal cost, we are now the proud owners of fully operational chair trolleys. Thank you to every one involved.

Many Thanks

A special thank you to Mrs Ngaire White and Melisa Brown for their expertise today with the line marking of the oval in preparation of our Athletics Carnival on Friday.

COMING UP

Semester 1 Reports are being sent home today.

Semester one reports are going home with your child today. If you have any concerns or questions that arise from your child’s report please contact your child’s teacher for further clarification.

NSWPSSA Girls Football (Soccer) Knockout – 23rd June 2015

Our girls’ soccer team will be playing against Forster Public School in Forster tomorrow at 11am. We wish the team the best of luck.

Golf

Golf will be on tomorrow afternoon. Please meet Mr Weightman at the Golf Club at 4.00pm.

NO Weekly Assembly this Friday, 26th June 2015

Due to our annual athletics carnival, we will not be holding assembly this week.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations - Wednesday 24 June

Our students will be participating in a number of activities that celebrate Aboriginal culture on Wednesday. Some of the highlights of our NAIDOC celebrations include:

Cultural Activities: a local Aboriginal Ranger from the National Parks and Wildlife Service is coming to present activities based around local areas of significance, as well as Hunter River High School’s Aboriginal culture group who will be working with the students in Aboriginal dance. We will be celebrating with Aboriginal games and art.

Taste Testing: The students will also have the opportunity to taste a variety of native foods including wattle seed biscuits, lemon myrtle tea, and kangaroo stew. If you do not want your child to participate in the taste testings, please advise the class teacher with a note.

Mufti Day: Students and staff are invited to wear red, black and yellow to show our collective support of Aboriginal culture.
Parental Involvement: We would like to invite parents and our Aboriginal community to come and help celebrate with us on the day. Support from the community is essential in making our day a success. Anyone who is interested in coming to help on the day can contact Mrs Miriam Avery or Mrs Anya Ingram at the school for further information.

K-6 School Athletics Carnival – Friday 26 June
Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday at Myall Park, Hawks Nest. The events will begin at 9.15am and conclude at 2pm. Students are to wear their sports uniform, but may wear a house coloured t-shirt if they wish.

The canteen will be operating throughout the day selling sausages on bread rolls ($2.50), muffins (50c), Red Rock chips ($1.00), Quelch Fruit Sticks (50c), flavoured milk ($1.50), poppers ($1.00), bottled water (sm-$1.00, lg-$1.20), tea, coffee and milo (all $1.00). Students will be able to purchase their lunch at the designated lunch break. Please note there will be no pre-ordering lunches this year.

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

All students need to return their permission notes and $2.00 bus fare to the office by Wednesday. Below is a copy of the program of events for the day. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bus Timetable Changes for Term Three
Transport for NSW has consulted with Busways North Coast in relation to our homebound journeys and the following arrangements have been made:

Commencing the first day of Term 3, Tuesday 14th July, 2015, School Bus 25 will pick up at the school at 3.00pm and take students to Tea Gardens before returning to the school to then take students to Hawks Nest departing at 3.16pm. We will let you know as soon as further information is provided.

Second Hand Uniforms
Please send in any unwanted second hand winter uniform items to the office.

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Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 19th June 2015. They were:

**ALLIES**
- Rachael Watson: Working well in class
- Jenayah Hall: Working well in class

**BRIGADE**
- Kalli Bates: Improvement in reading and story writing
- Lewis Smith: Writing interesting stories about living things

**HEROES**
- Blanka Patteson: Fantastic effort writing a story about living things
- Rosie Whitby: Improved application towards class tasks

**MATES**
- Jaydon Condie: Improved effort in completing written tasks
- Tyler Rodgers: For his quick thinking and logical approach to Maths tasks

**POPPIES**
- Kim Deng: A fantastic effort using direct speech in her writing
- Arabella Sylvaney: A fantastic effort using direct speech in her writing

**AIF**
- Jermaine Wolfram: Excellent summarising
- Cooper Connolly: Excellent summarising

**CADETS**
- Zane Ridley: Great summarising
- Ryver McDonald: For his assistance around the school

**SQUADRON**
- Hayden Krohn: Great contribution to class discussions
- Brandon Price: His assistance with technology

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**HUNTER WRITERS CENTRE AND LAKE MACQUARIE LIBRARIES**

Creative Writing for Young People school holiday workshop
Thursday 9th July
Charlestown Library, Laman Street, Newcastle
(10am to 4pm)
$25

Learn valuable writing tips and practical exercises to fuel your imagination and build your writing confidence at a relaxed and supportive workshop designed for young writers 12-18 years.

Bookings are essential and can be made online or in person prior to this event

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**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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ARTWORKS FOR SALE
Please don’t forget that we still have many class artworks from the Art Show. These wonderful pieces of art are for sale for $5.00 each. They would look wonderful framed and in your home.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
As weather moves into colder times, please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform for winter. All items are available for sale from the office. Navy zipped jackets ($25), Grey Long pants ($18), Long sleeved polo ($20), Navy track pants—sport ($20), Girls Bootleg fleecy pants ($28). We also have some second hand items for sale at $2 each.

CANTEEN MENU & VOLUNTEERS ROSTER TERM 2

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**NAIDOC DAY TASTE TESTING**
CANTEEN OPEN FOR SNACKS ONLY

Last day of canteen Term 2
Taco’s (2) – lettuce, tomato & cheese

Optional sour cream & sweet chilli sauce**

Canteen Closed
Athletics Carnival
Myall Park Hawks Nest
’Sausage sizzle’
Sausage on Roll $2.50
Muffins 50 cents
Red Rock Chips $1
Quelch Fruit Sticks 50 cents
Flavoured Milk $1.50
Poppers $1
Bottled Water (sm) $1 (lge) $1.20
Tea, Coffee, Milo $1 ea

CANTEEN SUPERVISOR
DANIELLE DRISCOLL
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SANDWICHES AVAILABLE:
VEGEMITE, JAM, HONEY $1.50
CHEESE, CHEESE/TOMATO $2.50

PLEASE NOTE: WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE—CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN FOR SNACKS ONLY (NO MEALS) DUE TO NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS
WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

Stage 2 Working scientifically + University = Widens career choices

Careers Through Science (CTS) is a program being offered in our school by the AIM HIGH team from the University of Newcastle to support the “Working Scientifically” outcomes for stage 2 students.

CTS seeks to provide our students with skills to begin to initiate their own investigations and develop ideas for investigation using the processes of “Working Scientifically”.

With AIM HIGH University Crew members our students will:

- safely and carefully manipulate tools, materials and equipment;
- make and record observations, using accurate measurements;
- suggest reasons why experimental methods are fair or not;
- organise and identify patterns in data using simple tables and column graphs;
- suggest reasons for good observations and compare findings with predictions.

This activity-based model of Careers Through Science aims to raise awareness amongst primary school students of many professional careers, and the pathways to these careers, while simultaneously building skills and further interest in working scientifically.
**Three Sisters**

Finally after we arrived at the Three Sisters lookout everyone happily jumped out of the bus and walked over to a quiet seating area just around from the lookout. Everyone ate their delicious filling lunch and had a look around at the scenery. There were small narrow caves man made with graffiti covering the whole inside. Finally, when everyone finished lunch we walked to the Three Sisters. No one thought that we would be able to see them clearly because of the weather. To our surprise, the Three Sisters could be clearly pointed out. There were kids everywhere looking around the lookout and taking captivating photos. At the three sisters it looked like there were actually 4 sisters. Three bigger sized rocks and one little rock which could only be seen if you look closely. Many people enjoyed the view and there were tourists everywhere. Before we left for the gift shop we all took a group photo where we had the three sisters in the background. After the group photo we all had turns going to the small gift shop. Many people bought gloves or beanies as it was quite cold. Shona and I bought a bracelet exactly the same. Finally after the gift shop we all boarded the bus.

By Shona and Taylor

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**At the fossil and mineral museum.**

When we went to Bathurst we went to a place called the fossil and mineral museum. When we got inside there was a little room with minerals and there was a lady that told us everything about the sun and volcanoes and what comes out of them. The next room had even more minerals. We watched a video about gold. The next room had fossils and other stuff like the extinct Megalodon tooth. It’s bigger than two full grown great whites and that’s only a baby. There was an egg that was from an elephant bird and there was a fossil called an ember and if you take a picture of it and the flash is on it will crumble.

Mitchell and Tyreece

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**At Scenic world**

At scenic world we went on the railway, the cableway & went into the rainforest. First we went on the cableway we were way above the rainforest and the valley. When we landed we walked to the railway at the rainforest, on the way we saw a Lyre-bird preening itself and a little miners shack. The ranger told us about the life in the rainforest and the trees even one of them in a bushfire sometimes only it will burn inside the tree it is also known as the candle. When we made it out of the forest we went on the railway. We went backwards most people were screaming, we went through the tunnel and that’s when everyone screamed. When we got off we had a quick stop at the souvenir shop and when we finished we went to the Bathurst goldfields. Hannah and Haley

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**Bathurst – Funny Moments**

Wednesday night we were all in a room learning a dance, when Sophia and I were spinning to the end of the line and I tripped over Jarryd’s foot. I nearly pushed Sophia into the brick wall.

When people at camp thought that Riley’s name was Ryan. Every time he was called Ryan he laughed.

On Wednesday we met Merv, a man that works at our accommodation. He brought us into the museum and talked about how far people mined underground, showed us some things that were used in the gold rush days, we talked about clothing and looked at some things that were on display.

Merv also took us in to a blacksmiths work shop. He got four students to pump air in to a fire so he could make a steel rod hot. When it was hot it was soft so he hit it into the shape of a fire poker.

By Piper and Sophia

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**Colonial Music**

We learned many songs from the 1800’s. Most of them were from Banjo Patterson. They were songs like Waltzing Matilda and poems like the man from Snowy River and then we had a massive dance it was really fun I kept laughing. Then the man told us some more poems and songs then he said that the blues won and most of us shouted, “YES”. He said, “I’ll do one more song”. The song was about sheep shearsers getting robbed. After that we went to our cabins.

By Zane and Ezra

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**Goldfields**

We learnt about the life on the goldfields with Chris & Merv and they talked about when they lived on the goldfields, how they lived, how they worked, how they found gold. We played tug of war, throw the horse shoe, throw the round thing, we made mud bricks it was messy. We made damper it was yummy.

Dane

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**Bathurst**

1. At the sheep and cattle drome the man threw a lamb tail at Aussie and Aussie thought that he had to cut the lamb tail off.
2. Hannah fell out of bed as Lily-Arum was getting out and she stomped on Hannah luckily Hannah was not hurt and we all laughed.
3. We had a really mean lady looking after us and Lily-Arum got up out of her seat to get another jug of water the lady yelled “GET IN YOUR SEAT NOW!!!!!” Lily quickly sat down we were all very surprised that Lily had got in trouble.
4. When we were at the museum, Riley got chosen to do something and the lady there thought his name was Ryan she called him that all day.

Lilliarna and Tyleya

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