Thursday, July 23rd, 2015

Calendar
Term 3

HEALTHY HAROLD VISIT: Friday, July 24th

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN LESSONS: Monday, July 27th

Ready4School: Wednesday, July 29th

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN LESSONS: Monday, August 3rd

Ready4School: Wednesday, August 5th

SMART SCIENCE SHOW: Friday, August 7th

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
Friday, August 7th

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN LESSONS: Monday, August 10th

Ready4School: Wednesday, August 12th

SCHOOL PHOTOS: August 31st

On Tuesday night, July 28th, quality education in this region will be celebrated at the Singleton District Hunter/Central Coast Region Schools Education Week Reception, to be held at the Singleton High School. Our School’s comprehensive transition to school program, Ready4School, has been nominated for an innovative program award. We are proud of the effectiveness of this program and celebrate the successes of our little people. You are invited to come along and join us in this event.

Last night some of our students participated in a performance gala, KAOS (Kids Active on Stage), as part of the Singleton Festival of the Arts 2015. We were proud of our students, their behaviour and their performance. Thanks to those families who attended, showing their support for our participation in cross-school activities and our work with your children.

Today’s front-page photo shows those who participated in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival last week. We brought home the Ellis Ball Memorial Trophy for the Most Improved School; congratulations everyone involved! Inside there are photos of the four students who have made it through to Zone Selection: Anna, Ella, Jack and Lilly-Jane. They will be competing at Scone on Friday, July 31st. Hope the weather is kind to them...

Regina
Small Schools Athletics Carnival, 2015

Friday Cake Raffle... 50cents a ticket to support Student Representative Council.

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Canteen!!
Please have orders and payment at School by Tuesday each week.

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NAIDOC Day, 2015

Students travelled to Milbrodale this week to celebrate NAIDOC Day. They learned about Aboriginal tools and implements, such as the didgeridoo, the emu caller and the boomerang. Participating schools enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch and some group activities. This is another event where small schools join together to make a great learning day for students.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

During weekly PBL lessons students are encouraged to discuss in their collaborative groups issues that impact on their school experience. It’s a concern that, at some time, some students have been hit or pushed, some have been “bossed about” by other students and some have experienced threatening behaviour from others. These behaviours are totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated at school. Please help us to reinforce the positive behaviours of our School Values. It’s also vital that your child knows that, at school, teacher directions must be followed; refusing to do as
Learning to write your name is sensory: learning it cognitively, visually, aurally and physically.

No Hat, No Play

Our School Policy states that students must wear a hat when playing outside. This applies to summer and winter play.
K/1 Corner

In light of the recent weather conditions we have begun a unit of work on ‘Weather’ in Science for the Term. Students will be exploring different types of weather and ways of measuring it. We have a functional weather station within our school grounds and are looking forward to putting it to good use. Over the next few weeks we will also be benchmarking each child to adjust their functional reading level and direct further learning in the classroom. Homework will begin next week as these first two weeks of Term have been too crazy!

Years 2–6
Making Connections

Homework will be going home on Monday for those who have indicated they will do it. Whilst the whole idea of homework creates tension in some families, it’s important to remember that skills are only mastered through practice. The homework we provide is based on what is taught in class and reinforces processes as well as content. Please talk to me about homework if this is an issue for your family.

We have been working through our Accelerated Literacy text “Meet... Ned Kelly” and students are showing great interest in the facts of his life. There are a number of documentaries based on the life and exploits of this colourful Australian character, and they can be accessed through the ABC website. You may like to watch some of these at home.

CATHERINE COX and REBECCA BULLEY will be holding two coaching clinics in Singleton on Friday 25th September. The clinics will be held from 2pm to 3.30pm [8 to 11 yrs] and 3.30pm to 5pm [11yrs & over]. The cost for the clinic is $45 per person. Numbers and payment are now being taken.

Numbers are limited.

Good for Kids good for life

Why does our school have healthy eating and physical activity programs?

Supporting student health is one of many priorities for schools. There are many ways schools can assist and support students to lead a healthy lifestyle:

- Incorporating healthy eating and physical activity into what’s taught through the curriculum
- What the culture of the school is e.g. what’s sold in the canteen or the access students have to physical activity equipment in the playground
- The involvement of the school community contributes to your child’s health and wellbeing.

Below are some examples of strategies schools are implementing to promote healthy eating and physical activity:

- Crunch&Sip® – a daily fruit, vegetable and water program
- Fresh Tastes @ School – healthy canteen menu
- PE lessons have a focus on developing the students fundamental movement skills
- Students have access to physical activity equipment during breaks
- Teachers have been trained in the Live Life Well @ School Program
- Teachers are regularly incorporating healthy eating and physical activity into their physical education and other lessons

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Facts about the Dairy Industry
Did you know:
Cows use their tongues to twist the grass up from the ground.
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What’s happening in our community?

SMART Science Show: Friday, August 7th
The SMART team are really excited to be bringing amazing science to your school. Be prepared to be inspired by our interactive science shows!
With the generous sponsorship of Coal and Allied the SMART team from the University of Newcastle will be coming to WOW you with one of our interactive science shows.
The SMART Science Show will be held at the School of Arts Community Hall, from 1.30pm. Students will walk to the venue.
Brought to you by Coal and Allied and the University of Newcastle.

Jerrys Plains Car Boot Sale and Community Fair
Saturday, September 26th, 2015
Enquiries: Maureen 0413 318 666 after 6.00pm

Kids Disco Fundraiser
Team “Standing Proud”
(for 3-6yr olds and their families)
Sunday, August 2nd, 2015
3.00pm—6.00pm
All Saints Church Hall, Bishops-gate Street, Singleton.
Pre-sale entry: $10 per family
Door entry: $15 per family
RSVP: Jen 0432512335 or standingproudrelayforlife@gmail.com
Available for purchase on the day: refreshments, sausage sizzle, face painting, helium balloons, luck dips

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Volunteering opportunity at your Library
Library Lego Club volunteers
Library lego club runs twice a month between 3.30pm to 5pm. We are looking for community members interested in leading our Lego clubs. If you have some spare time, are young at heart, creative, with an interest and ideally some experience in working with children please speak to us! All selected volunteers are required to undertake a Council induction and a Working With Children Check.
Please ask library staff for further information or to request an application form.

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