School Certificate Tests

Congratulations to all our year 10 students who sat their School Certificate Tests this week. They have now completed their year 10 work and move towards a commencement of the HSC subjects. Chemistry and English commence on the first week after Camp.

Next week the Primary and high School classes are going on a very exciting camp to the Blue Mountains. This region is very famous in Australia’s history and we are visiting some significant sites. We are also going for a cave tour at Jenolan Caves. It should be a fantastic experience for the students. A “what to bring” list has been sent home today. High School students leave at 9:00am on Tuesday and Primary students leave at 9:00am on Wednesday. All the students will be returning to school by 3:00pm Friday to catch the normal bus run home.

The Life Education van was at our school on Monday and the Primary and Infants children were all involved in sessions which were very helpful and instructive about health and nutrition. The children all liked meeting Healthy Harold the giraffe again.

We were very saddened to hear the news of the passing of Uncle Kevin Murphy last Friday. Several of our community attended his funeral on Tuesday. Uncle Kevin taught clarinet and saxophone at our school since it began in 1997. He was always a happy, positive and faithful person to have around. He contributed to many musical ventures including concerts, bands, musicals and small ensembles while he was with us. Our prayers go are with his wife Beryl and his children and grandchildren.

We were also saddened to learn that Uncle Dick Hillhouse’s brother died in a drowning incident last week. Our sympathies are extended to their family.

Today Aunty Pam took the High School students on an excursion to the Jewish Museum and Synagogue in Sydney as part of Hebrew studies. This is always a really interesting day.

The camp will interrupt the Newcastle bus run next week, but only slightly. There will be no bus running to Newcastle on Wednesday afternoon or Friday morning. There will be bus run happening at all other times. Parents will have to make their own arrangements for those two runs.

The infants and primary swimming program commences on 27 November. The Primary and infants classes will have swimming training every day for two weeks. A separate note has been issued for this activity. The purpose is to ensure that children can swim to save themselves, and to improve swimming skills generally.

The Senior Formal will take place at Squid’s Ink on Lake Macquarie on 4 December.

It was really nice to have Chelsea Oliver, a Distance Education student from Cobar, visiting out school for the last two days. She spent two days in the infants class and her brother James will start Distance Education next year. Chelsea’s parents, David and Nikki Oliver live at Cobar on a large farm where goats are the main livestock.

It is great news that Rosemary French will be baptised at Charlestown hall this Saturday morning at 11:00am. All are welcome.

Simon Dodson, Principal
Today we learnt all about Transport. Please ask your child some types of transport—we talked about boats, cars, planes, helicopters and even walking. We made police cars and aeroplanes. Today we had 10 children which was exciting. We had Eden Luke and James Oliver as extras today. Aunty Mia Luke was our helper—thank you. Next time we will be talking about weather and seasons (it should have been this week with the wind, rain, heat and cold!) Aunty Liz Wilson will be our helper for the next class which will be in 2 weeks time as there is no class next week due to the camp being on.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2 weeks time, God willing.

Naomi Richards

Last week’s winners were the HYENA’S

This week was our second and final Gymnastics session in SPORT this year. Sorry that was so short Infants. I promise we will have more Gymnastics next year! You will all have received a note regarding our up-coming swimming lessons. This fits it really well with our current classroom theme of WATER.

Coming up in about 2 weeks is SPEECHES. The speeches are to take place from 28 – 30 November (Tues/ Wed/Thurs) with a number of students presenting each day.

On Monday we had HAPPY HAROLD visit us on the Life Education Bus! Harold had got taller (and cheekier!) since last year. This time he was pretending to be a superhero and he was wearing a big red cape. Some of us got to wear that cape as we role-played ‘helping others’ and spotting danger.

We’ve talked about a lot of ‘water words’ over the past two weeks, like: evaporation, lakes and reservoirs, filters, fluoride, water treatment stations, water mains, pipes and pumps, rain and clouds. Next week we will seeing if we can change water into ice and steam. Children will also be making ‘fruity cubes’ to have with their water. These are ice cubes with pieces of strawberries, blueberries, pineapple, raspberries oranges or mint leaves frozen inside them. They look really colourful and yummy and add a nice fruity flavour to your water as they melt.

PLEASE could each child bring a named ice-cube tray to school early next week for this activity? Thank you!

Take care this week – Carrie.

BY THE WAY - PHIL AND I ARE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED!

Last Thursday the Primary Chess players represented our school at the HRIS Chess Competition where there were a total of 40 teams from other schools competing! Well done to everyone who competed.

Special congratulations goes to the Open A Team, who were at the top of the ladder for most of the day until the final round, where we finished in 3rd place. Well done boys!

Joshua Schofield, Joshua Morgan, Jacob Madden (Captain) and Ben Olsen.

We also had a special visit from Healthy Harold on Monday morning in the Life Education Van. The students discussed what does it mean to be bullied and how do we respond to bullies? We also looked at the different food groups and nutrition. Where does food end up going and how much of each food category should we eat? This session was very informative and the students gained life-time knowledge and skills.

Just a little reminder – students are forgetting to bring in their readers from home! Please check your child’s bag, so that they can continue practising this vital skill with the reading Mums and Dads in the mornings.

Felisa
Year 10 Students sitting their School Certificate Tests this week. The tests were conducted along with Avondale High School students at the community centre at Cooranbong.

MUSIC:
Congratulations to Kyria Mansfield for receiving a “Pass with HONOURS” (A) for her recent 4th Grade AMEB Piano Exam.
A fantastic Result!
Sharon Carroll

Senior Scene

GENERAL

Uniforms: Our school is now registered on the computers at Lowes. Every time you make a purchase of school uniform items you tell them “Heritage College—Cooranbong” and our school will get a rebate. The more items purchased the bigger the rebate at the end of the year. This means more money for our school (and less fundraising!)

High School Shorts: The new longer leg style is only available at the Charlestown store—if you need any of these shorts Jo Wiltshire is happy to purchase them on your behalf. Please ring: 49438184 Vicki Schubert

SCHOOL CAMP—Planning is well in hand. STUDENTS ARE SURE TO HAVE AN EXCITING TIME. Thanks to Aunty Jenny Higgs and Aunty Fiona Carroll for organising the food (we will be well fed!) and Uncle Morrie for driving the bus.
Please see the “What to bring List” attached to the newsletter today! Please remember not to bring unnecessary items as we all have to fit on the bus. Please send in permission notes and money tomorrow.
It is rather disappointing that a number of students, especially the High School students, are not intending on going to the camp. The camp is for ALL STUDENTS (Yr. 3-11) and parents are urged to see their children comply. It puts pressure on other parents if students are not wanting to attend because their friends are not attending.
If financial pressure is the primary reason for children not attending please ring Mr. Dodson TOMORROW.

Infants Coming to School during the Camp: The Gosford run is as normal.
Newcastle Run: Please see the attached note for travel arrangements while the camp is on.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:
- Permission notes for the camp are due in (WITH MONEY)
- Senior Formal replies with money are due in.
- Permission notes for the Infants and Primary Swimming Program need to be sent in (WITH MONEY)
- If your child/children are not catching the bus in the mornings please ring/text message the respective driver to let them know so they do not wait unnecessarily.
- Please remember that there is no teacher on duty before 8:40am so please do not drop your child/children before this time.
- Please note that there are no A4 work books available at school. You will need to purchase these from Big W/K Mart/Newsgency.

Thank You
Office Admin.
FRIDAY 10TH NOV  PUPIL FREE DAY
Thursday 16th Nov  School Council Meeting
Monday 20th Nov  Primary/Infants Swimming begins
22nd—   24th   Nov  Whole School Camp
Monday 4th Dec  Senior Formal
Thursday 7th Dec  School Council Dinner
Monday 11th Dec  Presentation Night
Thursday 14th Dec  Last Day of Term—Mufti Day. Finish 2pm
Friday 15th Dec  Staff Luncheon
Monday 29th Jan  Staff Return
Wednesday 31st Jan  Students Return

Assignments Due:
4th Dec  Yr. 6-7  Geography  Assignment “Access to Water”

WEDGES MEAL DEALS WITH DRINK OR SPIDERS $3.50
SNOW CONES  60c  LOLLY BAGS $1