Last Day of Term 1

The holidays have arrived and students are excited about their break.

The interim reports went home last Friday and parent interviews were held on Monday. Thank you to all the staff and parents who participated in the parent interviews. The discussion of student’s progress is an important ingredient in ensuring all students are meeting their potential.

Last Friday Miss Jackson became Mrs Digney in a wedding ceremony in a beautiful location down near Avoca. It was a very nice ceremony and everyone was dressed in their finery. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Digney back next term.

The year 6-8 students went to Sydney on Tuesday to take part in the Combined Sports Day with Sydney Heritage at Pennant Hills park. It was a great day and we appreciate the effort both schools make to conduct the event.

The first day of next term is a student-free day (except for seniors). The first Wednesday is a public holiday. The HRIS Cross Country Run is taking place on the Monday of the second week of term (April 30) and the year 6-8 students will be going to Sydney to view the Archibald Portrait Prize Exhibition on Tuesday 1 May. Permission notes for these excursions will be attached to this newsletter. Senior students are required to be at school on the first Monday of next term for English class.

Winter uniform may be worn from the start of term 2. There will be a two week changeover period where the summer or winter uniform may be worn. From week 3 of term 2, winter uniform is compulsory.

Thank you to all parents who came and picked up their children yesterday at short notice because of a problem with the Newcastle bus. This was resolved, thankfully, and normal bus times resumed this morning.

The 10th Anniversary Evening is being held on 12 May and people should already have booked in. This should be a very special evening of Thanksgiving.

We hope and pray that everyone has a restful and safe holiday and that we see everyone back on Tuesday 24 April for the commencement of Term 2.

Simon Dodson, Principal

Students Return
24th April
K-2 have had another busy week at the end of Term. In Grammar we have been looking at **Homophones**—words that sound the same but are spelled differently. E.g hear, here; roar, raw; see, sea. These are important in developing Spelling skills so mum and dad may like to start making a big list of these with little pictures alongside each.

In Maths we have been talking about **3D shapes** and very cleverly made the net of a cube and the net of a rectangular prism. Kindies learnt some more new sounds:

- **ou** (as in mouse)
- **oi** (as in oil)
- **ue** (as in rescue)
- **x** (as in x-ray).

In Bible we drew labelled pictures yesterday to wrap up Uncle Simon’s Theme for the Term “**Glorify God in Your Body**”. All of our body should be used to serve God; our hands, feet, mouth, brain etc. Ask your children for examples of this. Hope you all have a happy and safe holiday, God willing.

Aunty Ruth.

*Many thanks to Aunty Ruth for filling in so capably for Miss J (Mrs. Digney). Thank you.*

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**SPORT:**

HRIS CROSS COUNTRY FOR PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL MONDAY 30TH APRIL AT MAITLAND.

Keep up the training during the holidays. A note with details will be sent home.

**COMBINED SPORTS DAY WITH HC SYDNEY:**

An enjoyable day for the High School. The students participated enthusiastically and had a great time. They were separated into teams that contained students from both schools and played a variety of sports including Oz-Tag, Touch Football, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Cricket and Volleyball.

**PATRICK TAPPOURAS WAS AWARDED THE ‘MOST VALUED PLAYER’ AWARD IN THE JUNIOR SECTION.**

The winning team in the Senior Section was Kyria, Ethan and Elenore and Micah, Jared, Jayden and Leba from Sydney HC. The team that Patrick was in was the winning team in the Junior Section. Congratulations to Patrick, Jesse C, Jake K, and Scott, Susannah, Georgia and Daniel from Sydney HC.

**House scores Year to Date:**

- Masada    2016
- Gamla   1796

**Work Experience Week:**

Yr. 9-10 will be going on Work Experience during Week 3, Term 3 (August 6-10). Please start making arrangements for your placements. It helps to get in EARLY!

Both Jonny Tappouras and Crystal Lord have gained places at the REPTILE PARK! What fun! Do something about it now to avoid disappointment!

**HSC ENGLISH:**

Parents are reminded of Parent/Teacher Interviews with Mrs. Sheridan on the first two Fridays of Term 2. A note was sent home with details.

*Did everyone notice that Kyria had her hair cut?*
GENERAL

UNIFORMS:
TERM 2 AND 3 ARE WINTER UNIFORM
The first two weeks of Term 2 is either/or where students can dress in summer or winter depending on the weather, but after this WINTER UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN—INCLUDING TIES! This interim period also allows time for parents to make sure they have all the required items for winter uniform.
If you require any items please see Vicki Schubert on Wednesdays or Jo Wiltshire on Thursdays.

MS READ-A-THON:
Our school is supporting the MS Read-a-thon which will be held during June this year. A representative from the MS foundation will be visiting our school prior to this with information and starter kits.

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:
12TH MAY
PLEASE BOOK IN FOR CATERING PURPOSES.
$20.00 PER HEAD.
STUDENTS OVER 12 YEARS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE DINNER ARE WELCOME. THE COST IS $20.
SOME STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED AS WAITERS/WAITRESSES.
VOLUNTEERS SHOULD SEE AUNTY VICKI IN THE OFFICE ASAP.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR YOUNGER CHILDREN IN TO THE ACTIVITIES FOR THEM. THERE IS A PARTY TEA AND CHILD MINDING. SMALL CHARGE TO COVER THE COSTS.

Merit Awards

Bronze Awards: Jessica Ginn x2, Joanna Dodson x2, Josh Mongan x6
SILVER AWARDS: Jessica Ginn, Joanna Dodson, Josh Mongan x2

Inspiration Corner:
Sorry about last week—the last couple of lines were left off, so here is the whole poem again:

Blessed are they who understand
My faltering step and shaky hand

Blessed are they who know my ears today
Must strain to catch the things they say

Blessed are they who seem to know
My eyes are dim and my thoughts are slow

Blessed are they who looked away
When coffee was spilled at meal today

Blessed are they who, with cheery smile,
Stop and chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say:
“You’re told that story twice today”

Blessed are they who know the ways
To bring back memories of yesterdays

Blessed are they who make it known
I’m loved, respected and not alone

Blessed are they who ease the days
Of the end of my journey … in loving ways.

Bronze Awards: Jessica Ginn x2, Joanna Dodson x2, Josh Mongan x6
Silver Awards: Jessica Ginn, Joanna Dodson, Josh Mongan x2

Administration

REMINDER: SCHOOL FEES NOW OVER-DUE – PLEASE SEND IN TEAR OFF SLIP WITH PAYMENT OR RECEIPTS FOR DIRECT DEBIT

Main account - Westpac BSB: 032-524 Acc. No: 12-2339; Fees only
Expense account - Westpac BSB: 032524 Acc. No: 12-2515; Excursions, Sport, School Assessments, Anniversary Dinner, Bus donations
P&F account - Commonwealth BSB: 2628 Acc. No: 1009 7780; Uniforms, Fundraisers etc. Trivia Nights, Fair, Canteen.

PHONE NUMBERS:
SCHOOL: 49773456 VICKI: 0439068992
NEWCASTLE BUS: 0416223877
GOSFORD BUS: a new number next Term

LOST PROPERTY:
JACKET (Size 12?) with TAPP ON THE LABEL. Belongs to Patrick Tappouras—please return.
SPORTS SHORTS (Size 6) with ABI DODSON ON LABEL.

Ms Read-a-thon:
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Thur 5th April    Last Day of Term—finish 2pm
Tues 24th April   Students Return
Wed 25th April    ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Mon 30th April    HRIS CROSS COUNTRY
1st May           Yr. 7-9 Art Excursion to the Art Gallery

ADVANCE NOTICE:
10 Year Anniversary Celebration  12th May
Senior’s and Friends Day:       17th May
Keep these dates free!

Have a safe and enjoyable holidays everyone.
See you back at school on TUESDAY 24TH APRIL
Purim Celebrations  last Thursday