FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

School Assembly – Congratulations to the Kinder class for running a great assembly. This Friday’s NAIDOC Week school assembly will be run by the Year 2 class and will start at 11.00 am. We do hope to see you there.

Safe and enjoyable holiday break – This Friday 26 June, will be the last day of Term 2. School will resume for students on Tuesday 14 July. Please note that the Monday 13 July is a School Development Day, where staff will be busily involved in training and development. Have a safe and enjoyable break.

Mortimer Shield League Tag final – We wish the girl’s League Tag Team all the very best when they play in the finals in Wagga, on Tuesday 23 June. It’s a great effort to make it that far!

AFL Tony Lockett Shield Gala Day – will be held this Thursday in Holbrook. There will be seven teams competing, with the winner of the day to go onto the next round against the winner of the Wagga gala day. Good luck to our team, and a big thank you to the P&C for catering.

NAIDOC Week – NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920’s, which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of indigenous Australians. NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. We encourage all Australians to participate in the celebrations and activities that take place across the nation during NAIDOC Week.

NSW State Knockout Basketball competition – Last Thursday, the boys and girls basketball team travelled to Wagga in terrible weather conditions to play Kooringal Public School. The boys played first and showed great sportsmanship and teamwork, winning their game. The girls also showed great perseverance and tenacity but, unfortunately, lost their game. Many thanks must go to Leonie Mathie and Anna Watson for transporting the students to and from the game.

Riverina Girls Touch Football Trials – Last Friday, Kasey Henry and Lara Pardey proudly represented our school in league tag. They put in a fantastic effort and played well, however, they unfortunately didn’t make it through to the final 12. It was an excellent effort to make it that far. Well done, girls.

Jason Weaven
Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 26 June: NO LUNCH ORDERS
Friday 17 July: Georgie Millard
Monday 20 July: Trudy Jenkyn

LOST PROPERTY

With only one week until the end of Term 2, please take the time to have a look through the lost property box, located in the office. Any items that remain unclaimed by the end of the term will be either taken to the Op Shop or placed in second hand clothing.
FICTION BOOKS WANTED

Year 2 are very enthusiastic readers and would like parents or some of our older students to donate any old children's chapter books. They would love some extra books to read during class and to take home as readers. With the school holidays only four days away, it's a great time to clean out your book shelves and donate any books you may have finished with.

SPARE LAPTOPS WANTED

We are asking for donations of spare laptops for Meg's Children Nepal. Meg's Children Nepal is an Australian, not for profit charitable trust, which supports and enhances the lives of 20 Nepalese children who do not have family to cater for their basic needs.

P&C News

ONLY TWO VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED
Thank you for everyone who has volunteered to help at the Tony Locket Shield Gala Day. We just need two of more people for the afternoon shift. Afternoon Shift: 12.00 pm-3.00 pm Please contact Margot Pitzen for more information on 0407 658 401.

FOR SALE
Two barbecues for sale (not in perfect working order). Please make a donation to the P&C.

P&C MEETING
The next P&C meeting will be Wednesday 29 July at 7.00 pm in the school library.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Have a safe and happy holiday, see you next term.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

PRE-LVED UNIFORMS IN STOCK NOW!

Summer
- Short Sleeve Polo Shirt: 4, 8, 10
- Girl's Summer Dress: 6, 8, 10, 14

Winter
- Long Sleeve Polo Shirt: 4, 8
- Fleece: 8
- Windcheater: 6
- Boys' Trousers: 4, 8, 12
- Tartan Pants: 6, 8

Sport
- Sport Shirt: 6
- Track Pants: 4, 6, 8, 12

NAIDOC Week Celebrations 26 June 2015

DRESS
Odd dress Gold coin entry

BARBECUE (NO LUNCH ORDERS TODAY)
Sausage in bread with sauce $2
Milo in a cup $1

If you do not wish your child to eat this food, please contact the school before Friday.

TIMETABLE
Morning As usual
Barbecue 11.30 am to 12.15 pm
Assembly 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm
NAIDOC Activities 1.45 pm to 3.20 pm

Bring your silver coins to help us spell out the word “NEPAL”. All proceeds from the day go to the Nepal disaster.

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Lachie Parker, Year 1
Miss Mills
Caidence Meyers – For using excellent strategies during writing activities
Eli Toll – For being a kind considerate and caring class member

Miss Luff
Laycii Freund – A terrific knowledge and application of common words and sounds
Mahleigha Jolly – Applying effective reading strategies to work out unknown words

Miss Murphy
Ella Lieschke – For confident, fluent and expressive reading
Mathew Mulloy-Ellison – For always being polite, friendly and helpful
Annabel Pincott – For confident, fluent and expressive reading

Mrs Preston
Hamish Bull – For continued improvements in reading and comprehension
Angus Geddes – For demonstrating a deep knowledge on topics covered in class
Rainbow Koppens – Working well during our group research project

Mr Preston
Maddie Black – For great maths test results
Daniel Koppens – For reading with fluency and accuracy

Miss Lavis
Sam de Steiger – Challenging himself during maths
Phoebe Emerson and Henry Gulliver – For presenting an entertaining speech
Kasey Henry, Aylee Jenkyn and Ellen Mathie – For excellent teamwork in the debate
Jezabella Wheeler – A fantastic effort on her Albert Namatjira painting

Miss Peterson
Cate Holt – Always trying her hardest in maths
Fletcher Weaven – An improvement in his spelling test

Mrs Wedgwood
Braydon Eddy – An all-round excellent attitude and effort
Tayleah Flewin – For excellent pattern work and beautiful writing
Fletcher Parker – For approaching all maths activities with great enthusiasm and good humour

VALUES AWARDS – INTEGRITY
Junior: Indianna Paton
Senior: Braydon Eddy

STAR CARD WINNERS
Yellow Playground Star Cards
Tara Jepson and Anna Pitzen
Blue Classroom Star Cards
William Mathie and Maddy Wheeler

50 NIGHTS READING AWARD
Isabelle Gamble

75 NIGHTS READING AWARD
Georgina Barr-Smith, Cheyanne Chattaway, Tayleah Flewin, Archie Swan

100 NIGHTS READING AWARD
Molly Barr-Smith, Audrey Lieschke, Ben Williams

125 NIGHTS READING AWARD
Liz Holt, Annabel Pincott, Zac Spencer

150 NIGHTS READING AWARD
Liz Holt

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Hamilton Black, Emily Ellison, Isabelle Gamble, Tyron Heritage, Alex Power, Cruz Schirmer, Chloe Watson, Will Wood

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Private Music Tuition
Lessons on offer: • All Brass • All Woodwind
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$28 per lesson
at the old Convent opposite the Holbrook Bakery
Wednesdays and Thursdays
Phone: (02) 6947 1193
email: ramosmusictumut@gmail.com
Henty is looking at getting a Little Athletics Centre up and running again. Little athletics is for children aged between 3 and 16 years. The season starts in September and goes through to March. If you are interested you are invited to attend the Information Meeting which will be conducted at the place and time detailed below:

WHERE: Club House, Henty Sports Ground, HENTY

WHEN: Monday, 22 June 2015

TIME: 4:30 pm

CONTACT: Chantelle at LANSW 02 9633 4511 or Sue Bourke (Henty) 0429 167 177

Information brochures regarding Little Athletics NSW are available from the office at school.

That all children arriving to school late or leaving school early must first report to the office with their parent or caregiver. This is to ensure that in case of an emergency we have a record of who is on or off the premises.
Parenting insights

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Michael Grose’s top 10 parenting tips for school meetings

Conferences and meetings between parents and professionals offer an opportunity to discover a child’s progress, share information or resolve social and learning challenges. They can also be the source of conflict and stress as views can differ so it helps to remember that everyone’s goal is to work from the best interests of a child or young person. Here are some tips to help make the meeting or conference more productive and less stressful for everyone involved:

1. **Confirm the meeting**
   If the meeting has been called by someone at the school then confirm that you will be attending. Confirm also if someone such as another parent, family member, friend or professional will be attending the meeting. If in doubt, find out if more than one person will be attending from your child’s school, including an outside professional such as a speech therapist of other specialist.

2. **Work from a fresh slate**
   Sometimes meetings can be marred before they start as negative past experiences can carry residual resentment. Every new meeting offers a fresh opportunity to create better outcomes for your child.

3. **Prepare well**
   Before a meeting or conference, list any questions that you want to raise. Keep the questions short and to the point. Similarly, it may be useful to list some of your child’s strengths and areas of improvement that you’ve seen at home. Writing down, in advance ensures that your point of view is expressed and that critical information is covered. Similarly, make sure you take notes during the meeting so that vital information isn’t missed.

4. **Listen first**
   Give the teacher a chance to make an assessment of your child’s progress or behaviour. This may sound obvious but some meetings never get off the ground because an enthusiastic parent takes over.

5. **Ask specific questions**
   Clarify the information you don’t understand, asking for concrete examples. Drill down to get a clear picture of any issues involving behaviour or learning. “So he doesn’t listen in class. Specifically, when does he seem to tune out?” if your conference is student-led then take your cues from teacher and your child. Be prepared to ask specific questions that show your interest; display your understanding of what your child is showing you and also may help you form a true picture of your child as a learner.

6. **Stay solution-focused**
   If your child’s behavioural or learning challenges are discussed it’s tempting to be defensive or sceptical. Ask for concrete examples to help you gain a clear understanding from the teacher’s perspective. Look over the proof offered such as observational records or testing results using these as the basis for moving towards a solution. Ask the teacher and other professionals what any past results may mean in terms of progress, strength, needs and further support.

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7 Remain calm
If the meeting doesn’t go well, stay calm. Meetings involving your own child can be very emotive because you and your child’s teacher are often discussing issues that are outside your direct control. Calmly stating your needs and views is far more effective than general accusations or inflexibly taking a stand. Ask for a break if you need one, even suggesting you meet at another time if your emotions are taking over.

8 Consider there are many ways to be right
Keep in mind that everyone wants the same thing - your child to make progress. Teachers view your child through a different lens than you and their conclusions and solutions can seem at odds with your own views. It may be at these times that you need to trust the professionalism of your child’s teacher who has more than likely experienced these same challenges before.

9 Ask what you can do
Show your commitment to producing better results by asking for exercises that you can do at home to develop skills. It may be a good opportunity to ask for recommendations for outside resources to help you and your child. Often teachers know about camps, activities, organisations or events that can encourage educational and social growth.

10 Consider how to discuss at home
Once a meeting is over consider how you will talk about it with your child. Discuss areas that need work in positive, specific terms. “We talked about your reading and your teacher suggested that we need to…” involve your child in discussing plans for improvement. Make sure these plans are doable rather than overwhelming him or her with an exhaustive list of suggestions. Small inroads in progress or improved behaviour have been found to have a snowball effect, impacting on broader areas of improvement.

Parent teacher meetings and conferences take many formats including the direct involvement of children. Regardless of the format you will be more effective if you go in with a positive attitude, an approachable demeanour, and a willingness to work collaboratively with your child’s teacher to reach the best outcomes possible for your child.

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Please arrive by 9.00 am, sign in at the office and have orders to the bakery no later than 9.45 am.

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**NOTE:** If you are unable to do your day, please arrange a swap with another person on the roster. In an emergency call Georgie Millard on 6036 2902 or 0409 325 955.