NEWSLETTER - WEEK 6 TERM 1 2014

Mrs Norris Gift

The P&C are also asking for any donations of money to help purchase a wonderful gift for Mrs Norris to celebrate her long dedication to Colo Heights Public School and its Community. Donations should be placed in an envelope and sent in to the school’s office for the P&C.

There will be a special morning tea for Mrs Norris later this term and we invite all parents, students and past families to attend to farewell her.

The P&C are also putting together a photo album to present to Mrs Norris at the morning tea. If you have any photos (class photos etc) from her time here at Colo Heights could you send them in. (Electronically scanned copies would be better) Make sure your name is on them so they can be returned to you after the P&C have finished with them.

School Photos

Our annual school photos will take place on Tuesday 1st April. Order envelopes will be sent out next week for you to select the best package for you. There will be individual, class and family photos available for purchase.

COMING EVENTS:

10/3  K12 sport with Ms McLaren (sports uniform can be worn on this day)
11/3  3456 sport with Ms McLaren (sports uniform can be worn on this day)
12/3  Music lessons with Blake
13/3  Hawkesbury Show craft parent helpers welcome. Starts at 1.45pm
14/3  Cricket for sport
17/3  K12 sport with Ms McLaren
18/3  3456 sport with Ms McLaren
19/3  Music lessons with Blake
20/3  Hawkesbury Show craft

Hawkesbury Gazette

On Wednesday the Hawkesbury Gazette took photos of our 2014 Year Six and Kindergarten. The article will appear in an edition in the next few weeks. Keep a look out.

K12 Class Textbooks

A reminder that the K12 class’ handwriting text books have arrived at a cost of $14 for each student. If you haven’t yet paid the amount please send in the money as soon as possible.
STARS of the WEEK

Over the last two weeks we have had another two Stars of the Week award winners.

Congratulations –
Sam (Year 6) and
Chamarelle (Kindergarten)

Thursday Craft

Thursday craft will start now from 1:45pm to give students more time to complete their work. We will have an early lunch on Thursdays to accommodate this time change. To all the parents who graciously give up their time to help with craft on Thursdays I again would like to thank you for all your effort and help.

Crunch and Sip

Thank you to all families who have sent in fruit and vegetables for our Crunch and Sip program. Your support has been highly valued.

Thank you again

Banking Display

In the office we are currently displaying the prizes for students who bank each week and earn tokens. School banking is a good way to instil to children the importance of saving. Please understand that we are not enforcing school banking but just want to raise families’ awareness of the program.

Slinky Fridays Return

We are bringing back a big favourite of the school with the return of ‘Slinky Apple Friday’. If students bring in an apple on Fridays we will transform the fruit into a slinky. We intend to begin next Friday 14th March.
HEAD LICE

Head Lice is appearing again in these warm and humid weather conditions. Please be vigilant with checking your child(ren)’s hair as they move very quickly and cause great frustration for anyone who has to treat them.

Spraying the hair with diluted tea tree oil with water has an effect on them but doesn’t kill them; it is more of a preventative. The school can have this available if you wish for us to spray your child(ren)’s hair with the mixture. There is a slip below in which you can give us permission to request the spray.

We are very pleased with the amount of families who have given permission for their child(ren) to be sprayed with the school’s tea-tree oil solution to help with the prevention of head lice. Even though the tea-tree oil stops head lice it does not kill them. Further treatment is still necessary.

For girls it is also a good idea to keep long hair tightly tied back in a ponytail or plat with a little hairspray as well. Using hair conditioner then combing the nits out is another technique that parents have said seems to work well.

We still, however, have issues with head lice and ask all families to be vigilant with checking your child’s hair.

A few parents have offered some of their treatment methods. These being:

- Neem Seed Oil – diluted with water and possibly another fragrance has an effect.
- ‘Nitwits’ a product that says that it kills without combing.

Otherwise I encourage all parents to check regularly your child(ren)’s hair.

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Permission for Treatment of Head Lice

I give permission for _____________________ to receive a spray with diluted tea tree oil for the treatment of head lice.

Signed ________________________________
Date ____________________

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Tree Assessment

As you may have heard in the news a few weeks ago an unfortunate event occurred at a local Hawkesbury school. This must be a terribly hard time for the family and the Pitt Town school community and we at Colo Heights have had them all in our thoughts.

Due to this accident all N.S.W schools are to have their trees assessed by a Level 5 (or higher) qualified arborist. Our school will be assessed in the next few weeks by a Level 6 arborist and a detailed report will be presented to the school and the N.S.W Department of Education and Communities. If a tree or trees are identified as a potential hazard, work will be carried out to fix the problem.

Please be assured that the school is well aware of the risks of trees and branches and continually monitor where our students play, especially when there are high winds.

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The Vegetable Garden

Ms McLaren has started a few experiments with the students in relation to growing vegetables. At this moment we have a few plants being tested. The classes are now researching what and when to plant and Ms McLaren is very hopeful of a lot of future produce.
Hot Potatoes in Colo Heights

On Thursday the Primary class planned, organised, cooked and ate hot potatoes. This was a lesson that was part of the 'Live Life Well' program being run in the library. The primary students had a lot of fun as well as learning some valuable skills with organisation.

Thank you to Ms McLaren for the organisation.

Thank you
Glenn Ellis
Principal