

Newsletter 24

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Term Three

15 August 2012

ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNDRAISING

Next Monday is Pizza Day. Please send in your orders and money as soon as possible. There will also be drinks, chips, donuts, etc available to purchase.

PIZZA DAY 20.8.12

\$3 A Quarter Primary / Secondary (circle one)

Name: _____ Class: _____

Margarita (Tomato, mozzarella and oregano)

Cheese and pineapple (Pineapple and mozzarella)

Vegorama (Capsicum, mushroom, spinach, onion, fresh and sundried tomato with garlic olive oil, mozzarella and oregano)

\$Total Paid

ABSENCE NOTES

Please be reminded that a note is required after every absence, unless the office has been notified and the office staff then send a note to the home-room teacher. Each note must contain the following information: Full name of child (ie, first name and last name), Class, Date/s of absence, Reason eg. sick, medical, family, holidays, funeral, etc. and Parent's name and signature.

READER/Writers

We are currently in desperate need for some volunteers to act as reader/writers in our upcoming Yr 11 & 12 examinations. A reader/ writer cannot be an employee of the school so we need to seek help from the community. You need to be able to communicate clearly in English, have relatively neat handwriting and have at least a Yr 11 educational history. If you think that you might be able to be of assistance, Mrs Phelps, our literacy/numeracy support teacher would be very happy to hear from you. Please contact the school office.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK 27-31 Aug

Monday – Wednesday teachers will have special reading lessons each morning. Each teacher will have the opportunity to swap their classes with another class and teach a reading lesson to that class.

Thursday – Whole school spelling bee. In previous years we have held this event under the COLA. With the size of the school this is no longer possible. Each pod of class groups will hold their own spelling test and the results from all the tests will determine which HOUSE wins the Spelling Bee Trophy for 2012.

Friday – Dress up day. THEME – Bedtime Stories. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from a bedtime story book. A parade will be held on the Friday after chapel to celebrate our favourite stories. Please be reminded that witches, warlocks, Harry Potter, etc, are not

acceptable at these type of events.

ARRIVING LATE AND LEAVING EARLY

If your child is arriving late to school or leaving early they must be signed in and out at the front office. We are required to keep accurate records of children's attendance at school. If your child arrives late to school please make sure they are signed in at the front office and receive a late note to give to their teacher. This will ensure they are not marked as absent for that day.

COLLECTING CHILDREN EARLY FROM SCHOOL

On the odd occasion when you may need to collect your child early from school, please ensure that you send a note to your child's teacher asking for them to come to the school office at the required time. Due to the busyness of the school office, it is sometimes very difficult to collect your child for you at short notice.

MOBILE PHONES IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Under no circumstances are primary school students to bring mobile phones to school. Please leave them at home.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

YR 11 FIJI STUDENTS

The Year 11 students who went to Fiji will be presenting secondary chapel this Friday. All are welcome to come and hear about their trip.

They will also be presenting during the church service at the Kempsey Adventist church on Saturday at 11AM. Parents and families are encouraged to come and listen and support the students. There will be a lunch provided after the program which families are most welcome to attend too.

TRIAL HSC AND PRELIMINARY

The Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations commence on Tuesday 21st August and conclude on Monday 27th August. These examinations are very important for Year 12 students as they are usually the highest weighting assessment task in the course. They also provide students with an opportunity to experience a challenging examination paper that is designed to reflect the difficulty and layout of the actual HSC examination in each course.

Students are encouraged to prepare for the examinations by revising the topics and skills listed on the examination notification. Most subjects only use the HSC content but some subjects also include content from the Preliminary course. For example: General Mathematics and Mathematics. Students are provided with supervised study periods at school and should be using these to do the revision.

Some useful forms of revision include: making a topic summary; completing chapter review questions; making a mind-map of the important features of a topic and the relationship between them; making a set of study cards showing one skill on each card and examples of how to apply it in a variety of ways; and attempting online quizzes.

Once the revision of the course content has been completed, it is recommended that students complete past Trial HSC examinations or past HSC examinations. Teachers can provide copies of past Trial HSC examinations. Students can download past HSC examinations and the marking guide di-

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rectly from the NSW BOS website at: www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/hsc_exams/

Students are reminded that the marking of HSC examinations uses who marks only. It is not possible to earn half a mark. This means that it is very important for students to show full working out and detailed explanations for each question attempted.

Other useful information including online quizzes for subjects, study tips and materials, and past HSC examinations including marking guidelines are available from the BOS Students Online website at: <http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/go/tips/quizzes/>.

Year 11 Preliminary Examinations are scheduled to commence on Monday 10th September and conclude on Friday 14th September. They will cover the entire content of the Preliminary course for each subject. Year 11 students will receive an examination notification next week that will list the content to be covered. Students are encouraged to commence their revision of the entire course, starting with the topics that were taught in Term One.

Diligent students in Year 11 and 12 will also download the syllabus for each subject and ensure that they have mastered each dot point for the knowledge and skills in the topics studied. Syllabus documents can be downloaded free of charge from the NSW Board of Studies website at: www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc/

Students are encouraged seek support from the class teacher by bringing a list of knowledge and skills from the syllabus that they need assistance with. The teacher can then reteach the specific concepts that students have forgotten or misunderstood without wasting time revising concepts that they are familiar with already.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

Secondary students (not primary) are allowed to wear non uniform clothes on Friday as a fundraiser for the Yr 10 NT trip which leaves in less than a month! Please remember that clothes must be modest and shoes should be covered in (not thongs).

UNIFORM

In recent weeks, students in the secondary school have been reminded about the importance of wearing the correct school uniform. Thank you to the bulk of students who correctly wear their uniform on a daily basis. As of this week, any student who is not wearing the correct uniform including wearing their hair down, earrings other than a small stud, incorrect footwear, wrong uniform on the wrong day eg sports uniform outside of Thursdays, rolled up shorts or shirt sleeves, etc, will receive an automatic 4 point demerit. Three demerits are equal to a detention. In the unlikely event that a student continues to wear the incorrect uniform, three detentions will mean that their decision to continue to wear incorrect uniform will be reviewed by the Discipline Committee and they will be at risk of suspension. As a school we believe that being consistent about students wearing their correct uniform in a neat and tidy manner supports the positive culture of our school.

NAIDOC AND MULTICULTURAL WEEK

Thankyou to all those parents and friends who got involved in our special week. A very big thankyou to Mrs Clarke who coordinated the events.

YR 12 STUDY RETREAT

All Year 12 students will be involved in a Study Retreat during the first week of Term 4 at Yarrahappini Mon 8 Oct- Fri 12 Oct. A range of staff will be rostered to support study sessions throughout the week, while students will also have the opportunity to study in quiet spaces by themselves or in small groups. The study sessions will have scheduled exercise breaks to support the students in helping their brains and bodies to work effectively. A newsletter will be sent home within the next week outlining more detailed information.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS/WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

This promotion has now finished. Please send in your stickers and vouchers now!

Calendar

17 Aug	Free Dress Day (Secondary school only)
20-24 Aug	Yr 12 Trial Exams
24 Aug	Scholarship Applications Due
27-31 Aug	National Literacy and Numeracy Week
5-7 Sept	Yr 5 Camp
6 Sept	Yr 7 2013 Orientation Day 1
6-21 Sept	Yr 10 Jatbula NT Trip
7 Sept	The Shack
10 Sept	Yr 12 Parent Teacher Student Interviews
10-14 Sept	Yr 11 Semester Two Examinations

SECONDARY SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

Class	Subject	Task	Date Due
7	English	Final Copy	22.8.12
8	English	Final Presentation	22.8.12
10	Geography	AT3	28.8.12
10	Music	AT2	16.8.12
10	PASS	AT	29.8.12
10	Science	AT3	31.8.12
11	Aboriginal Studies	AT4	24.8.12
11	Biology	AT1 AT3	23.8.12 29.8.12
11	CAFS	AT4	17.8.12
11	Chemistry	AT3	31.8.12
11	Gen Maths	AT3	24.8.12
11	Ind Tech	AT3	30.8.12
11	Maths	AT3	24.8.12
11	Music	AT3	22.8.12
11	PDHPE	AT	17.8.12
11	SLR	AT	27.8.12
11	Vis Arts	AT3 Major Work	29.8.12
12	Adv Eng	AT5	17.8.12
12	Vis Arts	AT4	27.8.12

CANTEEN HELPERS

Thurs, 16 Aug	Michelle Dundas	Christine Moody
Fri, 17 Aug	Ruth Hall	Tracey Small
Tues, 21 Aug	Help Needed	Help Needed
Wed, 22 Aug	Thea	Sandra Prosper
Thurs, 23 Aug	Sharon O	Tracey S
Fri, 24 Aug	Farhana	Help Needed