PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

HARMONY DAY

I wish to thank our school community for supporting this special day, where we acknowledge the cultural diversity across all communities.

I apologise for the very short notice and confusion over notification of the event.

It was quite a change to see so much orange throughout the school and I trust that activities completed by students, reinforced the significance of this year’s theme “Many Stories – One Australia”.

BASKETBALL GALA DAY

Last Friday Miss Walker and I attended a district basketball gala day at the Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium. Our school was represented by a mixed team from Stage 2.

Our team of enthusiastic players competed in a draw consisting of 20 teams across the district.

Throughout the day’s competition, our team won 2 out of the four games in their division. They then entered a play-off for a position in the grand final. The team came from a 6 nil score against them to secure their place in the final with 10-8 victory.

Unfortunately, we were defeated in the grand final but finished 10th overall.

I congratulate the team for their enthusiasm, persistence and sportsmanship. They improved with each game.

I congratulate you on a fantastic effort, considering that this was your first time representing our school in basketball – well done!

Thank you to the parents who attended, assisting with transport, timekeeping and of course, supporting our school.

Thank you also to Mrs Strickland for supplying our tops for the day.
EASTER HAT PARADE

On Thursday 28th March, we will be holding our Easter Hat Parade, commencing at 10.15am. All students K-6 are encouraged to create and wear their creations for the event.

Parents are most welcome to attend the parade and remain at school for a picnic lunch with your children.

The P&C Easter raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the parade.

Enjoy the upcoming Easter weekend with your families.

Mike Watson
Principal

TREE-HUGGA SEAT

Last week our seat was finally completed with a light sanding followed by a final coat of oil - I'm sure that you will agree that this handcrafted piece of quality outdoor furniture is a great addition to our popular passive play area.

I must stress that this expensive piece of furniture needs to be respected by our entire school community and used solely for the purpose it was designed for - a seat. I therefore strongly request that parents supervise your younger children and do not allow them to climb or stand on/over the seat.

This piece of furniture is intended for our school community use and it is important to appreciate the craftsmanship without creating premature wear through inappropriate use.

Thank you in anticipation of your understanding and cooperation.

Regards
Mike Watson
Principal
STAGE 1 (K – 2) COMMENDATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards last week. Well done!

KW
Ruby Blume - working well with others
Jackson King - fantastic reading in Literacy groups

K-1C
Cassidy Grima - great reading
Harmony Martin - working hard on her reading

1R
Makaelah Simmons - being a kind and considerate class member
Lucas McIlrick - working hard on his reading

2F
Ceara Wilson - for her enthusiasm in class
Elliot Sullivan - always producing neat work

STAGE 2 & 3 (YEARS 3-6) COMMENDATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received Awards last week. Well done!

3B
Paige Hottwagner - excellent bookwork presentation
Christopher Fiola - trying his best in all classroom activities

4M
Natasha Paterson - being a helpful and thoughtful class member
Reili Massingham - for trying his best in Maths

5T
Logan Meere - being a responsible and hard working class member
Sarah Benson - for giving a 100% effort to her homework, classwork and extra-curricular school activities

5-6C
Aiden Brodie - great effort in all areas
Cassidy Strickland - a friendly, polite, hardworking class member

P&C NEWS

A big thank you to those who have offered to help on the P&C tea & coffee stall at the Easter Hat Parade and thank you also to those who have offered to donate biscuit/slices for the stall! It would be great to have a few extra donated yummy goodies for the stall just for variety, so if you are able to, please take them to the office on Thursday morning or bring them directly to the P&C stall at parade time.

We are going to be meeting this afternoon (Monday) at 3pm at the school hall to go through what needs to be done on Thursday, so please join us if you can!

Please return your raffle tickets to the office ($1 each, 3 for $2 or $10 per booklet) before Thursday or bring tickets and money to the P&C Stall on Thursday, to ensure they are included in the draw (drawn after the parade is completed).

The Easter Hat Parade is always a fun time & the kids love having family & friends along, so we look forward to seeing you and supporting the school.

Lisa Sullivan - 0418 615 300
CAKE DAY
This Wednesday 27th March, 5T will be holding a cake stall to raise funds to purchase resources for their classroom. We will be baking lots of delicious cakes, slices, toffees and biscuits, which will be sold at lunch for 50 cents each.

CANTEEN NEWS
We’d love to get our Canteen up & running again, so please return canteen volunteer forms that were sent home by the 11th April 2013. More information re if the canteen will be opening, will be provided in the newsletter at beginning of term 2.

Any questions please ask Jessica Mavin 0414461410 or Tammy Small 0416247247

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB / CLEARANCE SALE
Clearance Sale orders and payment are due this Thursday 28th March, 2013. When placing an order please ensure that the Student's Name and Class are on each order form and if you have paid by credit card on-line that you have included your receipt number on the order forms.

HELP WANTED
Windsor Public School would like a plumber ASAP to install a tap in the chicken pen. If you can help please contact Mrs Rogers.
Thank you

Jack Whitmore

HANDMADE AND HOMEGROWN MARKET
In preparation for our School Market and Fete on 25th May we are in need of some items - empty Milo tins (any size)
clean unused paddle pop sticks
bright coloured paints.(not crafty type paints as the paint is required to paint the milo tins)
one large clam shell usually used as a sandpit or wading pool for toddlers

If you are able to donate any of the above items it would be greatly appreciated. For any enquiries please call Tammy on 0416 247247
STUDENT BANKING

School banking is every Tuesday!

SCHOOL BOMBER JACKETS ORDERS – REMINDER

Bomber jacket orders are due Tuesday 9th April, 2013.
As jackets cannot be returned if the incorrect size is ordered, please ensure that your child comes to the office with you to try on sizes before school.
An order cannot be placed unless parents have written the size required on the order form which will be available from the office at the time of ordering.

Sizes 6,8,10,12,14 $37(incl GST)
Sizes S,M,L $42(incl GST)

Jackets are ordered on a pre-paid basis therefore full payment at time of ordering is required.

UNIFORM NEWS

Special! Special! Special!

School jumpers discontinued trim and printing colour.
Bottle green with lemon trim and large crest - $5
Bottle green with lemon trim and small crest - $10
Please note limited sizing available

New stock has arrived for girl’s dresses. Due to a price increase from the manufacturer the dresses are now $38

CLOTHING POOL

The Clothing Pool will be opened for sales on the following days:
Monday 2.30-3.00pm
Wednesday 8.30-9.10am
Friday 8.30-9.10am
Please ring Kylie 0416274804 or Lisa 0403015423 for other times
**LUNCH ORDERS**
Please remind your children to put their lunch orders in the container before 9am. The lunch container is now a white bucket on top of the wooden cabinet in the foyer. Children who forget to place their lunch orders can purchase a vegemite or jam sandwich from the office.

**LAST DAYS FOR PAYMENT**

Now due - Kindergarten – Class requirements
$55 per student

Now due - Year 1 – Class requirements
$55 per student ($60 with Homework Folder)

Now due - Year 2-6 – Class requirements
$55 per student

Thursday 28th March - Scholastic Book Club orders
Friday 5th April - Year 6 shirts
Tuesday 9th April - School bomber jackets orders/payment
Tuesday 9th April - Sports in Schools $40 per student – capped at two children per family

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

Now due - Emergency Contact forms to school office
Thursday 28th March - Easter Hat Parade
Saturday 25th May - Handmade and Homegrown in the Hawkesbury

The school office is open from 8.30am until 3.00pm.
Uniform purchases 8.30am to 2.45
Parenting Ideas – by Michael Grose

Helping kids manage anger

Kids need to learn that anger can be expressed in ways that are not hurtful to anyone including themselves.

Managing anger is one of the biggest emotional issues that children face. Children who can learn to manage their anger have a head start on handling fears and other emotions.

Currently, our community is undecided about how to handle anger. In fact, anger is discouraged as we see no place for it in homes, schools or community. ‘Civilised people don’t get angry’ seems to be the accepted wisdom so we tend to encourage children to bottle up anger rather than let it out.

Anger needs to be managed, rather than simply avoided. Bury anger deep-down and it will go away is the attitude! This doesn’t work for many children as bottled up emotions don’t always dissipate. They simmer away, eventually spilling over into physical violence or hurtful verbal abuse, which so often back.res on the angry person.

Kids need to learn that anger can be expressed in ways that are not hurtful to anyone including themselves. Here are six steps that parents can use to help kids of all ages keep their emotions under check, and respond safely when emotions run high:

1. Understand it: Help kids understand the events and situations that trigger angry responses. These situations will vary, but may include, playing rough games, not getting their own way and being teased by others. Help kids to reflect on the events that trigger a ‘wobbly’, so they can take preventative measures. This type of self-knowledge is really helpful for older primary school children and teenagers.

2. Name it: Help them recognise the physical signs of anger, such as clenched fists and teeth, tension around their shoulders and heavy breathing. Then assist them to develop a vocabulary around anger. “Mad as a snake”, “about to lose it”, “throwing a tantr” are some possibilities. Children can probably generate more! Naming emotions promotes good emotional literacy in kids.
3. Diffuse it: You need some strategies to diffuse anger and bring down emotional levels in kids. Distraction and time out can be effective for toddlers with short fuses, and even shorter attention spans. For older children, parents should use diplomacy rather than discipline. You may need to give some kids some space on their own before attempting to talk. Listening to their story, validating their right to be mad and focusing on feelings are some ways to diffuse anger. Sometimes knowing that someone else knows how you feel is enough to make anger go away.

4. Choose it: Help children understand that they do have a choice about how they respond to their anger. They may feel like lashing out, but they don’t have to get physical or verbally aggressive when they get angry. Let kids know in clear terms that slamming doors, throwing things and refusing to cooperate are the wrong ways to display anger. Help them understand that while you are on their side, as they mature they need to choose socially acceptable ways of handling anger.

5. Say it: Encourage children to express how they feel verbally, rather than bottle things up or become aggressive. The use of I statements is one way of letting others know how they feel. ‘I feel really mad when you say nasty things to me. I really don’t like it!’ is one way of being heard and letting the anger out.

6. Let it out safely: Boys, in particular, need physical outlets for pent up anger. They may go for a run, belt a pillow or play a physical game to let their frustration out. Some kids may even pour their anger into a letter, some work on a productive activity. Help children find legitimate outlets for their anger.

Parents need to role model healthy anger management so children see firsthand how adults handle anger in mature ways. That means parents take time to listen to each other, talk things through and find healthy physical ways to let off steam when you feel yourself getting to boiling point.

The maxim for families who want to learn to manage anger in healthy ways should be: “There is nothing so bad that we can’t talk about it. However there are behaviours that are not acceptable.”
In memory of Detective Inspector Bryson Anderson, Hawkesbury Police are holding a Barefoot Bowls / Family Fun Day at Pitt Town & Districts Sports Club on Sunday, 14 April 2013, 10:00am – 4:00pm. All proceeds will go to the Bryson Anderson Memorial Fund. Supported by Police Legacy.

Why not get a team of 4 together and join in the fun of Barefoot Bowls or bring the family along for a great day of rides, face painting, pony rides, petting zoo, jumping castle, chocolate wheel, all day BBQ, cake stall and games with lots of prizes to be won.

Demonstrations will be provided by a number of Police Specialists Units.

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