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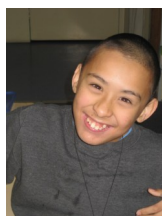
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Principals Blurb!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term Four! It certainly does not seem that long ago that I started the newsletter welcoming families to the New Year. Term Four in all schools is traditionally a very busy term, Hunter River Community School is no exception. Please ensure you look at the "Dates to Remember" section of the Newsletter for important events this term.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Kai Poon and his family. Kai commenced at HRCS at the beginning of the term and brings an infectious smile and wonderful sense of humour with him. We look forward to working with Kai and his family in the future.



new kitchen, new bathroom, new lighting and paintwork. Our thanks go to Teen Time and Lower Hunter Temporary Care who have provided the funding to renovate the room.

Administration of Prescribed Medications

Schools are required to regularly review a range of school policy to ensure they are current and comply to Department of Education requirements.

After a review of our Prescribed Medications policy, it has been identified that we need to improve our procedures for exchanging medication from home to school. The following recommendations have been made:

- Where possible at least one weeks supply of medication must arrive at school each Monday morning.
- Medication must:
 - a) be bought to school in the original prescription package/box with the label clearly stating the student's name and medication dosage. **OR**
 - b) be bought to school in a Webster pack.
- Any request for a change to medication **must** be accompanied by a letter from the prescribing doctor.

We are certainly not wanting to make things difficult for parents or carers, however, the health and safety of our students is paramount.

These arrangements will commence in 2012. Could I ask that all parents and carers take note of the new requirements in preparation for the 2012 school year.

Industrial Action

The NSW Teachers Federation has directed its members to stop work on Wednesday 2nd November. Please see the attached letter outlining arrangements for that day.



Assisted School Travel (Special Transport)

New guidelines and application processes are in place for new students wishing to access assisted travel for 2012. The new application form has a section for parents to complete (4 pages) and a section for schools (4 pages) to complete. Parents must sign a declaration confirming that the information provided is correct along with giving permission to the unit to access relevant information from health care professionals, schools, employers and other relevant government agencies.

The new application process is a significant change from previous application processes and may impact on some families eligibility for the service.

Room 4 / Teen Time Renovations

Renovation work started in Room 4 this week. The room will receive a dramatic make-over, including,

"DAY FOR DANIEL"

The school was a mass of RED today as students and staff dressed for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation "Day for Daniel".

This day serves as a reminder to all that we must ensure that our children are provided with information around knowing themselves safe and stranger danger.



We were very fortunate today to have a visit by three police officers from Maitland Police Station speak with a group of students about keeping safe.



IOTAS Athletics Carnival

On Monday the 12th September a group of students travelled to Glendale to represent HRCS at the annual IOTAS Athletics Carnival. The carnival featured both field and track events. We didn't have much success in the high jump, long jump, shot put, javelin and discus, but we made up for it on the track..It was a fantastic day and our students gave their all in every event they competed in. Special mention must go to Katie who ran a valiant 100m and 200m race while injured. Laura was our only competitor in the 400m and even though she didn't place she did finish, 400m is a long way. Congratulations Caleb and Todd who also ran well and finished all their races. Final mention goes to our medal winner of the day Cameron, who was able to bring us home the silver, coming second in his 200m heat. Well done!!



WHO IS NEW IN ROOM 2

Room 2 would like to welcome Ella Naysmith.

Ella is an intern from Newcastle University and will be with us until 4th November.

We hope Ella enjoys her time at Hunter River Community School.



Boccia Tournament

On Tuesday the 30th of August some of our middle school and senior school students travelled to East Maitland Primary School for a boccia competition to compete against other schools in our region. It was a very enjoyable day and we made lots of new friends. We secured third place in our division which was fantastic, but unfortunately does not allow us to continue in the Sydney heat. We will keep practising for next year. Bring it on.....



CLASS NEWS

At our Rugby World Cup I ran for Canada. I carried the flag in the opening ceremony. I liked running fast and I won a medal. My family came to cheer me on, Mum, Kristy and some friends yelled loudly as I ran. I had the best time and it was a great last carnival for me.

By Todd Hickey Yr 12.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Rescheduled P&C Meeting	9th November
IOTAS Disco— seniors	28th November
Science Show—all students	29th November
Yr 10 & 12 Formal	1st December
Variety Christmas Party — juniors only.	6th December
Presentation Day-all students	9th December



Room 8 News

Room 8 has been investigating the people that have been selected to go with Sir Richard Branson into space.

We decided to think about why we would like to go to space.....here are our stories.....

WHY I WANT TO GO TO SPACE

By Dylan Kernahan

I would like to go up to space because it would be fun to see Queensland from the moon.

I would like to be an astronaut on the moon. I would float around the moon.

The rocket goes really fast. I like going fast. My friends would be astronauts too.

I would like to take my dad, Brenden, and Todd with me. We would have fun.

On the moon we would see some space monkeys and space wombats.

I would like to eat space food. I wonder if I can eat watermelon in space???



WHY I WANT TO GO TO SPACE

I would like to go to space because I would like to see all the planets.

I think there would be lots of aliens in space. I would like to meet one! My favourite alien will be blue. He will have 1 head and 2 eyes.

I would like to go to space with the Undertaker, Kane and MVP. They would be fun to travel with and we could have a WWE match on the moon.

The rocket goes very fast. I like going fast, it would be like a big rollercoaster.

I would be in my spacesuit. It would be fun eating pizza when I am floating around.

By Todd Hickey



WHY I WANT TO GO TO SPACE

I would like to go to space to see Mars. I think there will be lots of holes in Mars. Mars will be red. It may be really cold on Mars.

I would also like to see the moon. The moon will be cold. There will be lots of other astronauts there walking on the moon. I would like to see Earth from the moon.

The rocket goes 4500km per hour. That's really fast. I think it would be really scary. The beds would be good. I would have on my astronaut suit. I would eat space food. I would float to the toilet.

I think there might be dinosaurs and elephants in space.

It would be heaps of fun to go to space. The countdown to lift off would be great!

By Luke Barrett



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