Stage Two
SYDNEY CAMP
Dear Parents/Caregivers
Our Stage Two campers returned happy and very tired last Friday, after an early end to their excursion when the rain made their scheduled visit to Tumbalong Park impossible. They have had a wonderful time and were full of stories about the fantastic things they had seen and done [more from them later in this newsletter]. I was extremely proud as I am sure you will be, to hear that the excellent behaviour and high level of interest and engagement of our students had been remarked upon more than once. In fact it was not only our tour guides and bus drivers who noticed how wonderful our students are, even fellow tourists and passers-by commented on their exemplary behaviour. We’ve always known our kids are the best and it’s nice when others notice that too.

Congratulations to all our Stage Two students, well done! And a huge thankyou to our fabulous teachers for their efforts in organising and supervising this excursion, it really is an enormous task and we all value the time they give so that our students can have such a great experience. So thank you to Mrs Miller, Mrs Pike, Mrs Dawes, Mrs Wilson and Mr Burke, you are much appreciated. Thank you also to all those Stage Two parents who helped spread the word of our early return on Friday –we ended up with just over a dozen families left to contact, not bad considering we had taken over seventy children away!

Our Stage Two students enjoying the sights

This week it is the turn of our Stage Three students who have headed off this morning to Gosford Outdoor Education Experience. Setting out for days filled with rock climbing and abseiling, fencing and archery; I am certain they will have a ball!

Yesterday our Senior Boys Soccer team played their next round of the PSSA knockout competition against New Lambton South. In a close match that went into extra time our boys achieved a 5-2 victory. Mr Edden was, as always very proud of our team’s sportsmanship during and after the match. Thank you to Mr Edden and the parents who supported our team.

Under the Department’s new model for funding Education, each school is given money according to the needs of their student body which is assessed yearly using enrolment data. This ‘Equity Funding’ can be used in any way that best meets the needs of students in our school. With part of our funding we are introducing the ‘Leg Up program, through which we aim to utilise the expertise of Mrs Hanley to give targeted intensive assistance to Stage One students who would benefit from a boost to their Literacy learning. Our aim is to focus on those students who, while they are working well, could do with a ‘leg up’ in just...
one or two areas with the intention of avoiding problems further down the track. We are very excited to have the opportunity to be able to introduce a program like this that works proactively to improve student outcomes.

Planning for our Cultural Day on Friday 17th October is getting into full swing and there are some very exciting projects being discussed in the classrooms and corridors about the place. The flyer for our (very) short film competition and photography competitions are included in this newsletter. A big thank you goes to Mrs Ayliffe who organised our fantastic film competition first prize. Please note, while we anticipate most filming will be done at home, any children who are keen to enter but do not have access to filming equipment need only to see myself or one of the teachers and we will organise lunchtime loans of equipment.

Congratulations to our debaters who today went up against Belair. Our team did a fantastic job but were narrowly defeated by the more experienced Belair team. Thank you to all our debaters and to Mrs Pike and Mrs Miller who have been responsible for training our debaters and organising the competitions this year.

Our Fathers’ Day stall yesterday was a great success with many happy faces excited about the special gifts they have bought to surprise their dads on Sunday. Thank you to all our P&C helpers who worked so hard to organise, package and sell the gifts for our students, you are much appreciated. As are all our dads and grandads in our school community, you do a wonderful and important job, and I wish you all a very happy Fathers’ Day!

Lucinda Farrell
Relieving Principal

To improve our students’ Reading we have just purchased almost 500 levelled books, this is a fantastic boost to our classroom reading programs. So that we can get these books into classrooms as quickly as possible we are looking for parent helpers who would be willing to cover some books in contact [contact is supplied]. If you would be willing to take some books home to cover please see Shannon in the Office.

**VACATION CARE 4 – 12yrs**

September/October 2014

Come join us these holidays
we will have you reaching new heights participating in:

- tramp, tumbling, acro, gymnastics skills and themed games,
- craft, science, athletics and cooking just to name a few.

Vacation Care is available from Monday 22nd Sept - Friday 3rd Oct

7.30am - 6pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Contact the Centre:

Ph: 4953 6366 Fax: 4953 6587 www.hsc.org.au
A Trip Back in Time

In fabulous 4/3D,
We've been busy as can be.
Learning new and interesting things,
All about our history.
From our Indigenous Aboriginals,
To British convicts and crimes.
Arriving on the First Fleet ships,
To serve out their punishments and times.
With 4/3D

From Captain James Cook's journeys,
And Governor Arthur Phillip at Botany Bay.
To Sydney's Hyde Park Barracks,
The place where convicts had to stay.
We've seen the sites and had delights,
In both the classroom and afar.
So now it's time to share with you,
What clever learners we are.
As students continue to learn to read and develop skills, sight words become more and more important. We are unable to sound out sight words, so we need to learn them from memory. **Sight Words** is a great app that has lists of sight words from prep to Year 3 (recommended grades only) as well as lists of nouns. This app is super easy and can be used in two ways. One way is to tap on the chosen list and then tap the screen. A word will appear and the app reads the word to the student. This is one way to help the student remember the word. Once the student becomes more confident with the word, the volume can be switched off and the words can be read like flashcards. The volume can be switched back on to test reading accuracy. Parents and students can also add their own flashcards to this app. Best of all it is free!

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### School App

Our School App has recently had an update, you may need to update the app on your phone in order for best results. You may also need to update your phone software.

### Book Club

Book Club will not be issued until Term 4 as there is a Book Fair in Week 6 of this Term.

### P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be Friday 12th September 8.30am in the Library.

**ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

### Assembly

Assemblies are on a fortnightly basis on a Tuesday at 2.15pm in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend. The next assembly day will be on Tuesday 9th September. The item will be performed by the Ukulele Group.

### Lunch Wallets

Available from the office

Now available in more colours!!!
P&C News...

Father’s Day Stall
Lots of very excited children visited our Father’s Day Stall yesterday to choose a gift for their Dads, Pops and Grandpas for Father’s Day. Thank you for your support of the stall - the children really enjoy it and put a lot of thought into which gift to choose, and of course, it is a great fundraiser for the school too. In spoiling our wonderful dads we were able to raise just over $1000 for the school which will enable the purchase of additional educational resources for our classrooms.

Many children didn't have money with them yesterday but they were still able to choose a gift for their dad and put it on “lay-by”! Notes were sent home with these children and their gift is in the office ready for collection. Some of the kids were extra generous and put two things away for $10 - it was written on their note if they did this. The gifts will be held at the office until Friday for collection.

For those who were not at school on Tuesday, there is a range of gifts left in the office if they would like to choose something special for their dad. All gifts are $5.

Thank you again for your support of the stall and to all the mums who helped on the day. And a big Happy Father’s Day to all the HPS Dads for Sunday!
A huge congratulations to Abbey B for making it to state for long jump. Congratulations to Lachlan H for coming 7th out of 14th in high jump, well done to both of you guys.

We are due to play New Lambton South for PSSA knockout, if the weather holds off. Hopefully we play good and get a win.

The boys managed to get the game in, in between showers. The score at full time was 2 all. The game then went into extra time, in the last few minutes of that the score was still 2 all, the boys managed to score 3 quick goals making the final score 5—2.

Learn to Surf Newcastle

Operated/owned by Miles Niddrie, Level 2 Surf Coach, since 2004.

Vegemite Surf Groms is back again this September School Holidays.

All equipment supplied including winter wetsuits, softboards and rash shirts.

Surf safety education and local beach info taught each lesson.

Age groups are 5-12yrs (max 12 kids/3coaches)

School holiday 4 x 2hr $165pp (all prices inc GST)

Plus registration fee for the Surfgrms gift pack value $150 free.

13yrs-18yrs $165pp welcome too, over 18’s $175pp

Single 2hr lessons daily $45pp under 18yrs, $50pp over 18yrs.

Group size 12yrs to Adults are max 10 with 2 coaches.

For bookings and enquiries please call 4944 9585 or 0404 83 9585.

Email at miles@learntosurfnewcastle.com or www.learntosurfnewcastle.com
Calling all young film makers!

Can you **WOW** an audience in two minutes or less?

The theme for your movie is our school motto

“From Nature We Learn”

First Prize is a Nikon Camera

Entries Close Monday 13th October

Remember Mum and Dad can help but it must be your work!

With thanks to the Good Guys at Warners Bay
P&C Fair Stalls
We are close to confirming all the P&C run stalls for the fair. Here’s the current list of what you can look forward to:
- Canteen
- BBQ
- Lolly Buffet
- 2nd hand Books/DVDs
- 2nd hand Toys and kids items
- Cake Stall and Lemonade stand
- Cupcake decorating
- Photo booth
- Plants
- Raffles
- Art Auction
- Lucky dip and craft station
- Fruit and Veg stall
- Facepainting
- Balloons

One More Stall?
Thankyou so much to the stall co-ordinator volunteers we have had so far!!
We have had one more suggestion of a Kitchen items and Homewares stall, and we have had offers of donations - but we need one more volunteer to run it. It would involve sorting and pricing the items, setting up the stall and probably covering the first shift (2hrs). If you are interested in helping out please send us an email.

Donations & 500 Clubs
We have had so many generous business donations already with a combined value of over $2000. Please check out our sponsor page to see our valued supporters.
We will be running 500 Club raffles with many of the donated prizes. Each club will have 8-10 prizes, but only 500 tickets - so get in fast! Tickets for two Kids Raffle Clubs should be selling from next week.

CALLING ALL FACEPAINTERS!
Danielle Whiting is running the facepainting stall but she could use some help. Contact her or us if any parents or older siblings can assist for an hour or two.

CONTACT: Amber Hutton or Amii Jones
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TWO MONTHS
TO GO
When kids ask “the” questions...

Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

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**Session 1: Where did I come from?**
1-hour session: years 3-6

**Session 2: Preparing for puberty**
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion
Wednesday 5th November

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.