

**Henty  
Public  
School**

**Kalori**

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10th March 2009

## Whats on at HPS?

Robert Trickey visit	11 / 3
Year 6 BHS Orientation	12 / 3
P & C Meeting	18 / 3
Robert Trickey visit	23 / 3
Athletics Carnival	27 / 3
Easter Scripture Service	7 / 4
Cross Country	9 / 4
Last Day Term 1	9 / 4

## Principal's Message

### **Brain Gym**

Mrs Narelle Major has been instructing the staff on how to implement Brain Gym into classrooms. The program will benefit all children by improving their coordination, concentration and general well being. We appreciate Mrs Major's involvement as she has volunteered her time.

### **Professional Learning**

Many of the staff have attended professional learning courses over the past few weeks. Mrs Morison, our mathematics coordinator, attended a one day workshop in Albury. Maths is one of the focus areas for 2009.

Mrs Kane and Miss Truin attended a NAPLAN (National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy) writing course that gave an insight into the marking of writing samples. NAPLAN testing for years 3 and 5 will be early next term.

This is important preparation for both teachers and students to ensure that the students are given the best opportunity to succeed.

### **Cricket Representatives**



Josh ,  
Jayden (Pre-  
selection tri-  
als) &  
Shantelle  
(Riverina  
Girls Cricket  
Representa-  
tive)

**Regards, Gail**



**Mission Statement:** Quality Teaching, Quality Learning for all in a safe, happy and supportive environment.

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# Class Notes

## Kindergarten

## Lucinda Coggan

On Wednesday the children had a fabulous time for their mid-term treat. Congratulations Kinder for excellent behaviour during Term 1.

Last Thursday and Friday Kinder enjoyed having Miss Brown. They did some fantastic work about describing features of bodies.

This week our new sight words are can and mum.

Our sounds for the week are 'n' as in net (as we did not complete it last week) and 'c' as in caterpillar.

In maths this week we are focusing on sorting data into groups and also some revision.

Art will be on Thursday with Mrs Ellis.

Happy Birthday Lachlan for Thursday. We hope you have a great day!

## Year 1 – 2

## Judy Morison

Reading—In Shared Reading we have enjoyed a variety of texts. We have discussed these and attempted to write a short recount. In Reading Groups, everyone is trying hard. Our focus this week is on PRONOUNS, and past tense VERBS.

Congratulations to the excellent readers who read for ten minutes or more, each night.

Maths—Each day we use our 100's chart for counting. This week we are looking at lines, picture graphs and sharing.

COGs—Thanks to the families who have sent in photos. Everyone will be collecting their own 'Me' box, as part of our unit. This is an important part of our Literacy and COGs program. Each child needs a box (shoebox or smaller) with 3 or 4 meaningful items (eg card, keepsake, small toy, or special stone or ornament). Students will be discussing and writing about these.

ART—This week we have art on Thursday.

# Class Notes

## Year 3 — 4

Theresa Kane

- Yesterday the children viewed and critiqued their videoed speeches. This was an extremely valuable experience with many supportive and positive comments being made.
- We look forward to the writing session with Robert Trickey on Wednesday.
- Homework is to be returned each Friday. The children are encouraged to complete a small component of their homework each night. I encourage parents to spend ten minutes each night listening to your children read.
- Many of the children in the class are neglecting to bring their library bags each week. Our library has an extensive range of books and the children are encouraged to borrow and read weekly. It is hoped that all children in the class will complete the Premier's Reading Challenge.
- Congratulations to the Athletics stars in our class. Each week a specific task is set and the children's progress is monitored. The children are given class time to complete these tasks, are able to access the computers during lunch and have the option of completing tasks at home.

## Year 5 — 6

Jolonna Truin

Congratulations to Nick who is this weeks student of the week.

Happy Birthday to Mikayla who celebrates her birthday today.

Happy birthday to Jayden and Montanna who celebrated their birthday on the same day last week.

Well done to Jayden and Josh who made it through to the next round of the cricket trials last week

and Congratulations to Shantelle who was selected in the Riverina girls cricket team yesterday.

Shantelle will compete in Sydney in November.

Remember to be aware of the current affairs occurring around us-keep reading the newspaper and watching the news.

We will be concentrating on the value RESPONSIBILITY for the next few weeks.

Art will be held this Thursday.

Good luck to some boys in our class who will represent the school in AFL trials at The Rock on

Wednesday and also to Brooke who will be trying out for the Riverina Tennis Team on Wednesday.

Robert Trickey will again be visiting us on Wednesday and will be conducting a session with us.

Please remember there are 2 competitions running at the moment in our school. The first is a colouring competition which the sun safe committee are running. The second is an ANZAC day competition which will be a computer generated diary entry.

Well done to everyone who had a very enjoyable treat day at the pool on Friday.

There are a number of children who are not wearing their hats at school. You need to wear your hats all the time please. Also remember your sunglasses and sunscreen to be totally sun safe. Expression of Interest for Placement in Year 7 forms were forwarded home recently, please return to school by **Friday 27th March**.



**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**  
 Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Principal's Awards:-

**Ryan  
 Teneale  
 Thomas  
 Lachie**

### **GRAB BAG**

Congratulations to the following children who were grab bag winners in Week 4:-

Kinder	Hannah Bridie Tara Tayla
Year 1-2	Charlee Jonathan Thomas Darcie
Year 3-4	Cassidy Ben Mackenzie Jack
Year 5-6	Raymond Jasmine Mikayla Jayden

### **Australian Speech, Communication Association**

Congratulations Jessica who has received a Studio Medal for excellence in her 2008 Speech Exams. Well done Jessica!

### **ANZAC Competition**

As in past years, we will be holding an ANZAC competition. This year students in Kinder will colour an ANZAC picture, Year 1/2 will colour and write a small caption and Years 3 to 6 will construct a slide show depicting the meaning of ANZAC and why it is important to

them.

Teachers will be discussing the activity in class with the students.



### **Values Awards**

#### **RESPECT**

*Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised for displaying values:*

*Zaid  
 Lachie  
 Jed  
 Stephanie  
 Robbie*

### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

Please read the information on the enclosed forms relating to the Premier's Reading Challenge.

### **Band Fundraising Committee**

**We will be holding a stall on Saturday 14th March in the Town Garage Sale. Please send along any goods for sale you no longer require.**

## Cricket

Congratulations to Shantelle who yesterday was selected in the Riverina girls cricket team. Shantelle will compete in Sydney in November.

## AFL & Tennis

Good luck to the boys competing in the AFL trials on Wednesday and to Brooke who is competing in the tennis trials on Wednesday also.

## Athletics

The athletics carnival will be held on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> March. We will be needing volunteers for the carnival and would love your help. There will be a note home shortly with more information. We will be holding all of the events on the one day,

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including the field events. There will be a nomination form for those children aged 8 and older to nominate which event/s you would like to enter. Please discuss this as there will be no changes made on the day. The carnival day will include a picnic lunch with families invited to attend.

## Cross Country

The Cross Country carnival will also be held this term. We will be requiring helpers for this carnival too. Please keep these events in mind.

## Gymnastics

Gymnastics will commence in **Term 2** with the Handstand Factory from Wagga Wagga. Cost will be \$4.50 per student per week and the gymnastics will run for a 10 week period. This forms part of our PE/Health/Physical Development program. Gymnastics will be held on a Thursday.

**Miss Truin**  
**Sports Coordinator**

## *Active After School*

Days for Active After School have changed to the following for this term:-

**WEDNESDAY** 11th March

**Tuesday** 17th March

**WEDNESDAY** 18th March

Tuesday until the end of Term 1.

Please make a note of these changes on your calendar.

A bowls afternoon with some local bowlers is planned for later in the term.

Maydee apologises for any inconvenience caused by this, but it is to work in with her University studies.

## CANTEEN

**Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to assist with canteen on a Monday.**

**16/3**

**Kellie Penfold**

**23/3**

**Cathy Coe**

**30/3**

**Tracey Lieschke**

**06/4**

**Carol Keene**

## **EFTPOS FACILITY**

Payments are now able to be made at the school through EFTPOS.

## Community Notices

### Henty Football Club

Registration Night and first junior training will be held on  
Thursday 19th March 2009 as follows:-

Auskick—4 pm

Under 14's and Under 17's—5 pm

Registration at the clubrooms from 4 pm

Sausage Sizzle available

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### Farm Office Workshops

Organised by NSW Partners in Grain

A fun day full of useful tips and information on every aspect of running an efficient  
farm office. Topics include:-

Office design, Essential office equipment, Sorting the mail, filing systems, farm  
meetings, physical farm records, staff, plus lots more.

Join us at the Community Technology Centre Holbrook on

Friday March 13 from 8:30 am—3:30 pm

Registration essential. Cost \$112 or \$22 for second person in business.

Details at [www.partnersingrain.org.au](http://www.partnersingrain.org.au)

Or contact Pam Krieg P/F 63433205 or [krieggp@bigpond.com](mailto:krieggp@bigpond.com)

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### HENTY NETBALL CLUB

Registration Night Thursday 12th March from 4pm

All grades including Fun Net training commence on Thursday 12th

Netta and Mods 4 pm

Junior and Intermediates 5 pm

Seniors 6pm

New players will need a Birth Certificate as proof of age.

## GYMNASTICS 2009

Each year the school has provided gymnastic lessons for students who attend our school as part of our PE/H/PD. This year The Handstand Factory in Wagga will provide a specialist in-school gymnastics program that includes all equipment and nationally accredited coaches. We feel this is a great opportunity for our students as gymnastics as rarely available.

Gymnastics will be conducted over a 10 week period commencing Week 1 Term 2. Lessons will be held each **Thursday**.

Payments for gymnastics can be made weekly or in full. Cost is \$4.50 per student per week. Please complete the form below and return it to school **by Thursday 9th April**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sports uniform should be worn on Thursday for gymnastics.

Gail Driscoll  
Principal



**Return to school by Wednesday 29 April**

**\$4.50 for 9 weeks or \$45.00**

### GYMNASTICS TERM 2

	Names of Children	Year
I give permission for	.....	.....
	.....	.....
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to attend 10 weekly gymnastics lessons at the school during Term 2 with the The Handstand Factory gymnastics program. EFTPOS facilities are available at the school. I will be paying in the following method:

Please tick one:-

- Full payment of \$45.00 per child       Cheque enclosed       EFTPOS facility

**OR**

Weekly payment of \$4.50 per child

Signed .....

Date:.....

# Our Friendly School

## PARENTS' ROLE IN OUR FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Research has demonstrated that efforts to change attitudes and behaviour of students are more likely to be successful if parents are actively involved and feel a sense of shared ownership of the process.

### What can parents do to support activities in the school to reduce bullying?

- Talk regularly with your children about bullying;
- Encourage your children to 'ask for help' if they are being bullied at school;
- If your children are fighting at home, help them discuss their problem and come to a mutual solution to the problem;
- Encourage your children to be assertive by helping them practise speaking in a firm but friendly way, making eye contact, looking calm and smiling and feeling good about themselves;
- Encourage your children to play with other children at school, at home and in the neighbourhood;
- Help your children improve their self-esteem by discussing the things they are good at, encouraging your children to 'have-a-go' at new activities, and encouraging your children to develop their own independence by allowing them to care for their belongings or manage their pocket money.