

**Henty
Public
School**

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24th March 2009

Whats on at HPS?

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Principal's Message

P&C Meeting

Thankyou to all parents who attended the last P&C meeting. I encourage our families to come and support the workings of the committee and add to the discussion about the school. The P&C is a definite voice within our community and issues discussed are acted upon within the school setting.

A request has been made to hold information afternoons dealing with some 'hot spot' areas of concern for parents. These include Mathematics, Homework and Helping My Child with Home Reading. Teaching staff are more than happy to run these afternoons. More information next term concerning dates and times.

I would like to stress to all parents, if you have a concern, please call the office for an appointment with your child's teacher or myself.

Robert Trickey

Robert Trickey completed his visit yesterday. The children thoroughly enjoyed his writing sessions and produced a number of high quality pieces of writing. We will be showcasing our literacy achievements during Education Week in Term 2. Robert has kindly offered to join us on the day to give parents an idea of what he has taught the students.

The Morgan Country Learning Community

The learning community consists of Billa-bong High School, Holbrook PS, Culcairn PS and Henty PS. We will have common goals in a number of areas including Welfare and Discipline and Curriculum. The emphasis is Writing in 2009. A very exciting venture.

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

This week Kinder will be performing at the school assembly on Wednesday afternoon. Family, grandparents & friends are all welcome to come and see their debut performance!!

In maths this week the children are learning about equal groups & volume. Please encourage your child to count aloud at home as this is great practice for them. They have been practicing counting both forwards and backwards.

The sight words for this week are 'went' and 'is'. The sounds we are focusing on are 'r' as in rabbit and 'd' as in dog.

Yesterday the children wore special orange ribbons to symbolize Harmony Day.

We are all very excited about the sports carnival on Friday. We have some fun races and games organized so please feel free to come and watch.

Thank you for your continued support with sight words and home reading. If you have any questions regarding home reading please feel free to come and see me.

Year 1 – 2

Judy Morison

Writing This week Year 2 spent time with Robert Trickey to develop their writing. The stones are great, along with the illustrations. We hope to have them completed soon. Well done Year 2.

Maths In maths Year 1 have been using the number line to add & subtract, and counting on from a given number, by ones, twos, fives and tens.

Birthdays Happy 8th Birthdays to Harry (29th) and Callum (31st).

Sports We are looking forward to our sports day on Friday, at the football oval. Everyone is welcome.

Spelling Everyone has a spelling revision list to practise at home. Try to practise 5 or 6 words each night; Look, Cover, Write and Check your words. Keep practising any errors. These are words we use in our writing and relate to “Our Families” unit in COGs. Ask your child about our new spelling game. Who will earn the most points on Thursday? The cheetahs, pumas or jaguars?

Class Notes

Year 3 — 4

Theresa Kane

- Yesterday the children enjoyed another session with Robert Trickey. They planned cover pages for their books and continued editing and illustrating. There are some very talented and imaginative students in the class. Please talk to your children about *'pingy and lazy words'*.
- To assist with maths activities, involving capacity, we need various containers that will hold water. Can you help with one litre containers, egg cups, assorted plastic containers and jars?
- Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to assist at the Athletics Carnival. If you have not returned your note and you are able to assist please return the note ASAP.
- The children have been completing tasks to assist them in enhancing their sentences. The sentences that they are writing are great.
- Congratulations to Nakita, Ellen and Cassidy who participated in the Country Victorian All Juniors in Melbourne last the weekend.

All students are asked to remember to wear their school hats. They are a part of the school uniform and must be worn during terms 1 and 4.

Year 5 — 6

Jolonna Truin

Congratulations to Nathaniel Upton who is student of the week.

RESPONSIBILITY covers many areas. By years 5 and 6 it is expected that you are taking more responsibility. Homework is one of these areas. It is very disappointing to take homework home over the weekend to mark and find that- a) not everyone has handed in their homework and b) a lot of the homework is incomplete and untidy. Well done to those children who do hand their homework in and it is neat and complete. You are showing responsibility.

It has been fantastic to see all children in our class wearing their hats. This is another area in which you are showing responsibility and being good role models for the younger children.

Robert Trickey visited us yesterday and gave us a lesson on book covers and publishing the rest of our books. They are beginning to come along and look really good. The finished products will be fantastic. The sun safe competition has now closed and the sun safe committee will be judging the entries. Remember the project is due next week.

Please remember the ANZAC competition which needs to be a computer generated entry.

It is very pleasing when children do their best all the time. Please do your best with **WHATEVER** you do.

GRAB BAG

Congratulations to the following children who were grab bag winners in Week 8:-

Kinder -	Katelyn Sarah Lachlan Kytlee
Year 1-2	Brenten Casey Justin Diaz
Year 3-4	Iilish Charlie Ben Leighton
Year 5-6	Stephanie Jessica James Robbie

2009 Stewart House Donation Drive

Envelopes are attached for the 2009 Stewart House Donation Drive. Please complete as follows:-

1. On the donation drive envelope write your name, address, telephone number and school.
2. Insert a donation of at least \$1 or \$2 (a gold coin) into the envelope and seal it up
3. Return the envelope to school by **Monday 6th**.

Disco

Years 3-6 will be holding a disco on the 1st April. The theme is Pyjamas. Year 6 will be bringing supper. The disco will start at 6:30 pm and will finish at 8:30 pm.

Sunsafe Committee

Colouring Competition

Colouring competitions have been judged and winners will be announced on Wednesday 25th March, due to the Athletics Carnival on Friday.

Portable Shade

Mrs Kane has applied for a grant of \$5000 from Woolworths, with this money we will buy a portable gazebo. Good luck Mrs Kane.

Modelling Competition

We will also be holding a modelling day on the last Wednesday of term. Please come to school in sunsafe clothes. You can add to your outfit before the parade if you wish. Modelling of the outfits will commence at 12:30pm.

It will be a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go to the committee.

Isabelle, Maddi, Brooke & Robbie



Values Awards

RESPONSIBILITY

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

Eliza
Thomas
Harry
Ellen
James

Athletics Carnival Canteen

There will be a canteen running at the Athletics Carnival. A huge thankyou to Michelle Kernaghan for organising it.
You do not have to pre-order.

Athletics training has been going well. It is great to see some children attempting new things. Well done to all children who have participated.

Hopefully by the end of today we have enough parent helpers to keep the Athletics Carnival continuing. Thank you very much to all of those parents who have al-

Sport

ready offered their assistance. It is greatly appreciated. We do understand that some parents work and are unable to assist.

The 3-6 carnival will begin at approximately 10am. The children will come to school and be walked down to the oval. Please remember that you will need hats, sunscreen, drinks, something to eat (there will be a canteen in operation) and perhaps even something to sit on.

All certificates and age champions will be presented at a school assembly.

Thank you to Ken and Brenda who have assisted in the preparation of the carnival and to the

Billabong Little Athletics who have kindly lent us their equipment.

The Cross Country carnival will also be held on the last day of this term. We will be requiring helpers for this carnival too. Please keep an eye out for more information. This carnival will only run for approximately an hour.

Next Friday, 3rd April the Southern Riverina schools will be participating in a touch football gala day to be held at The Rock. The day is for years 4-6. Trials will be held on Thursday this week. Teams are mixed.

Miss Truin
Sports Coordinator

CANTEEN

Active After School

Active After School will now be held on each Tuesday until the end of Term 1 commencing at 3:45 pm.

World Maths Day 2009

Forty four students from Henty Public School participated in the World Maths Day activities. Collectively the students answered 3 888 answers correctly in 369 minutes.

Well done to everyone who participated.

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

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**Tracey Lieschke
Carol Keene**

Asthma Action Plans

It is advisable, if your child suffers from asthma, to provide the school with an action plan from your doctor. The information on the plan is invaluable for the care and possible treatment of your child.

Community Notices

Cricket Presentation Night

Sunday 29th March at the Henty Community Centre

Under 13's and Under 16's starting at 3 pm

All welcome



MURRAY CONSERVATORIUM

Pops at the Bots Free Family Fun 5—8 pm Sunday 5th April in

Albury Botanic Gardens

Picnic Music Festival—Bring your Picnic Rugs, give-aways, balloons, prizes

M-Con Symphony Orchestra, Paddy's Beer Tent, M-Con Show Band, Scots School Pipe Band, Murray Conservatorium Choir, Outreach Schools Choir, Flare Gun, Jazz Bands, Irish Dancers, Kids rides, roaming entertainers, fine local foods

P & C Snippets

*Rotary has offered to move the header shelter in the Henty Park (once the header is relocated to the new highway building) to the Five Ways reserve. Gail explained at last week's meeting this would make an ideal display and reference area for the school's environmental work.

The P & C is keen to provide a nice seating area outside the office for visitors and waiting parents. If you have any ideas please share them with Tracey Lieschke, who is following up this matter.

Areas of the curriculum and how it relates to learning will be explained in upcoming P & C meetings following requests from parents for such information.

DIARY DATES

April 26—B & V Young Clearing Sale catering.

June 12th—Fish and Chip Night at the Henty Community Centre. Parents are asked to contribute to the night through the donation of a salad or dessert, helping with setting up, cleaning up and cooking and by attending and bringing plenty of diners with them!!

Athletics Carnival 2009

I am willing to help at the Athletics Carnival on Friday the 27th March, beginning at 10.00am.

_____ (helpers name) date: _____
_____ (helpers signature)

I am wiling to help with: -please circle

Timekeeping place judge high jump long jump
Shot put discus starting marshalling

Any of the above
Thank You
Miss Jolonna Truin



Return to school by Wednesday 29 April \$4.50 for 10 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

Communicating Effectively With Your Children

Over the next few weeks we will feature articles that may help help you talk with your children about bullying. It is important to discuss bullying with your children on a regular basis. Regular communication with a person they trust and respect will help them form their own opinions and beliefs about bullying. Your children will also feel more comfortable telling you if they are being bullied.

Sit Shoulder To Shoulder Or Walk With Your Child As You Talk

- *Talking face to face can be quite confrontational, particularly for boys.
- *Sitting or walking side by side will encourage both you and your child to talk freely.

Use Open Ended Questions

- *It is easy to ask your child if they had a good day or if they would like toast for breakfast; however these questions only require a yes or no answer.
 - *Try asking questions such as "What did you do today" or "What would you like for breakfast."
- These types of questions encourage discussion between you and your child.

Talk With Your Child About What To Do Rather Than What Not To Do

- *It is common for us to focus on poor behaviour, such as "don't step in that puddle" or "stop swinging on your chair"
- *Using positive language allows you to tell your children what you would like them to do rather than what you don't want them to do.
- *Try rewording negative statements to positive statements such as "step over the puddle" or "please put the chairs legs on the floor"