Friday, 24th October, 2014.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 22nd October to
Friday, 24th October
Grades 3 – 6 Camp to Rumbug
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Monday, 3rd November
NO SCHOOL - Curriculum Day for Teachers

Tuesday, 4th November
NO SCHOOL – Melbourne Cup Holiday

Friday, 7th November
2nd Prep Orientation – 11.00 am to 2.30 pm

Tuesday, 11th November
Civics & Citizenship Awards Ceremony – 11.00 am

Thursday, 13th November
Gippsland Toy Run – 12.30 pm (change of date)

Friday, 14th November
Grade 2 Sleepover

Saturday, 29th November
State Election – families can vote at the school

Monday, 8th December
End of Year break-up

Tuesday, 9th December
3rd Prep Orientation – 9.00 to 11.30 am

Tuesday, 9th December
Grade 6 Orientation Day

Thursday, 11th December
Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea

Tuesday, 16th December
Grade 6 Graduation – 6.30 pm start at Italian Club

Friday, 19th December
Last day of Term 4 – 1.30 pm finish

Wednesday, 28th January, 2015
School commences for teachers

Thursday, 29th January, 2015
School commences for students

Tuesday, 3rd March, 2015
School Photos – 9.00 am

Other known dates for the year are on the School Website Calendar.

GIPPSLAND TOY RUN

Thursday, 13th November, 2014 at 12.30 pm
...21 snoozes to go...

Sun hats available at the office
Legionnaires - $6.00
Wide Brimmed - $9.00

Reminder
Year 7 Enrolment Forms
Kurnai College – Churchill Campus
Parents are to complete their child’s enrolment forms and hand in at the Churchill Campus as soon as possible.
PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS  

Paul Jorgensen (Principal)

School Council met this week and discussed a variety of issues including lunch orders, after-school-care, school fees and budgets, school surveys and policy developments.

There have been some issues with students reporting that they are receiving some lunch orders that are cold instead of warm. This has been raised with the lunch providers and will be followed up in coming weeks.

I have received information from the DEECD Legal Department regarding OSHCARE providing a bus to pick up children from HNPS and take them to Tobruk Street Primary School for the After School Care program. OSHCARE wanted a formal agreement with HNPS for this arrangement but the information from DEECD legal department is that this is not necessary as the parents would need to have an agreement, not the school. I will be passing this information on to OSHCARE and see what their stance will be. They may still offer the service to parents directly.

We have begun a trial of some new software for communication to parents and students as well we are looking at payments to the school using BPAY, however, these all come with costs to the school. Along with this is the continuing rising other costs, particularly utilities. School Council will look at these and decide on School Fees for 2015. At present, we are well below the Australian average of $300 per child per year with this year’s fees at $165 per child.

We have had our own school surveys this a year along with DEECD surveys of Parents and children. The information gathered provided us with information on which we can adjust programs if needed, for policy development or change practice. The DEECD Parent Opinion survey was sent to 40 randomly selected parents and we had 21 replies. Overall, the results were very disappointing to us as Staff and School Council. I will meet with a Regional representative this week to further discuss this survey and the results and School Council will further discuss this at later meetings. One thing it does indicate is that many parents are unsure of what really happens at school. We have already acknowledged this and have been organising parent information sessions and inviting parents to Expo’s of children’s work. We hope that this will help but they are generally not as well attended by parents as we would like. Please keep an eye out for our next invitation for parents to join us.

School Council endorsed two new policies this week and these are attached to the email sent to families. Please take the time to read them as they are important documents and they guide how and what we do at school. They will also be placed on the school website.

I had the pleasure of joining the students and staff at Camp Rumbug on Thursday this week. Charlie Twomey and I were able to join in the fun and activities and all we saw were happy, excited (and wet/muddy) children. I think the big kids (re: teachers and adults) were having the most fun. Some parents will have some trouble trying to clean the clothes of the children
when they return home but I’m sure the experiences of the children and the stories they will tell will outweigh the hassle of the washing.
and still they continue to have more fun!!
When will it end

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EASY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

My name is Robyn and I’m a consultant for Postie Fashion. I would like to offer a $20 donation to your school for every holding party booking I receive that mentions this newsletter. So if you love ladies fashion, would like to have some fun and raise some money for your school, please give me a call on 0412 899 684.

...Thank you...

Robyn Rendell

GIPPSLAND TOY RUN

...21 snoozes to go...

The Gippsland Motorcyclists will ride into the school on Thursday, 13th November, 2014 at 12.30 pm to collect the donations for distribution to needy families at Christmas.

The Junior School Council is looking for donations of toys or non-perishable food from our school families to give to this very worthy cause.

A drop-off box is located in the front foyer for collection between now and Thursday, 13th November, 2014.

If every family could donate one item, we would have lots to give to the bikers.

Thank you very much............Junior School Councillors

DATES FOR 2015 KINDER TO PREP TRANSITION

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<td>PLEASE PROVIDE A SNACK FOR YOUR CHILD. A LUNCH ORDER WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH NEW PREP. A form has already been provided to the Prep Parent. Please forward to the school as soon as possible.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 9th December, 2014</td>
<td>9.00 am – 11.30 am</td>
<td>Students – classroom work. Parents – Meet:</td>
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NEWS FROM PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ CLUB - Bronwyn Woodward (President)

Calendar of Events
Monday, 27th October - Week 4 – The Lunch Order Ladies due
Thursday, 30th October - Lunch Day
Monday, 3rd November - Week 5 – NO LUNCH ORDERS THIS WEEK
Thursday, 6th November - NO LUNCH ORDERS THIS WEEK
Friday, 7th November - Volunteers needed for catering at clearing sale – ALL DAY EVENT
Monday, 10th November - Week 6 – Lunch orders due
Thursday, 13th November - Lunch Day
Saturday, 29th November - ELECTION DAY

DON’T forget to go and have a look at www.haznthps for up-coming events at school.

Volunteers Needed
Friday, 7th November, 2014, Parents’ Club will be catering for a Clearing Sale at the Hall across the road. We will be looking for helpers to serve tea/coffee, soup and cook sausages on the BBQ.

The clearing sale is from 10.30 am (setup prior) and will run for a few hours at least. Any time you can spare to assist this day, would be greatly appreciated.

Kids Boxshotz
Thanks to the families who supported the school with this fundraiser.

Cadbury Chocolates
Are you or your work place needing a chocolate fix? Please see Brenda or any of the Parents Club; we have some available for you right now.

This ongoing fundraiser has helped us put over $13,000.00 back into the school this year, including new Sports Jackets and Socks, Basketball Uniforms, our Ride-on-Mower and many more. Fundraising at the moment is for NEW PLAYGROUND equipment.

School Banking
Don’t forget to get those Bank Books in and claim the prizes for Term 4 after you hit 10. A commission from all deposits come back to school.

...ELECTION DAY...

Cook Book
Yes, it's official; we will be producing a Hazelwood North Cook Book. This will be ready for sale around Election Day, 29th November. So if you haven’t already submitted a recipe or two, just write it out or print it out and send to the office or email direct to me on address below.

Plant Sale
We will also sell plants on Election Day which means we are after donations of:
  • Any potted leftover seedlings
  • Extra plants
  • Cuttings already potted
  • Thinning of bulbs, etc.

If you think you can help but have no pots of soil, please let me know. Thanking you in advance.

Next Meeting
Next meeting is on Wednesday, 12th November 9.30 in the Art room. Everyone is most welcome.

If you have any questions on the above or any ideas for fundraising, you can contact me on either 0412 855 933 or bronwyn@wideband.net.au.
This week is Kids Safety Week and we all want to keep our kids safe both at school and home.

Kidsafe website has some great information on everything from safety in the pool, the trampoline to child car seats and batteries. They also have some fun colouring and activity pages for kids to do. It is worth checking out the website.


To get you started, we have attached a Home Safety Checklist to this week’s newsletter.

SHINE THE LIGHT - LANTERN PARADE

On Friday 17th October a Lantern Parade was held in Morwell to celebrate the community’s resilience after the recent bush and mine fires. Schools and organisations were offered the chance to participate and at Hazelwood North Primary School students made lanterns for the occasion. Alyssa and Alisha made our lovely sparkly banner which received many compliments on the night.

On the night Olivia, her sister Milly and her mum and dad along with Zoe, Ben and their mum paraded the lanterns with Ms Rule. Mrs A was our resident photographer. There were lots of people in attendance, with music, drumming, yummy food and some fantastic lanterns made.

“It was a fun night. One of my favourite lanterns was the big lips, Zoe and I joked about getting eaten by them. We walked around the lake and although my legs got a bit tired; I liked walking with our sign”..........Olivia

“The lantern parade was cool. I really liked the big bird lantern, it was awesome. Lots of people were taking our photos when we were walking and I felt like a famous person”..........Zoe

Volunteers are needed to clean out cupboards in the Art Room kitchen. Please see Sue Duncan if you can spare some time.