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WEDNESDAY'S SCHOOL BANKING

Friday 29th June

Monday 16th July

Friday 3rd August

Monday 13th August

Monday 13th—17th August

Monday 20th – 24th August

Monday 10th September

Friday 21st September

Wednesday 24th -26th October

Monday 5th November

Tuesday 6th November

Saturday 24th November

WEDNESDAY'S SCHOOL BANKING

Term 2 Concludes @ 1.30pm

Term 3 Commences

Pupil Free Day

School Council Meeting

National Science week

Book Week

School Council Meeting

Term 3 Concludes @ 1.30pm

Camp Rumbug - Grades 3/4/5/6

Pupil Free Day

Melbourne Cup Day

Election Day at school -Volunteers

PRINCIPAL COMMENTS: PAUL JORGENSEN

We have reached the middle of the year already and there has been a lot happening in this time. Students have worked well across the school and are showing good progress. I hope that parents enjoyed the student led reporting to parents on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. We engage children in individual goal setting and they monitor their work in many ways so student led reporting to parents allows children the opportunity to talk about their learning and show their schoolwork to parents.

Our sand pit is now operational thanks to the help of students, parents and grandparents who have spent time on shovels and rakes putting in and spreading sand in the sandpit.

Next Term at the end of week three (Friday 3rd August) School Council have approved a Pupil Free day (Curriculum Day). This will enable HNPS staff the opportunity to further develop programs and processes in Reading. In this year's school Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) one of our goals was to 'Improve student learning achievement and growth in English and Maths through the consistent use of agreed teaching approaches in all classrooms across the school.'

To do this we have had a focus on the teaching of Reading. Our Curriculum day will focus staff learning around formative assessment and analysis of data as well as the Core Teaching Practices of teaching reading.

Another Pupil Free day will occur on Monday November 5th. This is the Monday before the Melbourne Cup public holiday which gives students the 4 day long weekend which many parents are also able to enjoy. On this day staff will continue their work on achieving the AIP and School Strategic Plan goals.

A reminder to that next term there will be some changes to our newsletter, how we send out information, so the use of the Skoolbag App will be important. If you have any problems accessing the App please contact us.

Foundation / One Preview

Thanks to everyone who attended our student-led conferences. The students were all so excited to share their learning with you, and we were so impressed with everyone's progress and ability to reflect on their learning.

We hope that over the holidays our students all get a chance to rest and recharge after a busy term of learning. Don't forget to keep up the home reading and practice of high-frequency words – we will send a few extra books and words home for the holidays. **Reading** to your child is also a great way to show enjoyment of reading, so perhaps share a few favourite picture books over the holidays.

Basic number facts can be practised by playing board or card games together – Roll some dice and add or subtract the numbers. Flip two cards and add them as quickly as you can. Other mathematical concepts could be explored while cooking, shopping, measuring or building at home.

Next term, our **Inquiry Learning** focus will be '**Our Community**'. If you are out and about over the holidays, perhaps you could look at the businesses and services your family uses in the local area. Where do you get your groceries? Where do you go for entertainment? Who do you see when someone is sick?

Have a great holiday everyone. We look forward to seeing you all on the first day of Term 3.

Kelly, Natalie and Alyce.

2/3 Preview

Good Afternoon 2/3 Families/Carers,

Thank-you to all the families that came along to our student led conference. It is a great opportunity for the students to share some of their learning. All students should be very proud of the effort they put into their presentations.

Don't forget to encourage your child to **read** on the holidays. Remember it doesn't have to be a book from school! Other ideas for the holidays could include working on their skip counting goal, recalling times table or writing a narrative.

We hope you all have a wonderful break. Looking forward to seeing you all in Term3 .

Justine Morgan and Mark Atherton

4/5/6 Preview

We have enjoyed a busy and productive 11 week term! Term Two has been filled with many excellent achievements and learning experiences. Well done to all!

Next term our area of study in **Inquiry** will be Economics. We will be covering topics such as wants versus needs, the importance of being a thoughtful consumer and looking at small and local businesses. To begin thinking about this topic, I can take note of the types of shops my family visits and what items we buy. I could consider how my family makes decisions about making purchases. I can think about or even attend local craft or farmers markets. I can consider what the difference is between a shopping centre and a local market.

In Writing, we will begin the term by revisiting narrative writing. To prepare for this, I can use my ideas journal to note down interesting events and ideas I have on the holidays. **In Reading**, we will begin by looking closely at different genres and their features. Over the holidays I can start thinking about the genres (types) of books I like to read and why I enjoy them. I can keep reading at least 4 times a week.

In Math, we will start the term by furthering our knowledge on fractions. Over the holidays I can continue to practise my quick recall of multiplication facts. I could also try some of the worded problems that can be found at <https://www.mathplayground.com/wpdatabase/wpindex.html>.

Wishing everyone a relaxing holidays!

Ash, Amy and Dale

LIBRARY NEWS



Thank you to everyone for your warm welcome back after my extended leave this term. My thanks also to the Library Assistants Alyce, Claire, Jayla and Tahlia, and all our wonderful staff who kept the Library running so efficiently during my time away.

Looking at the student's reading diaries I can see the concerted effort they have made towards meeting the Premier's Reading Challenge with some already finished, and many others close to finishing. The Challenge continues during July and August so there is still plenty of reading time left, a great activity to spend more time on during the cold weather! The Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition, but a personal challenge to encourage students to read, and read a diverse range of authors and genres by providing lists of recommended books by student year level.

This week I have sent home **reminder notices** with many students for **overdue Library books**. The notices list books that the students have had out for more than two weeks, and in some cases much longer. **Please encourage and help your child to search for these books during the holidays**. Students can usually re-borrow books if they have not finished them or have a favourite, however the books need to be returned and logged on the Library computer with a new due date. If

you have any queries about overdue books please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's teacher.

During Term 3 we will continue with the Scholastic Book Club, and we will celebrate Book Week in August. This year's theme for Book Week is "Find your Treasure!" so I think a pirate dress-up day is a must! In Term 4 we will have a Scholastic Book Fair. There will be opportunities for senior students to volunteer for leadership roles for Book Week, and again for the Book Fair. There will be further information in the Newsletter as these dates are finalised.

Kaye Stockdale

PARENT CLUB UPDATES

Term 3 & 4 Fundraising

Krispy Crème

Pie Drive

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Save the date 24th November – Election Day Activities – we made need plants, cakes, 2nd hand books, raffle ideas and items, BBQ quiz and pamphlets droppers, lots of hands make light work.

Special Lunch days

Christmas Raffle

DROP OFF ZONE IN BUS EXCHANGE.

Our school bus exchange area can be a dangerous area. If the quick drop off/pickup area is full please go around and park your car in the designated parking area or across the road at the Tennis club / Community Hall. The safest place for the bus and you is off the road.

Perhaps even ask your children to go straight to the gate at end of school because that's where you will pick them up.

Have a great break from the school routine, stay safe and warm see you back in Term 3.