



SANDY HOLLOW SNIPPETS

"Creating Future Leaders"

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Welcome back. I trust everyone has had the opportunity to recharge their batteries, ready for a busy term!

Staff Development Day

All teaching staff attended a staff training day at Muswellbrook with staff from all the Upper Hunter Small Schools Invermein Group. We spent the morning session learning about the different modules available in SENTRAL, a technological system we use in our schools to keep records. Over the next two terms, we will be updating our files and transferring student information into their electronic record cards. We will be able to store, and more importantly, track student achievement in a more efficient manner.

The other session was spent looking at writing and how we can ensure consistency in marking student samples across our small schools. We looked very closely at the marking criteria used for NAPLAN, which was used to assess actual student writing samples from each school. This process ensures that students across the small schools are marked consistently.

P&C Meeting

There will be a P&C meeting tomorrow (Thursday) in the old Library at 2pm. Any new members are most welcome to attend.

Library Amnesty

We need all library books returned by Wednesday next week. Students are encouraged to look under beds, in bookcases, behind lounges and any other places where library books hide themselves. It doesn't matter how long the book has been lurking in your home, we would like them returned ready for stock take next week. Students will be given a raffle ticket for every book returned before next Wednesday. They will then go in the draw for a walkie talkie set.

DATES TO REMEMBER

P&C Meeting **Thurs 19th July**
2pm in the old Library

Aussie Bush Camp
25th to 27th July

Education Week
30th July to 3rd August

Canteen Monday 23rd July -
Nicola Field
Monday 30th July - Vanessa Harper

Next Toybox - Mon 30th July

Claim the Date
Zone Athletics **3rd August**

Excursion

All notes need to be returned no later than Wednesday and all payments must be finalised by this Friday. If you are experiencing difficulties in meeting the payments, please do not hesitate to contact me during school hours. All arrangements will remain completely confidential.

Another Busy Term

We have a number of things coming up this term:

- ◆ Excursion to Great Aussie Bush Camp
- ◆ Solar Boat Challenge – two teams of four students from 4-5-6
- ◆ Beef Bonanza – a maximum of eight students from 3-4-5-6
- ◆ Education Week – formal assembly at school and a combined gathering at Merriwa
- ◆ Public Speaking – speeches to be heard in class next week, with finals held at assembly in Education Week.
- ◆ Zumbatomic® later in the term

Public Speaking

We will be holding our public speaking competition over the next two weeks. All students need to prepare a short speech on the topic – places I like to visit. All students will present their speech to the class, with two students from each year level being selected to enter the finals. The finals will be held in Week 3 at a formal assembly.

Education Week

Details for the combined gathering at Merriwa will be finalised this week.



Five-a-side

The five-a-side event has been postponed until the end of October. Thank you to all parents who offered to drive students. We will check with parents closer to the new date to see if they are still available to drive.

Donation from Denman Rotary Club

During the holidays, we received a \$1000 donation from the Denman Rotary Club that was specifically earmarked for literacy. We will use these funds to continue purchasing resources for accelerated literacy and our writing programs.

Christina Darlington
Relieving Principal

Expressions of Interest - P&C

Are required for anyone interested in making slices, cupcakes etc for a stall the P&C have been asked to run at the Muswellbrook Races on Sunday 5th August. We are also looking for volunteers to help on the day, from 11am to 4pm to sell the above items. Please contact Jeannie on 6547 0520, if you can be of any assistance, before Friday 27th July.

Additions and Attachments

- ◆ Toybox Flyer.
- ◆ Canteen Menu/Price List for Term 3.
- ◆ Canteen Roster.
- ◆ Minutes from P&C Meeting 21st June.
- ◆ Excursion payment/refund information.

Our UH Beef Bonanza steer has arrived.