



SANDY HOLLOW SNIPPETS

"Creating Future Leaders"

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Welcome Back!

A big welcome back to all returning students. I trust everyone took the time to relax and recharge ready to start the new year. I would like to welcome back Georgie, Gracie and Gypsie Russell and Taylor Byfield, who have all returned to continue their schooling at Sandy Hollow. All four girls were very excited about their return.

I would also like to welcome all our new Kindergarten students – Hollie, Rhyme, Tarnie, Andrew, Cambell, Matthew and Darcy. I'm sure they will enjoy their schooling at Sandy Hollow!

We also say a sad farewell to the Andrews family and the Wilson family, who have both moved away from the area. We wish them all the very best!

Classes for 2012

At this stage, we have formed two classes: K-1-2 and 3-4-5-6. In the mornings, three days a week, Mrs Parker will work with some of the students in Years 3 and 4.

Changes to Routine

This term, we are trialling a small change to breaks. To ensure that students spend less time in the sun during the heat of the day, we have made lunch ten minutes shorter and recess ten minutes longer. The new times also cuts down on the number of playground duties required of staff – which has become a real issue this year with reduced numbers. It will take a little time for students and staff to adjust to the variation. The new times are as follows:

8.50	Morning Play
9.15 - 11.15	Class time
11.15 - 11.45	Recess
11.45 – 1.15	Class time
1.15 – 1.25	Lunch - supervised eating time
1.25 – 1.55	Lunch – play time
1.55 – 3.15	Class Time
3.15	Home time



Welcome to our new Kindergarten

DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming at school - Thurs 9th, Fri 10th Feb

**Denman Swimming Carnival (some students)
Fri 10th Feb**

**P&C AGM and General Meeting
Thurs 16th Feb**

**Canteen Mon 6th February -
Katie McLean
Monday 13th Feb - TBA**

Next Toybox - Monday 13th February

World of Maths

In week 5, we are participating in the World of Maths program. Further details will be sent home next week.

Text book Fees

A reminder that text books fee are now due. The book pack for K-1-2 is \$55 and the book pack for 3-4-5-6 is \$66. This amount can be paid off in smaller amounts if this suits you. Your child will only receive the books once they have been paid for.

Remember to keep your receipts so you can claim the expenses at tax time!

Swimming

Next week we start swimming. The students will walk to the caravan park for a total of five lessons. The cost is \$2 per lesson. Only children who have paid up front will be allowed to attend. The dates for swimming are: 9th, 10th, 17th, 23rd and 24th of February. Please note that for the first and last week we will be swimming two days in a row. Students need to bring their swimming gear to school and **must have a school hat to wear to and from the pool.**

Best Start Assessments

Ms Bullock will be assessing the Kindergarten students' numeracy and literacy skills. As the year goes on, she will be updating this information. Parents will be supplied with a report later in the term.

Denman Swimming Carnival

If your child has been selected to compete at the Denman Swimming Carnival on Friday 10th February, please return permission notes as soon as possible. As stated on the note, parents are responsible for providing supervision for their child at the carnival.

Christina Darlington
Relieving Principal

From the P&C

There are 3 notes from the P&C attached to this newsletter.

1. Canteen price list (please note prices have changed).
2. Uniform order - more available at the office.
3. P&C volunteer return slip - pink paper. Please return to school by Friday 3rd Feb.

Thank you!

Additions and Attachments

- ◆ Term Calendar
- ◆ Canteen Menu for 2012 - note change in prices.
- ◆ Canteen roster volunteers return note.
- ◆ Uniforms order form (microfiber shorts now available for sport days).
- ◆ Update of pupil records - green card. To be returned to school by Friday please.
- ◆ Some receipts.

Congratulations Amory



At the recent NSW Country Athletics Championships held at Glendale Athletics Centre held over the last weekend in January, local athlete Amory Merrick bought home three medals. Athletes from throughout NSW and the ACT competed in events over the weekend. Competing in the Under 12 division, Amory, 11, won silver in the 80 meter hurdles, bronze in the shot put, bronze in the discus and very credible placings of 4th in the javelin and 6th in the long jump. Amory, from the Widden Valley, is a former Sandy Hollow Public School student and had earlier in the month travelled to Dubbo to represent Denman in the Dubbo New Year Carnival and came home with six medals.