

Sandy Hollow students to compete at State titles

Four 'superfish' students from Sandy Hollow Public School have proven they are among the Hunter's finest swimmers, and will head to Sydney International Aquatic Centre in April to compete at the NSW Primary School State Championships.

School Captain Emmett Scott (Year 6), Hugh Higgins (Year 5), Amelia Harris (Year 5) and Amy Thompson (Year 3) (all pictured below) represented our school in the 4 x 50mtrs Freestyle Relay Team for Small Schools at the recent Hunter Regional Swimming Carnival in Maitland.

The team placed second, though their fast time qualified the students for a berth in the relay at the State Championships to be held on Thursday 5 April.

"For a school of 48 students to have four swimmers compete at state level is an extraordinary achievement - and testimony to the dedication of the children and their families, their coach Kim Stanford and our sports co-ordinator Tammy Parker", said Mrs Darlington.

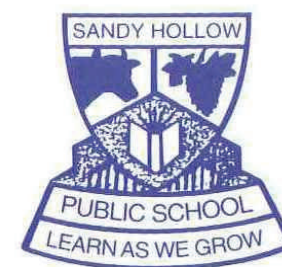


So when you pack away the cossies until next summer, spare a thought for our four Sandy Hollow super swimmers who, despite the cooler weather, will be busy training for the State titles.

The students are all members of the Denman Swimming Club, whose skilled coaches have made an important contribution to the children's swimming skills.

Additions and Attachments

- ♦ Updated Canteen Price List.
- ♦ Some receipts.
- ♦ Statement of account.



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PSP Surveys

Thank you to all families who completed and returned surveys. They have now been sent off for collation by the Department of Education. Hopefully we will receive some good news regarding additional funding next year.

Cassilis Cross Country

Just a few reminders for the Cross Country being held this Friday:

- ♦ The bus will run 15 minutes early on Friday. We will leave as soon as the bus arrives.
- ♦ Students who live in town or get dropped off by car need to be at school by 8.30am.
- ♦ All parents who indicated that they could provide a car seat, please remember to bring them along.
- ♦ Students need to wear their sports uniform, including a broad brimmed school hat.
- ♦ Students will also need to bring plenty of water to drink on the day.
- ♦ All students who did not order their lunch will need to bring recess and lunch.

Healthy Harold

All students will visit the Healthy Harold van on Wednesday 28th March. Further information will be sent home later in the week.

New Mower

Thanks to a generous donation from a member of the community, we have been able to bring forward the purchase of a new ride-on mower. It will be delivered on Friday. The new mower is larger than the previous one, meaning that Oscar will not have to spend as much time mowing!

DATES TO REMEMBER

P&C Meet **Thurs 15th Mar**

Cassilis Cross Country **Fri 16th Mar**

**Canteen Monday 19th March -
Nicola Field**

**Monday 26th March - Lyric Anderson and
Annita Hinze**

Next Toybox - Monday 26th March

**PLEASE RETURN GREEN PUPIL
RECORD & CONSENT FORMS ASAP**

Claim the Date

Photos	Mon 14th May
Pittman Cup	Wed 30th May
Trivia Night	Sat 23rd June

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge runs from 1st February until 1st September 2012. All children in our school are now registered. It's easy and it's fun. All the children have to do is read or listen to 30 books in K-2 or read 20 books from years 3-6.

All children have a reading log and can enter their books online or bring their log to school and I will help them to enter their books.

At the moment we are finding the books in our library, so each child can borrow a book each week.

If you require further information just Google Premier's Reading Challenge NSW or contact me to answer any questions you may have.

Tammy Parker

Co-ordinator teacher for this program

Canteen Price List

An updated canteen list has been included with the newsletter. Please ensure you are using the correct prices when ordering lunches.

P& C meeting

The next meeting will be held this Thursday in the old library starting at 2pm. All parents and community members are welcome to come along. We will be discussing possible fundraising activities.

Mining Expo/Questacon

On Friday 23rd March, the whole school will be travelling to Muswellbrook to visit Questacon and the mining expo. This excursion is being fully sponsored by Mangoola Mine, so there will be no charge to the students. Permission notes will go home in the newsletter this week.

Weekly Awards

- ♦ Emmett Scott - sports award - swim relay.
- ♦ Amelia Harris - sports award - swim relay.
- ♦ Hugh Higgins - sports award - swim relay.
- ♦ Luke Sheen - fantastic bookwork.
- ♦ Jessica Neale - working well in all areas.
- ♦ Katie Pike - improved application in spelling.
- ♦ Amy Thompson - sports award - swim relay.
- ♦ Isabella Wallace - fantastic effort in reading.
- ♦ Nicholas Terrell - a fantastic worker on all tasks.
- ♦ Rhyme Anderson - a dynamite job in reading all her sight words.

Workers of the Week

K/1/2 - Dustynn Turner and Cambell Hinze.

3/4/5/6 - Max Lundie, Amelia Harris, Nickolas Roberts and Kristy Walker.

Student of the Week



Abby Cooper - for consistent effort in all areas.

What is Happening in 3/4/5/6

As Term 1 draws to an end (already!) everyone is busy, busy, busy.

We have the Cassilis Cross Country this Friday, Mining Expo next Friday, as well as Healthy Harold, Go Go Golf, and a pet care visit. The SRC are also busy organising an Easter raffle and Easter Hat Parade, which will be held on Tuesday 3rd April.

In writing, we have now completed our Recount unit and have moved onto persuasive writing. We have been specifically looking at how important it is to think about your audience. We have also looked closely at emotive language used to persuade people.

In accelerated literacy, we are learning about using descriptive language to enhance the mood of the story.

Maths groups are absolutely powering along. Year 4 have started their second investigation. They are investigating the properties of prisms and pyramids. Year 5 and Year 6 are currently completing topics on measurement, which they will need for their next investigations.

All students have started an assessment task for HSIE. They will be researching and presenting a poster about a well known Australian landmark. The posters will go on display once they are completed.

In visual arts, we have been looking at the topic of bushrangers. We have started to draw our own version of a stage coach hold up, based on Tom Roberts work - "Bailed Up". Some of the completed artworks will be put on display at the Post Office in Denman, later in the month.

SPEEDO SPRINT FINALS

Last Sunday 11th March, Amy Thompson and Amelia Harris travelled to the Sydney Aquatic Centre, Olympic Park at Homebush to represent the New England/North West region at the Speedo Sprint Swimming Finals. They

both swam very well with Amelia achieving a personal best in the 9yrs Girls 50mtrs Butterfly. They are both looking forward to representing the Hunter Region along with Hugh Higgins and Emmett Scott in the State Finals for Small Schools 4 x 50mtrs Freestyle Relay to be held on Thursday 5th April, 2012.

Jeannie Harris

On the weekend of the 3rd and 4th March, Amy and Sam Thompson participated in the Little Athletics NSW 2012 State Multi Event at Cessnock. They both competed in six events over 2 days, had lots of fun and achieved great results. Amy finished 31st out of a field of 67, while Sam finished 9th in the State and jumped a personal best to finish 2nd in the long jump.

Katie Thompson

