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Additions and Attachments

- * Some receipts.
- * School banking information.

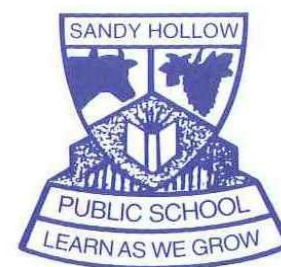
Use It or Lose It!

Toybox is again coming to Sandy Hollow School every 2nd Monday of the term.

Dates are 23rd February, 9th March, 23rd March. These days are always publicised on our board and in the newsletter.

If we do not get more supporters at this activity, we will most certainly lose it.

Please come and enjoy Toybox with your children.



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"Creating Future Leaders"

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11th February 2015

Swimming Carnival

What a great day we had at our swimming carnival last Friday. With a warm, but not overly hot day all students from Sandy Hollow and Cassilis Public School descended on Merriwa for our annual swimming carnival. It was fantastic to see all students having a go and enjoying themselves.

Congratulations to the champions:

Junior Girl – Champion - Natasha Marsh (SHPS)

Junior Boy – Champion - Andrew Harris (SHPS)

Runner Up – Dustynn Turner (SHPS)

Runner Up – Ayden Marsh (SHPS)

Senior Girl – Champion – Amy Thompson (SHPS)

Runner up – Kristy Walker (SHPS)

Senior Boy – Champions – Angus Higgins and Sam Thompson (SHPS)

Runner Up – Jacob Marsh (SHPS)

All students need to be congratulated for their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. Thank you to the staff and parents of both schools who organised the event and assisted with the running of the carnival on the day. Thank you also to Sandy Hollow P&C for providing a yummy lunch. We look forward to our next combined event – the Cassilis Cross Country being held on Friday 6th March.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who have qualified for the Zone swimming Carnival being held in Singleton on Friday 20th February. Notes have been sent home with further details.

School Banking

Any student wishing to start school banking will need to get an application pack from the office. Banking money every week through school is a great way for students to learn about saving money. The weekly deposit does not need to be a large amount. Students are rewarded for frequent banking. Please speak to Mrs Rose if you have any questions regarding school banking.

School banking day is Wednesday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NRL Blitz **Thurs 19th Feb**

P&C AGM **Thurs 19th Feb**
2pm in the Music Room
ALL WELCOME

Zone Swimming **Fri 20th Feb**


Purple Day Relay for Life **Fri 20th Feb**

NO CANTEEN
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
We are waiting on a volunteer

Next Toybox
Monday 23rd February

Claim to Date

- * Cassilis Cross Country **Fri 6th Mar**
- * School Mini Fete **Sat 28th Mar**
(Election Day)
- * Trivia Night **Sat 20th May**



Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to

Come and Try Guides!

At your local Girl Guide unit

For girls aged 6-17 years

Leadership opportunities for adults 18 years and over


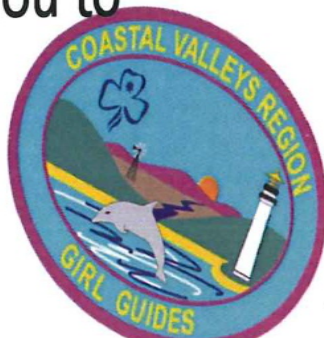
Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities: games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

For information on the location and available meetings -

Region Membership Adviser on helenEG2@live.com.au

Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW



Director of Wollemi Network Visit

Next Monday, Mr Mark Young, Director of the Wollemi Network will visit the school. We will be discussing the strategic directions for the school over the next three years and looking at school improvement and the school excellence framework.

SRC Fundraiser

The First fundraiser for the SRC will be PURPLE Day, being held on Friday 20th February. All students will be asked to come to school dressed in something purple. The money raised will go towards Muswellbrook Relay for Life. More details to follow.

NRL Blitz

Next Thursday, all students will participate in a NRL workshop. There is no cost for this activity.

Whole School Assembly

Our new school captains – Bella Wallace and Hunter Marsh - will run their first whole school assembly on Friday. The assembly will start at 9.15 and finish at approx. 9.40am. All parents are most welcome to come along and join us.



4-5-6 Class News

The year is off to a flying start. In the first two weeks, we have had swimming lessons and our swimming carnival. Things will hopefully settle down this week as we start our classroom programs.

In literacy, we will be studying the book 68 Teeth by James Moloney. We will be focusing on writing an action sequence that includes a variety of complex sentences and descriptive language. On Fridays, when year 3 join us, we will be specifically focussing writing persuasive texts using a variety of persuasive devices and high modality language.

In Maths, we have already covered four problem solving strategies – guess and check, make a table or chart, draw a diagram or picture and act it out. Year 4's first investigation will be Ripper Rides. They will cover the topics of equivalent fractions, patterns, area of regular and irregular shapes, angles and tessellations. They will use these topics areas to create a design for a surfboard that meets the manufacturer's requirements. Year 5 will investigate if it is possible to fly around Australia, visiting each capital city with a 24hour time period. They will cover a variety of topics including: 24 hour time, reading timetables, Australian time zones, map references, compass points, coordinates and latitude and longitude. Year 6's first investigation is Rhyme to Riches. They will use their knowledge of prime and composite numbers, triangular and square numbers and divisibility tests to solve a riddle and unlock the treasure. When Year 3 join us on Fridays they will be investigating body measurements as they learn about measuring in centimetres, metres, grams and kilograms and column graphs.

Claim the Date:

Sandy Hollow Public School Mini Fete – Saturday 28th March, 8.00am to 1.00pm. Stallholders are welcome (Cost \$20 per site). Please contact the school for a booking.

Sandy Hollow PS and Progress Association Trivia Night – Saturday 30th May, starting at 6.30pm.

In HSIE we will be studying The Daintree Rainforest. Over the next few weeks, we will learn about what a rainforest is and where they are located around the world. We will also look closely at the Daintree and flora and fauna found within it.

In PDHPE, we are looking at developing positive relationships and social skills. The three fundamental skills being covered this term include dodging, skipping and kicking. Students will spend three weeks focusing on each skill.

In Visual Arts, students will cover a range of skills and techniques as we explore the theme of rainforests.

Please ensure your child is organised and ready to start the school day. It is very disruptive when students do not have their equipment and we have to wait for them to borrow it. Your student must have :

- A red pen
- A black or blue pen
- Sharp lead pencil
- A ruler
- An eraser
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Sharpener
- Coloured pencils and textas are optional

Christina Darlington
Principal



P&C Annual General Meeting

The P&C AGM and first meeting of 2015 will be held at 2pm in the school music room (old library) on Thursday 19 February. Everyone is welcome, especially new parents. This is your opportunity to have a say in how the P&C raises and spends funds

Breakfast Club

We are again looking for some breakfast club helpers a couple of days a week. Or once a fortnight if it is more suitable. Breakfast club supplies the children with cereal or toast between 9.45am and 9.15am. The helper then needs to wash up and put things away. Finished by 9.30am. Please get in touch with Michelle Stennett or call in at the office. Thank you.



Extra Curricula

SPEEDO SPRINT HEATS

Last weekend Andrew Harris travelled to Werris Creek to compete in the Speedo Sprint Heats where if he placed in the top 4 swimmers of his age in each stroke he would then be eligible to compete at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre for the finals. Children from all over the New England and North West area were trying out for a chance to swim in Sydney. Andrew came 1st in the 8yrs Boys 50m Freestyle, 2nd in the 8yrs Boys 50m Butterfly, 2nd in the 8yrs Boys 50m Backstroke and 3rd in the 8yrs Boys 50m Breaststroke. Andrew will now compete in the finals to be held on Sunday 8th March.

Reminder
We are now nut-free.