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Additions and Attachments

- ♦ Term calendar.
- ♦ Pupil record and consent form.
- ♦ NRMA flyer.
- ♦ Statement of account.
- ♦ Some P&C receipts.

Our 2015 Kindergarten -

left to right:

John Ward, Jobee McCandless, Archie Johnson, Tyson Marsh, Austin Adams and Livianna Craig.



Some of our Creativity Competition winners: Isabella Wallace, Nicholas Terrell, Kristy Walker, Katie Pike and Amy Thompson.

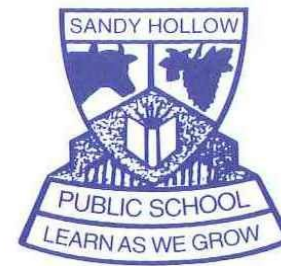
Upper Hunter Creativity Competition

Congratulations to Isabella Wallace, Kristy Walker, Nicholas Terrell, Andrew Harris, Cambell Hinze, Riley Borradaile, Noah Adams and Marshall Hinze for placing in the Jordan Wallace UH Creativity Competition at the end of 2014.

Congratulations to our students who received Honours: Steven Allen, Katie Pike, Bella Pike, Amy Thompson and Harry Thompson.

School Banking

Don't forget, Wednesday is school banking day. Not only does regular banking teach your child good habits for the future, our school also benefits, with a commission from the Commonwealth Bank. There is no limit to the amount you can bank, big or small, and the children are rewarded for REGULAR banking (any amount). For more information, see Mrs Rose in the office.



SANDY HOLLOW SNIPPETS

"Creating Future Leaders"

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2nd February 2015

Welcome to our new student Justin Alley who joins our ever growing year 1 group. The students have made him feel welcome. I'm sure he is going to enjoy his time with us.

Sun Safe

It's great to see most of our students wearing hats in the playground without being reminded. As you are all aware, we have a no hat, play in the shade policy, so those children without hats must remain under the COLA during recess and lunch.

Uniforms

Our students are looking wonderful in their uniforms. Many parents have spent a considerable amount of money replacing school uniforms for the beginning of the term. Can you please ensure you write your child's name on their clothing, so that it can be returned to them when it is discarded in the playground? At the end of last year, we had nearly four garbage bags of unclaimed clothing – some of which was new and barely worn. I thank you in advance for your co-operation on this matter.

Attendance

The Educational Act requires all children aged between 6 and 17 to be enrolled and attending school on a regular basis. They must attend for the full operational hours.

Did you know.... missing even one day makes a difference?

If your child misses a day each week, they miss a whole term of school every year. By the end of Year 6, they have missed 1 ½ years of school. By the end of Year 12, they have missed 2 ¾ years of school. It is very difficult for a child to keep up with the rest of the class, when they are absent for this period of time.



Regular attendance at school ensures your child is receiving the maximum opportunity to learn. It enables them to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and allows them to build important coping and friendship skills. (continued over)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Swim Carnival at Merriwa

Friday 6th February

Kinder Assessments

Thurs 5th +

Fri 6th Feb

**NO CANTEEN
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
We are waiting on a volunteer**

Next Toybox

Monday 9th February

Claim to Date

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| • Cricket trials | Wed 18th Feb |
| • NRL Blitz | Thurs 19th Feb |
| • Zone Swimming | Fri 20th Feb |
| • Purple Day | Fri 20th Feb |

If children miss out on building the foundations of their learning, which takes place in the first two – three years, they may experience learning problems in later years.

It is also important that your child arrives at school on time. Late arrivals cause disruptions to the class. Being on time allows your child to greet friends, learn the importance of punctuality and routine, and ensures they do not miss out on important learning opportunities.

The school has a duty of care to monitor attendance, with roles being checked by the Department at least twice a term. We monitor whole day and partial absences.

Justified reasons for being absent include:

- Unavoidable medical appointments.
- Attending a recognised religious holiday.
- Exceptional family circumstances – such as a funeral.
- Being sick or having an infectious disease.
- Head lice.

Unjustified reasons for being absent:

- Shopping
- Sleeping in
- Working around the house
- Minding younger siblings
- Minor family events – such as a birthday
- Hair cuts

Parents are required to send a note to school within 7 days of the absence, explaining the reason for being away. After the seven days, your child's absence will be marked as unexplained if we have not received notification.

Up to date Information

We are in the process of updating all of our records to ensure that contact details etc are current. Over the next few weeks we will be sending home forms to fill in about contacts, medical conditions, blanket permission etc. I ask that all forms be returned in a timely manner. I thank you in advance for assisting our administration procedures.

Textbooks


Fees for textbooks were set at \$60 per student this year. We would like all fees to be paid as soon as possible, so we can start using the books. Books will not be issued until they have been paid for. If you require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me during school hours. All arrangements will remain confidential. Thank you to the many families who have already paid the fees.

Christina Darlington - Principal



Swim School 2015

Swim school in full swing! Once again we would like to sincerely thank David and Chun at the Sandy Hollow Tourist Park for enabling our students to continue improving this skill for life!



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

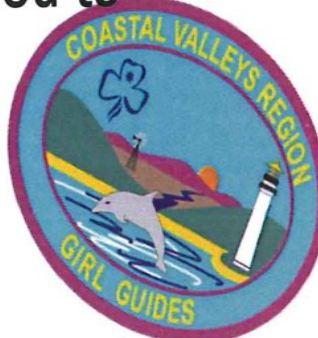
Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities: games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

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



fun, friends,
adventure



Reminder
We are now nut-free.

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