

# Sandy Hollow Snippets

"Learn as we Grow"

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**The simplest way**  
to improve the health of your  
family and save money

## Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

Date: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

Time: 10:00am until 12:00pm

Venue: Sandy Hollow Public School

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending
- Pack a healthy lunch box your kids will love

Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 21/06/2016 by:

emailing [eatittobeatit@nswcc.org.au](mailto:eatittobeatit@nswcc.org.au)  
visiting [www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register](http://www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register)  
or phoning (02) 4923 0704



### Pie Drive - Scone & District Netball Assn

The fundraiser Thompson Pie order form for Olivia McLean's Scone 13 rep team is available at the office. All money raised will help fund the 10 girls, who will be competing at the NSW All Age State Championships in Wollongong in July.

I will pick up all orders and deliver them to the school or homes or other arrangements with parents. So no need to drive to Scone for collection. Katie McLean

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1st June 2015

### Reconciliation Week

This week, many groups are celebrating Reconciliation Week. This year the theme is Our History, Our Story, Our Future. So what is Reconciliation Week? Each year, National Reconciliation Week is an opportunity for everyone to build on respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians.

It begins on May 27<sup>th</sup> which marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum that gave voting rights to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It also allowed for these people to be recognised in the national census.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> commemorates the High Court of Australia's Mabo decision in 1992. This landmark decision recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people held special connections to the land which existed before colonisation. This allowed land rights and Native Titles to be granted. "Our History, Our Story, Our Future" is derived from the State of Reconciliation in Australia report, which asks all Australians to reflect on our national identity, and the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and rights in our nation's story.

**Our History** is about historical acceptance and developing an understanding that past laws, practices and policies deeply affected Indigenous people. It is also making a commitment to ensuring that these wrongs are not repeated in the future.

**Our Story** reflects that the journey towards reconciliation forms a significant part of Australia's story and to encourage us to make reconciliation part of our own story.

**Our Future** reminds us that reconciliation must be within all of us as we move towards a future that ensures fairness for everyone. (taken from [www.reconciliation.org.au](http://www.reconciliation.org.au))

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So what are we doing at SHPS?

On Tuesday, staff participated in an Adobe connect session called *Narragunnawali: Reconciliation in Schools and Early Learning*. The Narragunnawali people are the traditional owners and custodians of the land and water on which the Reconciliation Australia's Canberra office is located.

They looked at ways to improve respect, reduce prejudice and strengthening relationships between the school and the wider community.

Students will participate in some reconciliation activities later in the week.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Excursion deposit \$50 due  
Fri 10th June

Walkathon money due  
Fri 3rd June

Canteen  
Tues 14th June

Public speaking finals at Belltrees  
Public School  
Wed 15th June

Canteen  
Monday 6th June - Rebecca Logue  
Tuesday 14th June - Katie McLean  
Next Toybox  
Monday 6th June

### Claim the Date

- \* Thursday 16th June - Go Go Golf
- \* Thursday 23rd June - P&C Meeting
- \* Tuesday 21st June - Raw Art
- \* Thursday 23rd June - Go Go Golf
- \* Tues 28th June - Fruit & Veg workshop



### Upper Hunter Steer Challenge

Our application has now been submitted. Thank you to the Harris family for offering to pick up our steer (and feed) from Scone on 29th June. Thank you to Brendan Walters for offering to train the steer and work with the team. Your assistance is most appreciated.

### Primary Excursion

Notes went out this week for our major excursion to the Blue Mountains and Jenolan Caves at the end of Term 3. We will be joining students and staff from Murrurundi Public School to keep costs down. The excursion will cost \$280 for the three days, however, we will be doing some fundraising activities over the next three months to cut costs. The permission note and a \$50 deposit are due back at school by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Christina Darlington

Principal

### Touch Football Knockout

Last Wednesday Years 3-5 went to Merriwa Central School to participate in a touch football knockout competition against Cassilis.

The team played exceptionally well winning 13-0. All members should be congratulated for their performance. They chased, defended and applied all of the skills they have developed during training sessions.

Tries for the team went to Dustynn Turner (9), Andrew Harris (2), Reece McCandless (1) and Ayden Marsh (1).

Our team would like to thank Cassilis Public School for their competition at the event, Merriwa Central School for the use of the grounds, Mr Grant for marking out the oval, John Cronin for refereeing and last but not least Dimity Parker for the hours she has spent volunteering her time as coach.



### All the News from K/1/2

The children continue to work very well as we enter the second half of term two. During writing lessons the Year 1 children have been studying informative texts and examining all the different features that they can use to obtain information on a topic.

While Kindergarten is continuing their L3 group they have been concentrating on writing sentences. Even writing some independently.

Thomas McLean, Taylan Blackhurst-Marsh, Gabbie McLean and Shykiah Walters felt very proud of themselves last week when they learnt the last of 42 sounds. However, continual revision of these sounds is essential in order for the children to enhance their reading skills.

Over the last couple of weeks Year 1 have been working on the concept of addition as the basis of an investigation unit entitled 'Number Facts Blast Off'. As we move further into this unit the children will explore the wonders of space through this investigation which offers opportunities to integrate with science and the arts as the children work co-operatively to sort and classify, match and calculate number facts to 20.

Kindergarten have studied 2D shapes including triangles, squares, circles and rectangles. They have also been developing their skills in ordering and writing numbers and ordinal numbers.



As well as many activities involving the days of the week, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have continued to develop their creative skills as they were involved in directed drawing and painting lesson in visual arts and singing lessons as we prepared for the Eisteddfod.

During computer studies Years 1 and 2 have been entering data to develop spreadsheets and then learning how this data is then graphed.

Kindergarten have been focussing on word processing skills.

Pauline Bullock

Class Teacher

### Weekly Awards

- Ayden Marsh - displaying confident behaviour.
- Bill Chambers - applying mental skills in mental activities.
- Declan Adams - YCDI - great discussion about helpful and harmful reactions to conflict.
- Landon Meyer - improvement in mathematics.
- Jobee McCandless - worked so well while preparing for the Eisteddfod.
- John Ward - solving addition problems.

### Workers of the Week

K/1/2 - Thomas McLean.

3/4/5 - Dustynn Turner and Kayden Adams.

### Sports Person of the Week



Reece McCandless - fantastic effort on the footy field.



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### Eisteddfod

Congratulations to the students who competed at the Eisteddfod on Friday. Gaining highly commended in both sections was a wonderful result. A big thank you to Ms Bullock, who gave up her time to organise our entry, arrange for Adam to come and work with the students and organise notes and transport. Your efforts are most appreciated.

### Eisteddfod Performance

On Friday our children travelled to St James Primary School in Muswellbrook to compete in the Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod.

A sincere thank you to all the parents who were able to transport the children and for also joining the audience to support our children. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

The children performed two songs. In the 'Any Song' section they sang 'Here Comes the Sun' and in the 'Australian Song' section they sang 'Tears From Clouds'.

We were very proud of our students performances and all the effort that each child contributed as they prepared for this event.

They returned to school after being awarded Highly Commended for both performances.

Pauline Bullock

### Additions & Attachments

- Some receipts.
- Fruit and veg workshop information on back page.
- Rural and Regional School Travel flyer.



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