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**School
Holiday
Activities**

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE



Bush Skills For 8 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday 13th and Wednesday 19th April
Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential ph 49516466
 Make (and eat) a damper, build a bush shelter, enjoy a guided walk and learn basic survival skills. Get up close and personal with some of our resident reptiles.



Wetlands Explorer Club For 5 to 8 years 10am - 12.30pm
Thursday 13th and Wednesday 19th April
Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential ph 49516466
 Learn about lizards, go exploring for lizards, create a Lizard Lounge and meet some of our resident reptiles.

For all the above activities - Bookings Essential Ph: 4951 6466



Face Painting (all ages) Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon
Tuesday 11th April & Tuesday 18th April Cost: \$5 per (plus \$2 entry)
 Drop in and have your face painted. Reptile Encounter at 12 noon.



Sand Art Fun (4yrs +) Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon
Wednesday 12th April Cost: \$5 per (plus entry)
 Drop in and use coloured sand to create an amazing picture you can take home. Reptile Encounter at 12 noon



Plaster Fun (3yrs +) Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon
Thursday 20th April Cost: \$5 (plus entry)
 Drop in and paint a plaster model. Reptile Encounter at 12 noon



Wetlands Passport & Wetlands Explorer
Available any time during the school holidays. Cost: Free
 Have fun exploring the wetlands. Get clues to answer some questions. Go in the draw for a weekly prize.



Easter Fun Day All ages 9.30am - 1.00pm
Saturday 15th April Cost: Adults \$5, kids 3 to 12 \$2 (under 3 free)
 Meet the Easter Bunny at 10.30am or 11.30am. Face painting, jumping castle, Easter craft, dip-netting, Reptile encounter and lots more.





Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre
 A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!
Open 9am to 4pm (Closed Easter Fri. 16th, Sun. 16th & Mon. 18th)
Entry
 \$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). Under 3 free. \$5 general entry.



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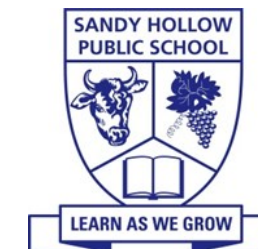
- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am.
- Try Dip-netting from the jetty.
- Playtime at Discovery Playground.
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
- Reptile Encounter daily at 12noon - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
- Cafe - meals, snacks, ice creams, drinks.
- Shop - affordable gifts for children & adults.

Centre/Events/School Holidays/2017/School Holiday Program Apr. 2017

Sandy Hollow Snippets

"Learn as we Grow"

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29th March 2017

Cross Country Notes

Please return all notes by Friday.

No lunch orders will be accepted after this date.

Circus Challenge Day

Last Tuesday the students from Sandy Hollow along with students from Ellerston, Murrurundi and Cassilis Public Schools had a combined creative arts day.

The day began with a show called Circus Challenge. Students were entertained with a variety of juggling acts, including 3 or 4 balls, cloths and hats. Students then had to spin a plate on a stick and pass the plate onto the next person. The show concluded with a unicycle act. Students were then divided into three groups and rotated around sport, creative arts and circus workshop.

At the workshop each stage were given a first hand lesson on juggling cloths, diablos and plate spinning. It was a highly engaging action packed day. We are now looking forward to the next combined school day.

Easter Raffle

Tickets were sent home on Monday and are due back on Thursday 6th April, sold or unsold. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 7th April. We are asking all families to donate an Easter Egg for raffle prizes. The money will go towards a project as determined by the SRC.



DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tree planting Thurs 30th March
Postponed**

**Easter Hat Parade Fri 7th April
2pm All Welcome**

**Toybox
Returns in Term 2**

Claim the Date

* Last day of Term 1	Fri 7th April
* ANZAC Day	Tues 25th April
* Students return	Wed 26th April
* Cassilis Cross Country	Wed 26th April

Rep Football

Congratulations to Dustynn Turner who was chosen for the second Hunter Open primary Boys football team, at the football trials last Friday. We are all very proud of his achievement on the field. An awesome effort. Dustynn was also chosen for the Group 21 Junior Rugby League Under 12 Development Squad and the PSSA Barbarians team.



PSSA Trials for Soccer

Andrew Harris will represent Sandy Hollow at the PSSA Upper Hunter Soccer trials this Friday. We wish him all the best.

Library

Now that Ms Bullock has started L3 training for Stage 1, we have had to make some alterations to our Library timetable. K/1/2 will now have Library on Tuesday afternoons and 3/4/5/6 will have Library on Wednesday afternoons.

Staff Training

Over the last few weeks, staff have been involved in some training.

MGoals

I attended MGoals training at Muswellbrook. MGoals is an app available to Aboriginal students and their families to track individual learning plans. Goals are set and easily tracked. MGoals also provides a platform for schools to showcase cultural programs and initiatives being run within individual schools. Watch this space - we will be beginning our new cultural program shortly.


LMBR

By the end of the year, our school financial system will be completely overhauled as we move into the 21st Century. Financial procedures will be streamlined and allow budgets to be tracked more efficiently. Mrs Rose and I attended an initial training session, introducing a new budgeting tool. This tool will help us track our RAM spending and align it to our school goals. This of course is only the tip of the iceberg. We both have more comprehensive training to attend in terms 3 and 4.



Getting Along

Getting Along means...
getting along well with classmates and adults, including those who are different, working well with my classmates, solving problems with classmates without fighting, and following important school rules, and helping to make my school a better place to live and learn.



Examples of Getting Along Behaviour

- working well with my classmates
- listening and not interrupting when someone else is speaking
- talking rather than fighting when someone treats me unfairly
- not breaking important classroom rules
- helping someone who has a problem

Habits of the Mind (Ways to Think) That Help Me Get Along

Being Tolerant of Others means preferring but not demanding that other people are fair and considerate; when someone is mean to me or different from me, thinking that he or she is not a totally bad person.

Playing by the Rules means thinking that by following school rules, school will be a better place to live and learn.

Thinking First means thinking that when someone treats me badly, I need to think about the best way to act.

Social Responsibility means thinking that it is important to care for yourself and others, to do your best, to give everyone a fair go, to protect everyone's rights to be free, to be honest, to do what you say you are going to do, to treat others with respect, to act responsibly, and to understand, include and be tolerant of others.

What has been happening in our K / 1 / 2 classroom?



All the children have worked extremely well throughout term one. Kindergarten enjoy coming to the Launching Station to participate in their L3 reading and writing sessions. Our focus during writing lessons for year one has been sentence structure: examining the grammatical features and punctuation, and making a sentence more interesting for our audience.



During Numeracy, kindergarten have studied numbers 1 to 10, counting forwards and backwards, ordinal numbers and examining the concepts 'same and different'. Year one have worked through an investigation entitled 'All About Birthdays'. They investigated how birthdays provide the content to conduct surveys, collect data and compile a class calendar. They are also becoming experts when counting by ones, twos, fives and tens.



The children have produced wonderful pieces of art demonstrating their developing artistic skills. During computer studies kindergarten have been concentrating on becoming familiar with using a variety of functions. Years one and two have designed and published a variety of greeting cards.



We all enjoyed our Circus Challenge Day and learnt many new skills enhancing our coordination.

The Taronga Zoo visit in Denman gave our children an opportunity to view and learn about a number of Australian animals and their habitats.

Pauline Bullock

