



Thank you Bunnings  
for our new

'Outdoor classroom'

Come and have a  
look!



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Respectful Responsible Learners



### Positive Affirmation:

Our positive affirmation this week is **'What I do makes a difference. I am in control of the difference that I want to make.'** This affirmation is about being a learner. It reminds us that we are important ....that our learning makes a difference. When you are learning new things all the time it gives you topics to talk about. Your opinion matters. Remember boys and girls...you are in control of your decisions ....you are in control/ and if you just follow our PBL guide to be a respectful, responsible learner..... you can't go wrong.

### Calendar Events....

#### 9<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas Pageant

#### 11<sup>th</sup> December

- Year 6 Farewell

- Presentation Day

#### 12<sup>th</sup> December

-Years 3-6 Soaring High Day

#### 16<sup>th</sup> December

-Years K-2 Soaring High Day

-Carols on the Green

#### 17<sup>th</sup> December

-Students last day Term 4

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Our school canteen has been a constant service that our families have been able to rely on for so long. We have been indeed fortunate to have a canteen that is open five days a week. While we have been grateful to the Canteen Managers that have stepped up in a voluntary role, unfortunately, at times the canteen has been a source of friction and inappropriateness for our students. This is a shame as we have so many parents/carers who would step up and help out if it wasn't for associated issues.

Presently our canteen is closed as we prepare for a DEC refurbishment, scheduled for the holidays. During this time I am asking the whole school community to reflect upon the canteen services in the school and consider what is important in the future. The School Executive and P&C Executive will now engage with Hunter Health's 'Live Life Well' program to consider future options for our canteen that improve the viability, the garden to kitchen model and an appropriate model that is best for our students.

We are so lucky at Wiripaang to enjoy such strong wider community support. Belmont Bunnings have been a great support this term as they have taken on the job of completing our *Outdoor Classroom* and nearby *seating area*. This project is located behind our back fence, just beside the bottom COLA. Bunnings have provided all of the materials and the labour which is a great help to us. Our GA will now finish it off with a coat of decking oil. We will soon have a fully functioning outdoor classroom. We are now waiting for the Aboriginal Committee to start work with Mick from Buttabah on our new Yarning Circle, humpies and bush tucker garden.

As we head towards the end of the year the pace picks up as we prepare for some fun and at times emotional school events that are significant milestones for our students. Looking forward to Year 6 Fun Day, Year 6 Farewell, Presentation Day and Soaring High Days....all wonderful opportunities to focus on positive aspects and most importantly to pay respect to our Year 6 students who are about to transition to the big wide world of high school.....

See you at Carols on the Green on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.

Mrs Saurins  
Principal

# Attention Parents/Carers

## Parent /Carer ..... approaching the school with a concern.....

Parents and teachers have a shared responsibility in raising and educating a child....'it takes a village to raise a child'.

When at school, teachers have a 'duty of care' in regards to our students: legally it is called 'loco parentis'.

If there is a problem, an issue or just something you would like to discuss it is appropriate to go to the **teacher first**.

If you feel that your problem is not solved, then you would make an appointment to see the **Assistant Principal** of the Stage and/or Unit.

If you feel that your issue has still not been solved, then you make an appointment with the **Principal**.

We care about your children too and the best way to care for them is to *engage in a relationship with staff at the school*.

### It is not appropriate to:

- Stand in the school yard discussing other students and/or teachers
- Stand in the school yard 'gossiping' or spreading information that may not be accurate
- Verbally abuse staff in any way
- Threaten staff in any way
- Cause emotional and/or physical harm to students/staff and/or parents/carers
- Use social media to spread negative comments about the school, teachers or other students

In accordance with the DEC 'Dignity in the Workplace Charter', every member of the school community has the right to feel safe in their work place. Any behaviours that are threatening, abusive or violent in any manner will result in one or more of the following consequences;

- Issuing of Warning and/or Enclosed Lands Act
- Reports to School Safety and Security
- Police called

Further information can be found on the school website: [wiripang-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wiripang-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

DEC Website: [www.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au)

## Office News

**School Office Hours** 8.30am till 3.15pm

### Outstanding Money

Just a reminder that at all times parents/carers are most welcome to pay small amounts regularly off money that is owed to the school.

### Payment of Money to Office

When money is paid to the office a receipt will be handed immediately to the person paying the money (except for Sport this term and Uniforms). Please check the details on the receipt are correct e.g. name/activity/amount paid and notify the office staff if there are any discrepancies.

## Canteen News



Due to the renovation of our canteen, our school canteen is now **CLOSED**. I would like to thank everybody for their support this year and hope to see many new volunteers when we open on the first day back next year with a brand new canteen.

Canteen Committee

## P & C News

The P & C are asking for hamper donations for our Christmas raffle. Tickets will be on sale for \$1.00 each at the Presentation Day and on Carols Night. Prizes will be drawn at the Carols night.

Thank you for your support.

P&C Committee



## School News

### Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an **Assembly Award** for being Respectful, Responsible Learners:

Glen McGuinness Shayah Date Bella Jones-Geisler Dean Quinn Zea Lawrence-Carr Joel Melksham Dion Taape Corey Dorman Holly Cusack	Dezarae Morrow Caidan Hugo Zachary Harrow Reilly Griggs Tiarnee Cox Cade Campbell Tyrone Davis Aaliyah Lemalama	Bailey Laver Lateisha Whitmore Kirstin Poole Breeanna McGuinness Tye Dargan Brennan Rietdijk Baxter Williams Aaron Andrews
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## Year 7 Orientation

Just a reminder that at this time of year students will be attending various orientation events at their respective high schools for 2015. Be sure to read all communication from the high schools for more specific event details.

It is my understanding that by the time you are reading this our Year 6 students attending HSHS for next year will have completed a full day orientation. I trust you had an enjoyable day and made lots of notes about what you will need to have ready for a successful start next year.

Mr Durie

## Year 6 Fun Day

As part of our end of year events students in Year 6 will have the opportunity to show their leadership and responsibility in running a number of stalls and activities at the upcoming Year 6 Fun Day. This will take place at school tomorrow *Thursday 4th December*.

Year 6 students are asked to bring in any spare hair styling products, hair accessories, colourful nail polish and/or individually wrapped lollies. These items will be used in addition to stock that the school has previously purchased, to resource the stalls and activities. Any funds raised on the day will contribute to the Year 6 present and farewell.

All other students just need to be ready to have some fun. There will be some stalls that have a cost component and therefore it is advisable if you want your child to participate in all of the activities to bring along some spare change. See the flyer that is contained in this bulletin for more details. .

Mr Durie

## Grandparents Day

Last Friday we celebrated the valuable role grandparents and carers play in our lives. Many of our grandparents and parents came into our classrooms and discussed how the school and local environment has changed since they were young; it was a very interesting insight into the past!

Here are some interesting differences 3/6 LG discussed with their grandparents:

### Then

Hamilton Home Science High School

Broadmeadow Technical High School

Blackboards/Chalk boards

Cane across the hand

Milk bottles (often warm)

No canteen

### Now

Hunter Sports High School

Hunter School of Performing Arts

Smartboards

Liftoff

Fruit break/water bottle

Canteen

We ended the morning with a whole school assembly where our grandparents were entertained with some class items. We also tested their general knowledge with a quiz. Finally we had an interesting visit from an elderly gentleman and a young man, who made us all realise you shouldn't judge a book by its cover. Thanks to everyone for a fantastic morning!

Mrs Ginters

# Life's Good Café

Last Wednesday LG opened their own Café. We called it Life's Good Café. We sell a variety of drinks such as cappuccino, flat white, short black, long black, latte, tea, milkshakes, thickshakes and the best smoothies in town. We will also have available an assortment of cookies and cakes that will make your tastebuds party.

**Drinks are sold for \$3.50 small and \$5.00 for a large.**

**Be sure to check out our special of the day.**

You will find fast and friendly service on the Nikkinbah verandah each Wednesday between 2.00pm – 3.00pm.

Come and visit us and you will see, that Life's Good Café' is the place to be!!

**It will be worth the wait!**





## Maths Merriment Day

Last Wednesday we celebrated all things mathematical with Maths Merriment Day. In the Resort Playground we rotated through 3 different activities. We folded paper airplanes and measured how far they could fly. We traced around each other's body with chalk and measured the perimeter using lengths of string. We also used a bottle as a spinner and added together the numbers it landed on. Back in our classrooms we had times table challenges!

We were also fortunate enough to have World of Maths visit us with so many wonderful and exciting hands on maths activities for us to experience.

A day full of fun was had by all!

The Maths Committee



# Year 6 Fun Day

## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

### Activities

Paper Planes

Rob The Nest

Car Wash

How Many Lollies

Lucky Dips

Nail and Hair Stall

Blind Treasure Hunt

Sock Wrestling

### Cost of Activity

Free

Free

\$5

50c per guess

\$2 each

\$1

50c

50c



### Class Timetable:

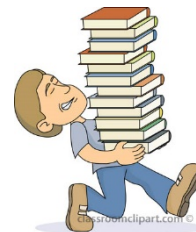
Class	Time
Year 5 & 3/6LG	10:00 am - 10.30 am
KP & K/1C	10:45 am - 11:15 am
1/2M & 1/2B	12:00 - 12:30 pm
WS, WF & WM	12:45 pm - 1:15 pm
3/4G & 3/4T	2:00 pm - 2:30 pm



## Library News



Thank you to those students who have been returning their library books over the past few weeks. It's important to keep searching for any misplaced resources and return them as soon as possible so our library can be well organised and functioning ready for next year.



### OFF THE SHELF



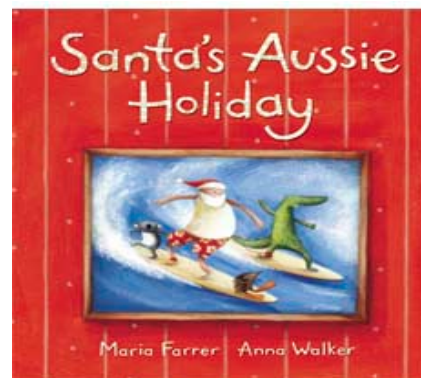
It's time to start reading and enjoying some of the many beautiful Christmas books we have available in the library. **Santa's Aussie Christmas** is a fun story written by Maria Farrer and illustrated by Anna Walker.



### Review: Santa's Aussie Holiday

As Santa whizzes by on Christmas Eve, did you know there's one thing other than presents on his mind? Yes, Santa is also looking for a place to take a holiday. After all, he needs a break after all that work - and his home is so cold. Watch out kids; this year, Santa has decided to holiday in - you guessed it - Australia! While he's here, Santa does everything you'd expect a visitor to do. He rides in a ute, surfs, learns about dingoes and sharks, goes up north - even climbs the Harbour Bridge. The rhyming text in the book makes for fun, hilarious reading, with little surprises along the way that will delight young children.

"He hangs a boomerang on his sleigh,  
shouts, 'See ya mate' and is on his way.  
And though he's very sad to leave,  
he'll be back in Oz on Christmas Eve."



**We'll review some more of our lovely Christmas books in our next newsletter!**

Bronwyn Ansell  
Teacher Librarian





## Tips for Parents

### Summer holiday fun

Book your children into one of our fun-filled camp next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You'll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after.

For details, visit Sport and Recreation website [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/)

### Avoiding homework drama

Bell Shakespeare's artistic director, John Bell, discusses Shakespeare and how to make it accessible. He says to tell your teen not to worry about the language; to concentrate on the characters, the dilemmas, and the problems they face, and find out how to identify with the protagonists in the story.

Coping with Shakespeare: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/helping-kids-cope-with-shakespeare>

### For the love of science

Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won't always be right.

Listen to the podcast: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-tips/for-the-love-of-science>

### Pleasures of free play

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

## Community Information

**Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery** will be hosting an exhibition by students from Newcastle Junior, Middle and Senior schools and on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ 11am they will be hosting a special event which involves a visit by some native animals from Hunter Valley Zoo to mark the official opening. Admission to this event is free and there will be a sausage sizzle and art activities also in the sculpture park. For further information contact Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery on 4965 8260

**NSW Department Primary Industries – Fisheries Division** are holding a Kids Fishing Workshop at Lake Macquarie on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 from 10am til 2pm. The workshop is designed for kids aged 8-14 years and costs \$40 per child. Fee includes rod and reel, shirt, hat, tackle kit and show bag for the kids to take home. Full supervision is provided on the day. Bookings are essential. For further information phone Jamie Burns on 4980 9204 or 0408 609 332

