COMING EVENTS

February

This Week:
Friday 22nd:
* Senior Gala Day - AFL
* Kinder & Y1 Parent Information Afternoon

Week 5:
Tuesday 26th:
* Year 6 to Vincentia High School
Thursday 28th:
* Assembly 11.20 am - Year 3/4
* Scripture

March:
Friday 1st:
* Clean up Australia Day

Week 6:
Friday 8th:
* Soccer Trials

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Our 2013 School Leaders, Zali, Tyler, Tahlia and Blake ensured a well-run organisation at their first Assembly last week. They have been really proactive in making sure all the jobs that Year 6 students do are carried out, often doing these tasks themselves when needed. Well done, Leaders!

The elected Sports leaders, Ludo Blakemore and Tiffannie Lee for Banksia, Dylan Lay and Tahni Gennison for Boronia and Joshua Caruana and Elena Domazar for Waratah received their badges at this first assembly. They were fantastic leaders at the school swimming carnival. Congratulations to all our swimmers who have now ventured to District Swimming at Bomaderry. We look forward to hearing all your results. Well done to Mr Vidler for his work with our students and with organising our swimming carnival. It was an extremely well run day. Many thanks to all those parents who were judges and timekeepers.

Well done to Riva Etchells for being a great supporter at the Triathlon staged in Huskisson last weekend. I hear he was amazing! He is a credit to his parents in raising such a civic minded boy.

Classes from Years Two to Six are currently choosing their own most responsible students to be their SRC representatives ready for their first meeting on Thursday. Mrs Maggie New is the SRC for 2013. Our four school leaders are also automatically on the SRC.

This week most of Huskisson school teachers attended Sanctuary Point School alongside all other teachers in the Bay and Basin area to further our training in the implementation of the new National English curriculum. We have all agreed to begin this in 2013, so that all our students going to High School next year are at the same stage of readiness as each other.

Scripture begins on Thursday 28th February. Huskisson Public School has two Scripture groups – Catholic and Non-Denominational. Students attend either Scripture, and class teachers supervise each Scripture class. If you do not wish your child to attend Scripture please send in a written request. As we have only five classroom teachers, it is not possible to provide supervision or work for students not attending Scripture, and parents are requested to undertake this for their own child.

Thank you,

Helen Wimmer
UNIFORMS
The Uniform Shop will be open on Mondays 3.00-3.30pm. Hats can be purchased from the office for $12 at any time. Orders for Waterproof Jackets (polar fleece) Long / Short Can now be placed at Uniform shop or ring Karen 44417222

SCHOOL ZONES OFFENCES

**SCHOOL ZONE**
8 - 9.30 AM
2:30 - 4 PM
SCHOOL DAYS

**SCHOOL ZONE**

**Speeding Offences**
There has been an increase to the monetary fine applicable to Speeding Offences in School Zones

Maximum Penalty $3543 + 7 Demerit Points

**Children’s Crossing**
Disobey hand-held sign at Children’s Crossing or approach Children’s Crossing too quickly to stop safely.

Penalty $496 + 4 Demerits Points

**No Stopping**
Under no circumstances are you allowed to stop here (unless there is a medical or other emergency)

Maximum Penalty $98 + 2 Demerit Points

**No Parking**
You may stop here for no more than 2 minutes, but only when engaged in picking up or dropping off passengers and you must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Otherwise no stopping is permitted.

Penalty $165 + 2 Demerit points

*CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY*
FRIDAY 1st MARCH 2013
We are having our Clean Up Australia day on Friday 1st March
Parents welcome.
Children are encouraged to bring gloves to wear for the clean up and have their broad brimmed hat to wear while outside.

***Thank You***
Thanks to Mel and her assistant Angus.

Year 5/6 (and Mrs New!) are doing a 10-minute fitness program on Tuesdays and Fridays. It is fundamental fitness that covers all sporting activities.

A big thank you, Mel.

Maggie New

**YEAR 7 - 2014 : VINCENTIA HIGH SCHOOL**
**Invitation**
Tuesday 26th February 6.00pm-7.00pm
Prospective students and parents

The move to high school is a big change for Year 6 students. High school is bigger, there are more students, everybody moves around the school more, there are more subjects and they will have more teachers. Moving to high school can be a worrying time.

We are opening the school on Tuesday February 26th for families considering enrolment at Vincentia for 2014. There will be a short meeting to introduce the school and some of the key people for 2014 and to outline the transition activities over the year. This will be followed by a tour of the school to showcase the activities and experiences that students will have at high school.

Come along and find out what we can do for you.

***Thank You***
Thank you to:

**Berry Street Seed & Produce**
For their donation of equipment for the school garden.
PARENT & CARER NEWS

Next P & C Meeting: AGM, March (date to be confirmed)

Hi Folks,

Thanks so much to everyone who came along to the P&C meeting last night. We had a big agenda to cram into a small time slot with lots of great ideas flying around the room for coming events to help the school continue in its great work for the community.

Special thanks to Ali, Mark and Tracey for their contributions on some key items that I will discuss in more detail over coming weeks, including kitchen garden and canteen upgrades, Active kids after school programs, school art exhibition/auction and a Hot Cross Bun Easter Fundraiser just to name a few ideas we are currently working on.

The P&C has agreed to take part in the Women's Wellness Festival at the Lady Denman on FRIDAY 15th of March from 1-7pm so helpers will be required to take turns manning the stall, donating cakes to sell and helping with the display of school promotions that all classes will be creating to showcase some fantastic examples of how they keep Healthy, Happy and Well at school. Some children will also be showing off their talent with a special performance of one of the songs performed at assembly and presentation night in 2012 so please let Mrs Smith know if you are able to help take them to the event as it will be after school hours at around 3:30pm. More details soon and thanks again Ali for organising this fun promotional event for the school.

Operation Art will be kicking off again soon with the support of the P&C, the SRC and the school so get those budding artists ready to showcase their creative genius with a chance to represent the school across the nation, with all proceeds going to the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Last year’s entrants did a spectacular job and it was suggested that this year the P&C take it one step further with a very special local exhibition of all the artworks created by every student in each class, so stay tuned for more details soon.

In other news, dust off your bunny ears and get busy with cardboard and glue. It's almost time to make EASTER BONNETS for the school EASTER HAT PARADE on THURSDAY of Week 9 followed by the WHITE SANDS FESTIVAL EASTER BONNET PARADE - all children can join in and show off their dazzling creations led by the lovely Mrs Smith and her team of little bunnies from Kindergarten! See special notice of time and place to drop off and collect kids (or join in!) closer to the time.

There are still some beautifully decorated Money Tins that need to find homes in local businesses to help collect loose change for the school so please let me know if you can help. They do need to be monitored now and then to make sure they are safe.

Feel free to contact me any time with feedback and ideas or if you would like a copy of the minutes from the last meeting.

Thanks again for all your support as I come to the end of my very eventful 2 years as President of Husky School P&C.

Cheers
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CANTEEN

Canteen will be open tomorrow, Wednesday 20th February.
Canteen helpers this week:

Amanda Steffe and Tanya Hammond

We are in need of Jellies again thanks. If sending in cakes, could you get the children to let the office know that the cake is for the Canteen.

Thanks — Gail Hodgson
44415854

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Georges Basin Football Club
Invites Girls and Boys to register for Season 2013.
Registration Date:
Sunday 24th February 10am thru 2:00pm
Basin Sports Ground, Wool Road, St Georges Basin
Or Register on-line at www.myfootballclub.com.au
Please visit www.basinsoccer.com.au for more details

St Georges Basin Hockey Club Registration
Accepting registration for boys and girls aged 6 - 16 years and women and men teams.
Date for Registration is Friday 1st March at St Georges Basin Country Club Tennis Courts from 4:30pm
Or send an email to basinhockey@gmail.com or call Kirsty on 0401763638 or Vaughan 44229878 to obtain registration details

Please note all training and games are on the synthetic turf at Bernie Regan hockey Fields in North Nowra.
P & C REPORT for 2012

2012 was a very big year for our small, dedicated group of volunteers at Huskisson Public School, completing several major projects of long-term benefit to the school. Our team valiantly persevered through the minefield of bureaucratic complications, proving once again that while we may be small, we have a very big heart!

We started the year with the much-anticipated completion of the COLA extension, followed by the successful application of a $10,000 Clubs Grant from Huskisson RSL for air-conditioning in the junior classrooms. The P&C also helped organise and fund essential electrical upgrades and community partnership schemes to complete additional landscaping and school maintenance.

Our major fundraising activities included the annual Easter and Christmas raffles, the always popular Mothers and Fathers Day stalls, Bunnings BBQ and cake stall, Boo-Books book-busking cake stall, district canteen, school discos, as well as running the canteen and uniform shop every week. We also collected Coles and Woollies vouchers and our school money tins have quietly been collecting loose change from local businesses.

Thank you to the generous support of local families and businesses and congratulations team Husky on an outstanding year!

*Kylie Blakemore, President*

SPORTS UPDATE

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We had an amazing School Swimming Carnival last Wednesday with high student participation and many parents volunteering as Time Keepers and Judges.

Congratulations to Bronte Wright who broke a school record on the day. A full list of results and achievements will be published in next week’s newsletter.

Many of our successful students from our school carnival are competing today at the South Shoalhaven District Carnival at Bomaderry.

We wish them the best of luck.