HUSKISSON PUBLIC SCHOOL
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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COMING EVENTS

February
This Week:
Thursday 7th: 2pm Rugby League Parramatta Eels

Week 3:
Monday 11th: Parent / School BBQ
Wednesday 13th: Swimming Carnival
Friday 15th: Cricket Trials

Week 4:
Tuesday 19th: District Swimming Carnival
Friday 22nd: Senior Gala Day - AFL

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE.
Welcome to all our new students and their families in Kindergarten and across the grades. Photos of our new Kindergarten students will be taken today for inclusion in the paper. We would like to welcome all families, new and old, to our school Barbecue on Monday 11th February. Please bring either a salad or dessert and your own soft drinks. The school will provide sausages and bread. This should be a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher informally, and to get to know new families and put a face to names you have been hearing about.

It was wonderful to come back to Air Conditioned rooms in the brick buildings. Many thanks to Rene Wright for managing the tendering and installation and to Kylie Blakemore for co-ordinating the whole process including the grant application and conveyance between all the parties involved. I know there were many other people involved, but these two P&C executive have been exceptional.

It has been very difficult to make classes for this year, because we have been waiting to see if all students returned, and whether all our prospective Kindergarten students were still enrolling. The difference between 103 students and 104 students results in the formation of very different classes (either four classes or five). This is the reason we have held off making classes, and as frustrating as it has been for everyone (especially for our eager students) it was better to wait and luckily be able to form five classes rather than changing everything again after a few days.

Classes are Kindergarten (Mrs Marcelle Smith), Year One (Mrs Kim Domazar), Years Two/Three (Mrs Kathryn Raymer), Years Three/Four (Mr Darren Vidler) and Years Five/Six (Mrs Maggie New).

Our school was well looked after during the holidays by Mrs Bev Bliss, Mrs Carmen Gatt and Mr Gordon Duncan. I think Mr Choice was there too! Work I had completed over the holidays included grinding back of uneven pathways, carpet cleaning and broken water pipes. Also workers from the Nowra Correction Centre applied new fill to the play area, cut back overhanging vines, repainted the green seats and replaced the railings. Thank you very much.

The Department of Education quite suddenly decreed that no-one could be employed to teach, including all casual teachers, unless they had training in Anaphylaxis. Quite fortuitously I had already arranged this for our staff today (Tuesday), and I have been very busy letting all our wonderful casuals know how to get this training. If you know of people employed as casual teachers at our school please ask them to call me so I can advise them how to get this training.

We are having a visit from the 2013 NRL Parramatta Eels Rugby league team on Thursday at 2pm. It is great to have positive role models talk about fitness and teamwork.

Have a great start to the year,
Helen Wimmer
**BUS PASSES 2013**
Nowra Coaches will be checking bus passes in Week 3 (from Monday February 11th).

**Year 3 bus travellers** – must have a new Year 3 bus pass this year. If not, please collect a Bus Pass Application form from the office. The old one which was used in Year 2 is no longer valid.

**Changes of address** – need to be submitted on a new Bus Pass Application form. Any passes showing the old address are not valid and should be handed in to the office with the new application form.

**Lost bus passes** – a payment for replacement is $10 which should be put into an envelope and given to the bus driver.

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**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.

**Crossing at the School Crossing.**
Students and parents should cross between the red and white striped poles. Everyone should walk straight across Watt Street and into the school gate.

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**FOODIES DELIGHT**
**will be taking lunch orders from next Monday 11th February.**
Please find canteen list with newsletter. Looking forward to serving you nutritious, healthy lunches throughout 2013!
*Many thanks Foodie management.*

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
**BUDDING CHEFS**
Are you interested in volunteering an hour or two for Budding Chefs, a program that teachers students lifelong cooking and gardening skills?

Huskisson Public School, in partnership with Healthy People Illawarra and ISLHD is running a Community Builders funded cooking and gardening program which will encourage long term healthy lifestyle habits. The program is run on Tuesdays and includes two gardening and one cooking class.

During the day students learn gardening skills and will cook recipes using produce from the school garden. In the afternoons a small group of students will pack and organise the ingredients to take home to cook for their family.

Volunteering activities include:
Assisting the kitchen garden teacher in gardening classes, cooking classes or to help the students when they organise the ingredients to take home.

For further information about volunteering, please call:
Heidi Hutton, Health Cities Illawarra
Heidi@healthyillawarra.org.au
0413 855 086 Mon, Tue, Thu
Or
Kim Thompson, ISLHD
Ph: 4455 5366 Mon to Fri
Or drop the slip below into Huskisson Public School

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**BUDDING CHEFS VOLUNTEER**
Yes, I am interested in helping support the Budding Chef Program

**NAME:** ________________________________
**Contact No.** ____________________________

Please return to Huskisson Public School
Parent and Carers News.
Next P & C Meeting: Next Meeting for Feb to be advised, AGM will be in March, all executive positions will be up for grabs!
Hi Folks,
Welcome back! I hope you had a fantastic holiday and made the most of all the lovely sunshine while it lasted!
Very exciting news this week as we were FINALLY able to install the long awaited brand new AIR CONDITIONERS in ALL the JUNIOR CLASSROOMS during the school holidays!! This was the result of MANY hours of hard work, persistence and dedication by the P&C over the last 2 years so we are all extremely pleased to know that the kids and staff will be cool in summer and warm in winter-- especially as the seasons have been changing on a daily basis!

DID YOU KNOW that this makes Husky one of the ONLY schools in the entire Shoalhaven area to have air conditioning in ALL the classrooms?

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Huge thanks to the P&C support crew who stuck by it to the very end including Renee Wright and Spencer Blakemore and to Bev Bliss and Mrs Wimmer for ensuring the tradesmen had access to the school during the school holidays. Special Thanks to SIMMARK ELECTRICAL & AIR CONDITIONING and IMEEC ELECTRICAL for outstanding professionalism and support (at a very reasonable price) to get us get through the minefield of regulations and obstacles we had to resolve with power supply and safety upgrades over the last 12 months before we could even start on the A/C's!

Thanks also to Husky RSL and Club Grants Scheme for making this all possible with their $10,000 donation to the P&C for air conditioning - in the biggest single donation they have ever made! Special thanks to Liz and Shirley for their support on the frontline to help me wade though all the paperwork at the 11th hour!

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As school settles in to new routines for 2013 we will keep you posted with events and opportunities for involvement in your school community over the coming few weeks via the newsletter - which can also be viewed online through the schools website. Please feel free to contact me with ideas or feedback via phone or email or in the playground at school during pick up or drop off. We wish all our lovely little new comers a happy start to 'big school' and I look forward to catching up with all the families and friends of the P&C again soon.

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Newcomers always welcome and all positions will be up for grabs at the AGM in March so please have a think about getting involved in some way if you can -- just a couple of hours every week or so can make a huge difference for the whole school!

PS. don't forget: ## The uniform shop is open Monday Afternoons from 3pm, (2nd hand uniforms are also available everyday via a small donation and order for new items can be placed at the office)
## Canteen is open on Wednesdays,
## Foodies orders can be placed on Mondays and helpers and donations are always welcome at the canteen on Wednesdays and also in the junior classrooms for reading and craft or in the kitchen garden!

Cheers

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CANTEEN
Canteen will be open this Wednesday 6th February.
Canteen helper this week is HELEN BALL

Thanks – Gail Hodgson - 44415854

COMMUNITY NEWS

HUSKISSON GIRL GUIDES
Guides begin this week
Tuesday: 4:30pm to 6pm
Pre Junior Guides 5 years to 7 years
Junior Guides 7 years to 10 years
Wednesday 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Guides 10 years to 14 years
Senior Guides 14 years to 17 years

We need ladies to be Leaders, Aged 18 years and upwards.
Phone Liesel Turnbull for information 0402837777

TENNIS FOR CHILDREN
Lou Durante Professional Tennis Coach
Huskisson, Wednesday and Fridays
Ages 6 years to 16 years
Have a fun hour
Play games and learn singles and doubles
Racquets provided for lesson
Enrol now for 2013 classes
Phone 4428210893 or 44415766
SPORTS UPDATE

SWIMMING:
Our first swimming training session was washed out. We will attempt to head down to the Husky Sea Pool again this Friday 8th February. Children in years 3 to 6 will participate. A new note was sent home today.
Our Swimming Carnival is to be held next Wednesday 13th February at the Bay and Basin Leisure Centre. Again all children in Years 3 to 6 will attend,
This year more than ever we will rely on parents to assist with the carnival. Having only 2 primary classes we are limited with the amount of staff that are available for the carnival. Please notify Mr Vidler if you are able to assist as a time keeper.
The South Shoalhaven District Swimming Carnival is to be held on Tuesday 19th February at Bomaderry Pool.

EELS:
We are VERY fortunate to have one of the most wonderful clubs in the history of rugby league visit our school this Thursday. The Parramatta Eels will be holding a special assembly to help promote their healthy living program. We are hoping that a few of the big name players will be here for the visit. The Eels will also be running a promotional visit on Wednesday afternoon at Francis Ryan Reserve at Sanctuary Point (behind the shops)

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St Georges Basin Junior Rugby League Football Club Inc
Is looking for players, coaches, trainers, managers and first aid officers for 2013 season.
Player registrations commence Saturday 9th February, Saturday 16th and 23rd February from 10am - 2pm at Francis Ryan Reserve Sanctuary Point.
Please check local paper for more details.

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PARRAMATTA EELS CLINIC
Come along and meet the PARRAMATTA EELS
Join the Eels for a day of fun footy activities, as well as lots of prizes and giveaways
plus FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
From 4:00pm on Wednesday 6th February at Francis Ryan Reserve, Sanctuary Point.
For ages 5 - 16 years