HUSKISSION PUBLIC SCHOOL
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

February
This Week:
Wednesday 13th: # Swimming Carnival
# No School Canteen today
Thursday 14th: * 11:20am: Assembly - 2/3
* Canteen today
Friday 15th: Cricket Trials

Week 4:
Monday 18th: 6:00pm P & C Meeting
Tuesday 19th: District Swimming Carnival
Friday 22nd: Senior Gala Day - AFL

Week 5:
Tuesday 26th: Year 6 to Vincentia High School
Thursday 28th: 11:20am: Assembly

March:
Friday 1st: Clean up Australia Day

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE.
Our Family Barbecue was very much enjoyed by all families who took the opportunity to meet each other in a very relaxed setting. It was such a lovely night! Thank you to staff members who set up, ran the BBQ and cleaned up afterwards. Thank you to Bev Bliss our neighbour across the road for invaluable help, as always.

The school swimming carnival is to be held on Wednesday at the Leisure Centre. What a super location – close to the action, all under cover and a fantastic atmosphere. Mr Vidler has been busy arranging the carnival and it should be a great day for classes 3-6. Congratulations to our new Sports Leaders, who will have their first action at the carnival being outstanding role models for their houses. House captains will receive their badges at our school assembly this week run by our new School leaders Tyler Fryar, Blake Wellington, Zali Everingham and Tahlia Rodrigues. I know they will do a fine job!

2013’s first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Monday 18th February (next week) at 6pm, in the Staffroom. I would like to extend an invitation to all new parents and interested citizens to come along. The P&C represents your family and has been responsible for many major projects to improve our school over the years.

Well done to classes who have brought in their Walking notes. This was a green form which allowed your child to participate in local educational excursions which might need leaving the school grounds. We are endeavouring to put all parent permission notes onto the school website, so that if your child mislays them you will be able print off and sign a new one.

We extend a warm welcome Tyson Jones and Jaryd Hoffman, both of whom are assisting in classrooms. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who also tirelessly assist in classrooms. Many helpers have a long tradition with our school, as past parents, employees or students. Anyone new to helping out needs to collect a volunteers’ form from the office, so that we know you are allowed to work with children.

Just a reminder for everyone that the morning bell rings at 9:00am so that students are ready to start straight into their morning lessons straight away. Students who are continually late miss out on instructions about how to do their work, and these are the students we see falling behind their classmates. Please make sure your child arrives between 8:40 and 8:50am. Students who arrive after 9:00am need to come to the office to collect a late note. If your child is away from school for a whole day or more they need to have a note explaining the reason they were away. Parents have only seven days in which to send this note. We don’t want any of our students to be disadvantaged by lateness or by being away when they are not genuinely sick.

Our ProSocial skills begin next week for all students. Weekly lessons focus on a particular social skill, such as ‘Listening’, ‘Asking for Help’ or ‘Saying Thank You’. These lessons ensure that our students are encouraged to treat each other and adults respectfully.

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

“Zero Tolerance” to protect your child.
When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. When an offence is detected - you will be fined. Illegal parking around schools endangers children’s lives.

What does this mean?
You cannot stop in this area for any reason

Why is it there?
To keep sight distance clear for drivers, children and other pedestrians to avoid crashes

FOODIES DELIGHT. Ordering for lunch is Mondays.
Canteen list had a publication mistake: Orchy Frozen cups are 60c not $1.60
Many thanks Foodie management.

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

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

Thank you to the Village Green Nursery in Kangaroo Valley for the donation of seeds for the Kitchen / Garden Program

Congratulations to Mrs New 2012 Kindergarten class who are now in Year 1 for coming second in the Soft Handicraft Under 8 section at the recent Nowra Show.

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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

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.

What does this mean?
You cannot stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus

Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for buses to set down and pick up passengers.

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You cannot stop in this area for any reason

Why is it there?
To keep sight distance clear for drivers, children and other pedestrians to avoid crashes
Parent and Carers News.
Next P & C Meeting: Next Monday 18th February at 6:00pm in Staffroom.

Hi Folks,
Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who made last night's welcome BBQ such a lovely event for a whole school community.

Special thanks to Alison Goodwin, Renee Wright and Bev Bliss and Mrs Wimmer and Mr Vidler for all their extra efforts in preparation and organisation and on the BBQ and to all the parents who contributed a fantastic range of yummy salads and desserts.

## Our first P&C meeting for 2013 will also be our last before the AGM! so please come along NEXT MONDAY AT 6PM for a quick wrap up of all the great things we achieved in 2012 and have your say on where we should go from here to help with vital fundraising activities and fun events for the kids etc. There are some major grant opportunities we can apply for before April so it is important we all have a say in what we feel is the most urgent project that needs addressing and work together to make it happen in time. Meetings are also a great opportunity to learn a bit more about school policies and procedures which can be a bit confusing to first time school parents -especially with all the recent changes to staffing and class structures and the impact of the Local Schools, Local Decisions policy on all NSW public schools.

## I have just completed an application for a chance to win a major new kitchen renovation for the school canteen valued at over $25,000 - so cross your fingers on that one! I have also sent in an application to get some money back from the Dept. Ed. for the money the P&C had to spend on helping the school upgrade the electrical systems before we could even start on the air conditioning last year - so cross your fingers and toes we may hear back from them sometime this century! Thanks to Mrs Wimmer, Annette Cape and Renee Wright for helping me get the paper work over the line in the nick of time.

## Special thanks also to Joanne Pratt for helping with school promotions and 'recruitment' - you are a legend in your own lunch box!

## Don't forget parent helpers are required at the school swimming carnival tomorrow for all kids in grade 3 - 6. Just half an hour helping with time keeping will be a huge help and you get front row seating to cheer the kids to success! Keep an eye out for some familiar little faces in the local paper form both the swimming training at the sea pool and the carnival and the Parramatta eels visit and remember to let school staff know if you do not wish you child to be included in any school promotional photographs.

## Canteen will be on Thursday this week instead of Wednesday due to the swimming carnival. Parent helpers always welcome.

Feel free to contact me anytime if you have any ideas or feedback on P&C activities of would like to put something on the agenda for the next meeting.. or just turn up and jump right in! I promise we won’t bite!

Cheers
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CANTEEN NEWS:

PLEASE NOTE
NO CANTEEN TOMORROW
Wednesday 13th February
But on THURSDAY 14TH instead

Canteen helper this week is APRIL HARRISON

Thanks – Gail Hodgson - 44415854

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Georges Basin Football Club
Invites Girls and Boys to register for Season 2013.
Registration Dates are Saturday 16th February and 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.

Military Hobby HQ Jervis Bay
at Sanctuary Point
Afternoon Hobby Classes and Hobby Club, where they instruct children in Model Kit Building.
After school Monday to Friday.
Hobby Classes from 4 - 5pm for students aged 7 -12 years.
Hobby Club from 5:30pm - 6:30pm for students aged 12 + and for more experienced younger students.
SPORTS UPDATE

SWIMMING:
This Wednesday is our school Swimming Carnival. Permission notes and the swimming carnival program of events have been sent home.
The carnival will be held at the Bay and Basin Leisure Centre at Vincentia. The carnival will begin at about 9:50am and should be finished by 1:45pm.
There will be canteen facilities on the day.
Children are able to wear swimmers and / or house colours to school. It is a good idea to wear goggles when competing as the chlorine at indoor pools can be quite strong.
Any parents that are able to assist can notify Mr Vidler or just turn up at the pool.
The South Shoalhaven District Swimming Carnival is to be held on Tuesday 19th February at Bomaderry Pool.

RUGBY LEAGUE:
It was great to have the Parramatta Eels visit our school last Thursday. Our children and the players were very enthusiastic.
Matt from the NRL and the players spoke about healthy diets and the negative impacts of bullying.
Thank you to the Eels and the representatives from the NRL and Country R.L.

AFL:
The first gala day of the year is to be held next Friday 22nd February.
The Gala day will be held for AFL and also act as the South Shoalhaven District Trials. We will have 1 boys team and 1 girls team compete on the day.

What does this mean?
You can stop in this area to drop off or pick up passengers for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Why is it there?
To provide safe places for children to be picked up - usually associated with Kiss and Drop Off Zones

40km/hr School Zones are provided to increase the safety of all pedestrians, but especially children, who are walking in the vicinity of schools. Obey the limit and be aware of the time of day.

Enforcement around schools will commence second week of term