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Term 4 - Week 5 RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY LEARNING

Wednesday 13 November 2019

Invitation to visit our new Library / Xmas Book Fair!

During Week 9, beginning 9 December, we extend an invitation to parents and family to visit our beautiful school library from 3.00 pm each day. Everything is coming together nicely and the furniture and paint work looks great. The Book Fair will also be on and it is a buy one get one free offer. There will be some great titles for Christmas presents. A wish list will be sent home in Week 8 to remind the students. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits for the adults.

All welcome!

Mrs Butler

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES

The 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge certificates are almost ready. Mrs Butler will be able to access the certificates on the PRC website for students who have successfully had their 2019 Student Reading Record validated, and they will receive their certificate at Monday morning assembly in Week 7. 2019 medals, gold and platinum certificates are currently being processed, and should be arriving in our school in the coming weeks. These will be handed out at a future Friday assembly. Parents will be advised by phone.

Reminders

- Year 6 Farewell RSVP and money is required by Friday 22 November.
- Kindergarten visit to BUPA aged care note due Friday 22 November

SCHOOL HATS will now be available for sale in the office, Bucket Hat Stage 3 and Broadbrim K - 4. **CASH SALES ONLY** \$14.00. As the warmer weather is approaching all students must wear a hat in the playground. **NO HAT** playtime will be under shelter.

Mosquitos

Parents please remember to apply insect repellent to your children before school or put a roll on in their bag for personal use. **NO AEROSOL SPRAYS**

REMINDER TO RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

All our wonderful library books are due back over the next few weeks so please begin searching through the shelves at home and help Mrs Butler by returning when you are finished with them.

The final date for student returns is **Friday 30 November**.

Xmas Book Fair

Our Xmas book fair will be held Monday 9 December - Thursday 12 December. No cash sales **EFTPOS ONLY**

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4 2019

Wednesday 27 November	Parent helpers Afternoon Tea
Wednesday 27 November	Final Combined Scripture assembly 2.00 pm
Friday 29 November	Last Assembly Gold Award Presentation
Tuesday 3 December	Year 6 Full Day Orientation
Thursday 5 December	Pre School Concert 12.30 pm in the Hall
Friday 6 December	Twilight Picnic
Monday 9 December	Pre School Concert 12.30 pm in the Hall
Monday 9 December - Thursday 12 December	Xmas Book Fair EFTPOS ONLY
Tuesday 10 December	Year 6 Farewell
Thursday 12 December	Presentation Day
Friday 13 December	Gold Awards - Student Celebration
Tuesday 17 December	Party Day—ALL STUDENTS
Wednesday 18 December	Year 6 Clap out 2.00 pm
Wednesday 18 December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

EVACUATION Practice

- Over the next few weeks each stage will be walking to the High School to review the guidelines and plans for an emergency evacuation off site. All class teachers and some support staff will be attending with their students. Plenty of preparation and discussions will be held before we go.
- However, due to numbers, weather conditions and organisation factors we are walking on different days. All visits need to be completed before Thursday 21 November.
- If you would like more information please discuss with your child's teacher or see Mrs Butler.
- We would appreciate your support to remind your child to remain calm and listen to their teacher on the day.

Entry to Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2021

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2021 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from **8 October to 10.00 pm on 11 November 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on **9 October 2018** and closes on **12 November 2018**. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 9 October 2018.

School Placement Test on Thursday 12 March 2020 at a local school.

Parents are asked to email the High Performing Students Unit: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone: 1300 880 367 if they have enquiries not covered in the application information booklet.

From the P & C

Thank you Marni Colman and the Lojewski family for your extremely generous donation. You have kicked off our donation drive for the P & C Christmas Hamper Raffle with a bang!

The donation was given in memory of Marni's aunt, an ex-pupil of WPS, and received with much appreciation and gratitude.

Band and Ukulele Upcoming Performances

Ukuleles

Week 6 - Wednesday 13 November in school - Preschool Performance

Friday 22 November Whole School Assembly 2.05 pm

Week 8 - Friday 6 December Twilight Concert

WPS Band

Week 8 - Friday 6 December Twilight Concert

Week 9 - Thursday 12 December Pre-entertainment for Presentation Day Assembly

More details will follow for rehearsals, set up and pack up procedures.



Calling all musicians Parents, Grandparents, older brothers and sisters !!

If you can read music (easy level) and play a woodwind, brass or string instrument and would like to join our band students for a fun easy Christmas number at the Twilight Concert, we would love you to play along with us!! Please contact Mrs Savage if you would like to join us for our combined band and for a copy of the music to view before the evening.

karyn.savage@det.nsw.edu.au

SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

... to apply sunscreen correctly.

Sunscreen protects against the damaging effects of the sun by reducing the amount of ultraviolet (UV) rays that reach the skin.



Make sunscreen a habit:

- Use SPF 30 or higher, broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen
- Apply 20 minutes before going outside
- Re-apply every 2 hours (or after any activity that may remove it)

Sunscreen does not block UV radiation and no sunscreen provides 100% protection. Remember to use SunSmart hats, clothing, sunglasses and seek out shade.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

Good for Kids good for life

HEALTHY PARTY IDEAS

Parents and teachers can shift the focus for school parties from unhealthy food to fun healthy food.

You could serve snacks with fun plates, napkins, cups or straws, or have a tasting party where children can vote for their favourite healthy snack. Why not try some of the following:

- Fruit kebabs
- Orange quarters – try them frozen in summer
- Fruit smoothies
- Melon balls
- Berries
- Frozen fruit blocks
- Apple slinkies
- Veggie strips with low fat dip or salsa
- Sandwiches
- Raisin bread
- Pikelets
- Rice crackers
- Scones
- Cheese cubes
- Low fat popcorn



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNEHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

WPS Christmas Hamper Raffle

Yes, it's that time of year when we ask our generous school community for donations for our massive Christmas Hamper Raffle. Last year saw over 35 hampers made and raffled off. This year we will continue our massive raffle, however, we would like to start a new tradition of giving 10% of raffle profits to a local charity working to help local families doing it tough over the Christmas season. Raffle books will go home with this week's newsletter and additional raffle books are available in the front office. The Hamper Raffle will be Drawn Friday 6th December at the twilight picnic.



Christmas Hamper Raffle- donation suggestion list

Class	Items
Preschool	Crackers / Savoury biscuits, bread sticks, nut mixes, gingerbread, soft drinks / poppers / cordials
Kindergarten	Sweet biscuits, shortbread, Christmas puddings, pudding pkt mixes, cake & muffin mixers, icing mixes, pancake mixers
Year 1	Jams, Marmalades, maple / golden syrup, honey, minced tarts, UHT or packet custard, jelly packets
Year 2	Pretzels, popcorn, chips, tinned / jarred fruit / vegetables, dried fruit, pickled onions / gherkins, olives
Year 3	Lollies, candies, toffees, candy canes, sweets, chocolate, liquorice, fudge, truffles
Year 4	Spreads, mustard, pickles, chutney, sauces – apple/mint cranberry, salad dressings, mayonnaise, gravy
Year 5	Christmas – wrapping, serviettes, bonbons, paper plates, cups, tea towels, decorations
Year 6	Tea, coffee, flavoured coffee sachets, juices, ice-block tubes, milk flavourings, UHT milk / cream

The donation drop off box is located in the front office.

Donation ideas are certainly not limited to those on the list but make a great range of variety for hampers. If any business would like to donate a prize to go into a hamper, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support The P&C fundraising team