

# NEWSLETTER



## *Huntingdale Primary School*

START OF TERM 4

12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

We had a busy Term Three with many wonderful things occurring, and the end of term came around so quickly. This caught us by surprise, along with some things happening in our personal lives. However, we had a great community feel for the term and want to continue doing this.

### **2024 KINDY ORIENTATION PROGRAM**

We have had the opportunity to access a **free** 'get ready for Kindy' program through Sonas Childcare. This allows your child the opportunity to meet the children they will be attending Kindy with during 2024, along with learning the skills they will require when they get to school. If you have a child starting in Kindy in 2024 and have not yet enrolled, please do so as soon as possible, as it starts next week. We have sent a few reminders via email regarding this.

### **SUPPORT FROM THE SMITH FAMILY**

Our school is in partnership with the Smith Family. They are a great organisation that supports families struggling with money to support their child's education.

The criteria consist of:

- Live in a community where The Smith Family has a presence and attends a partner school (which we are).
- Possess a Health Care Card or Pension Concession card.
- Demonstrate a commitment to education (i.e. children attend school regularly).
- Be referred to us by one of our partner schools.

Next year, they will run an 18-week learning club with support in Maths and English. Your child will need to be part of the Smith Family to attend. If you meet the criteria, please feel free to click on this link

<https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/my-smith-family> and complete the paperwork. Someone from the Smith Family will contact you to discuss your application.

### **SOCIAL DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA**

It was great seeing our students show their dancing talents to their parents at the end of Term Three. Thank you to all the parents who attended and joined their child. I hope you enjoyed your time and managed to get a few photos.

### **CELEBRATE LEARNING - A 'NIGHT TO REMEMBER'**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Open Night. There were so many smiles and lots of laughter and conversations. It was so great to have you all visiting the classrooms and enjoying what is happening in the school. We have put out a survey and currently only have nineteen responses. We want to make this an event that brings the community together. So please, if you haven't already completed the survey, take the time to do this for us. We will send out the link again as a text.

### **BOOKLOVERS DELIGHT**

Our P & C Book Fair raised over five thousand dollars, which was fantastic. Well done to Laura, Sarah, Sandra and the rest of our hard working P & C. They worked extremely hard to support this event and several others during Term Three.

## **CLASS REQUESTS AND NOT RETURNING IN 2024**

We are now going into planning for 2024. If you are not returning in 2024, please complete the information sheet distributed last term. I know things occur, and you may need to move or be unhappy about something we may or may not be doing. If you are not returning due to concerns, please provide us with feedback. It will only help us get better.

If you have any requests about class placement, student separations, or students being together, can they please be put in writing? We are preparing for transition day, so can you have this to me by Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, even if you have already spoken to me about your child.

For both personal requests for 2024 and for reasons that you are not returning, you can email me personally at [leanne.allen@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:leanne.allen@education.wa.edu.au) if you are concerned about others reading the information you provide or about staff being upset.

## **CELEBRATION FOR EXCELLENCE**

We love celebrating our students who meet our school values and demonstrate excellence in their behaviour. We understand that students have to test the boundaries and will make little mistakes, so they are not excluded. However, there is a point where we have to say that the behaviour is unacceptable.

In celebration of our students who display the correct behaviour, we ended Term Three with our Remarkable Kids morning tea and our whole school rewards event. This reward day was about games, play and an icy pole. Classes came up with what they wanted to do, and we saw a variety of activities occurring around the school.

## **HATS ON - THE WEATHER IS HOT.**

Our school has a uniform policy that the School Council passes, stating that students are to wear a school hat. We are now seeing several students wearing a variety of different hats. We are not responsible if a student loses their expensive hat. However, they can only attend carnivals or school excursions if they have a school hat. Please ensure your child has one and that you put their name on the inside, so that if they lose it, we can return it to them. We are a 'no hat, no play' school. Unfortunately, we do not have spare hats, so students will be required to sit in the undercover area if they do not have one.

## **SPORTING PROWESS**

Due to decreased student numbers this year, we tried a different carnival approach with the Year Ones to Sixes altogether. It was a busy but fun day, and we will reflect on this and see what went well and what we can do better. Our Kindy and Pre-Primary students went for half a day and did an excellent job. They loved their ribbons and were so resilient during the events. We finished the morning with a parent, staff, and student leaders' event. Let's say the parents left the staff and student leaders behind. Staff will be practising for next year.

Thank you again to the P & C for organising the Lions Club to do the sausage sizzle, raffle, coffee van and ice cream van.

## **RUNNERS CLUB CHAMPIONS**

We have our dedicated runner's club children, parents, and some new students this term. I chatted with Mr Rob this morning, and we have decided to continue runners club until the end of the year. We are enjoying the enthusiasm and vibe out there on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Thank you to Mrs Hornblow, who is also there every week supporting us.

## **SOCIAL DANCE – YEARS 5 & 6**

Social Dance for Years Five and Six started yesterday. We still have a number of students who have not paid yet. We would like to remind families that payment needs to be made by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, otherwise students will not be able to take part. A reminder to Year Sixes that if they do not attend the dance lessons, they can't attend the evening Social Dance as part of their end of year celebrations.



## STUDENT ELECTIONS

We have had a wonderful group of Student Leaders this year. When I say Student Leaders, I include Faction Captains as well. They all attended morning meetings, presented at the Assembly, participated in various sporting events and helped at the colour run.

The Student Leader selection process will be slightly different this year. Students wishing to be a Student Leader or Faction Captain will be undertaking a speech. Then, the students will vote. The initial part will remain the same, with the students completing the paperwork and having it signed by teachers. Teachers will then meet to discuss the applicants.

I am looking forward to introducing a new group of Student Leaders for 2024.

It is hard to believe that we are heading towards Christmas, and we still have so much learning to do and activities to enjoy. I am looking forward to seeing you all around the school during this final term.

## YEAR SIX EVENTS THIS TERM

Students and parents were asked yesterday to send in baby photos for the Year Six Graduation. As advised via sms message, these will need to be supplied by the end of week six – 17<sup>th</sup> November. (However, it would be very much appreciated if they are not all left until that date.)

Information on the Social Dance evening and Rockingham beach excursion will be provided in the coming weeks. The Year Six Graduation will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and the expected start time for that will be 6.45pm. The Year Six Social Dance evening will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December and the expected start time for that will be 6.40pm. If families have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards

**LEANNE ALLEN**  
Principal

Social Dance  
celebrations with  
Years 1-4 families





Fathers' Day Stall



Book Fair



Above:  
Assembly – Rms 6 & 17

Right: Assembly –  
Rms 9 & 10





Remarkable Kids – Term 3



Runs, Jumps & Throws





Runs, Jumps &amp; Throws cont....



Years 1-6 Sports Carnival











Years 1-6 Sports Carnival – medal winners

A donation from IGA Huntingdale  
for our staff.







Kindy and  
Pre-Primary  
Sports  
Carnival









## Parents vs Student Leaders vs Staff





## Years 5 &amp; 6 Social Dance

