Term 4 has started quickly with a number of staffing changes. We welcome Mr Craig Searant to our school. Craig is a PDHPE teacher and will be taking Year 7-10 PDHPE and a couple of other classes for the remainder of the term.

Term 4 is proving to be a busy one with a number of excursions and other school activities. Already we have had the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Science) excursion to Dubbo. Students were able to do hands on activities in all these areas for 3 days. A big thank you to the staff that took the students on this excursion and allowed them this opportunity- Miss Taylor and Mr Hardy. Miss McGuigan is taking students from year 8 and 9 to Sydney and Dubbo on ASPIRE excursions. ASPIRE is run by the University of NSW, Sydney and aims to develop the skills and resilience of Indigenous students and to better prepare them for life at University. School Spectacular is also fast approaching and Ros, Mr and Mrs Hyatt and Mr Clayton are working with students to prepare them for the performance at the end of November.

Our year 11 students have all entered their final 4 terms. They have officially begun their HSC studies and need to ensure that they are at school every day to make the most of the learning opportunities available to them. We have a Senior Study set up in the new school and students are encouraged to use this area to catch up on missed work, complete assessments and study for upcoming exams. Ms Evans and I are both available to assist students when they utilise this area.

Mr Hyatt and I have started the DRUMBEAT program at the High School. We meet with the students 1 day per week for 10 weeks and we will be performing at presentation day at the end of the year. DRUMBEAT is an acronym for Discovering Relationships Using Music, Beliefs, Emotions, Attitudes, and Thoughts. For centuries, ancient cultures have used hand drumming to bring people together. It is a structured learning program using music, psychology and neurobiology to help students reconnect with themselves and others.

If any parents or carers would like to come to the school to discuss any of the excursions or programs/activities mentioned please do.

Melissa Ozoux Rel Deputy Principal
Week 3 Term 4

Kindy O – Lyndin Neill: For continuing to practice counting backwards from 30 in her spare time! I love your dedication Lyndin!

Year 1/2 – Ruby Cran: For composing, editing & publishing some amazing pieces of writing this week!


Year 2 – Nateisha Jones: For working really hard in maths & persisting with hard maths concepts. Keep it up!

Year 4/5 – Shae-Leah Cran: For always being a helpful, happy & respectful learner in 4/5D

Year 2/6 – Robert Boney: For being a happy learner & trying new things in Mrs Horan’s class on Wednesday.

Week 4 Term 4

Kindy O – T’Shon Sharpley: For being a happy learner & continuing to try his best in all areas.

Year 1 – Penelope Sharpley: For writing amazing Halloween stories to go with her scary illustrations.

Year 2 – Emily Ryan: For being an enthusiastic learner & an eager reader. Keep up the great work!

Year 3/4 – Essina Sullivan: For confidently completing three plus two digit addition sums using the jump strategy

Year 4/5 – Jonathan Murray: For always taking the initiative to help his peers in small group work.

Year 5/6 – Bailey Williams: For an awesome week of excellent behaviour & fantastic work.

Guess What’s Happening in 1S!

Each morning the students in 1S have been reading, writing, drawing and working together. A writing focus this week was to use joining words to connect two or three sentences together. The children have been enjoying playing practical word games like zingo, finder puzzle and bingo. They have been making monsters with playdough and writing and drawing about their creations. Lego is another popular activity for developing talking and listening skills as students cooperated with one another and presented their creations to their classmates. It has been a busy start to term four and I am proud of how much the students have grown as capable learners. A reminder that all the parents are welcome to visit our classroom to listen to the children read in the mornings.

Warm Regards,

Mrs Anthea Singh

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This term in 2W, we have been learning about lots of exciting things. We are learning all about celebrations with Miss O’Connell, including Halloween and Christmas. We know lots of interesting facts and have been completing craft activities to decorate our classroom with.

On Wednesday afternoons, we have been working together and enjoying cooking experiences with Miss Wells. We have been talking about recipes and creating procedures to make sure we know all of the steps to follow. So far we have made pancakes and pizza scrolls.

We are working really hard on extending our writing and using lots of descriptive words. We have lots of opportunities to write each day in whole group, small group and individual activities. Watch This Space!

During our maths sessions, we have been looking at lots of different topics including place value, graphs and mass. We especially enjoyed using the pan scales to weigh different objects and finding out what was heaviest and lightest.

2W is filled with safe, respectful, happy learners.

Warm Regards

Miss Ashleigh Wells
It has been a very busy time at the High School, with information sessions being conducted for students transitioning into the next stages of school.

Our Year 10 into Year 11 information afternoon was an opportunity for all students in Year 10 to receive information about the Preliminary Year of High School. The students received a Senior Studies Guide, to help inform and guide them in their subject selections for 2016. If you are a parent or carer of a young person in Year 10, I encourage you to take the time to read through this information and discuss the various options with your child. A reminder to all Year 10 students, please hand in your Subject Selection Forms to Ms Evans by Monday 2nd November.

Ms Lampe organised an information evening on Monday night for our new Year 12 students and their parents / carers. This was an opportunity to discuss the requirements of the HSC year, subject selection and useful tips for completing the final year of school. I encourage all students in Year 12 to

- Attend school and class regularly
- Attempt all class tasks
- Hand in their assessment tasks on time

The Senior Study is open to all students in Year 12 during their study periods and on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.00 until 3.00pm. This is an opportunity for students to receive assistance with any assessment tasks, complete homework and to catch up on class tasks.

Students in Year 8 and 9 will have an information session on Monday 2nd November, Period 1 in the Computer Lab. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend. Students will receive information about electives in Years 9 and 10 and the RoSA (Record of School Achievement).

Students in Years 9 and 10 have had the opportunity to enrol in courses at TAFE for 2016. These courses include automotive and beauty therapy. These course can help students to gain employability skills, lead to training for a trade, or to further education.

Please contact me, if you need any information on subject choices for 2016, the Higher School Certificate, the Preliminary Year or the RoSA.

Catherine Evans
Head Teacher Secondary Studies (Relieving)

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Every Minute Counts

Your Child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day

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Whooping Cough Alert

There has been a large increase in whooping cough notifications in NSW during 2014 and 2015. A large part of this increase has been among school-aged children.

NSW Health would like to provide information about whooping cough to parents and carers of children attending NSW schools.

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time.

Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 Weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough

This information is also available on the NSW Health website:


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