Principal’s Pratter

Dear Parents and Citizens of the Community of North Haven Public School

Students have settled back into routine very well and are focusing on class programs. They must be congratulated for being so responsible.

Letters were posted out last week to parents in the zoned area for the new Lake Cathie school. They have been invited to a meeting on Wednesday, 21st May to provide information on the new school to assist them in their decision in relation to which school their child/ren will attend. Our school will continue to offer the high quality programs presently in place and will maintain a strong and safe learning environment. Parents will not be forced to move children and the sibling rule will be in place. As such there is flexibility for parents in relation to their final decision.

Congratulations to all students who competed in the school cross country event, last week. Cross country running is a difficult activity but a significant number of students put in big efforts to complete the course as quickly as possible. Well done to our age champions- Connor Cook and Aynslea Bambling/Kyra Evans (12 yrs); Brendan Stimson and Alicia Holliday (11 yrs); Chelsea Hall and Bryce Cook (10 yrs); and Mia George and Jayden Hoffman (8 /9 yrs) on their fine runs. Thank you to Mr Donovan for his organisation and the support continued ……
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of staff, especially our general assistant Mr Hutchinson.

The Laurieton branch of the Red Cross donated a book to the school this week and we thank them for their support.

Congratulations to Cate Lindeman, Tom Marsden and Max Maruszak on their selection in the Lower North Coast hockey teams – top effort! They will now travel to Grafton to try out for the North Coast hockey teams.

Well done also to Connor Cook, Fletcher Murray, Mikha Everingham, Allie Wood and Kyra Evans on their selection in the district touch football teams.

STRANGER DANGER

Another reminder to all students to be aware of stranger danger and not to be influenced by people they do not know. Never get into a car or go into a home with someone they do not know.

Peter Vincent
Principal

Mother’s Day Stall
TOMORROW

Our annual Mother’s Day stall will be held at school on Friday, 9th May in time for Mother’s Day on Sunday, 11th May. All children will have the opportunity to initially purchase ONE gift from the Mother’s Day stall. Additional gifts may be bought once all students have had an opportunity to select their gift.

Gifts are currently on display near the canteen for students to look at.

All gifts cost $5.00
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Infants Assembly** – the next infants assembly will be held on Thursday, 15th May at 2.20 pm in the school hall. Class KB will co-ordinate the assembly and present an item. All parents are welcome to attend.

**P&C Meeting** – the next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14th May at 1.15 pm in the staffroom annexe. All parents are welcome to attend. Parents with any issues they wish to raise at the meeting are asked to please write down their agenda item and bring it to the office by Friday, 9th May. Due to time constraints the agenda will be strictly adhered to and any items brought up for discussion which are not on the agenda will be held over until the next meeting.

**Upcoming Performances at School** – in the coming weeks we will have the Life Education Van (22nd – 28th May) and Descendants of the Dragon (12th June) visiting our school. Many parents have already paid for these activities at the beginning of the year. Notes have been home with students who have not yet paid for these shows.

**Walk-a-thon Money** - we would appreciate if all walk-a-thon sponsorship money could be returned to school by TOMORROW (9th May). Thank you to the students and families who have already returned their money – a great effort.

**School Banking** – please be advised there will be NO school banking on Monday 19th May and Monday 26th May. Banking will resume on Monday, 2nd June. Parents wishing to continue with their child’s school banking can do so at the local Commonwealth Bank.

**NAPLAN Testing**

NAPLAN Testing will be held for students in Years 3 & 5 next Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May. Students need to ensure they have lead pencils, a pencil sharpener and an eraser.
PRIMARY PLAY DAY

Last Thursday the Senior Drama group, Mrs Menzies & Mrs Bruggemann participated in Primary Play Day. It was a fantastic day, full of creative ideas and new experiences.

Under the guidance of Bianca Bateman, a specialised drama teacher, students developed skills in voice projection, expression, brainstorming, improvisation and working with others. Mrs Menzies & Mrs Bruggemann also gained a lot of great ideas and experience from the workshop, which will further enhance North Haven’s Drama and Literacy programs.

It was a fun, productive and educational day but the hard work doesn’t stop there! The senior drama group will now refine and rehearse their play ready for a performance with other local public schools at the Glasshouse in term three. Watch this space – we have some very talented stars in the making!!

Thanks to the school for providing this fantastic opportunity and thanks to the participating students whose behaviour and creativity on the day was outstanding!

Feedback from a student:
Play day was a great opportunity for people who like drama. It helped me build more confidence when speaking in front of a bunch of people. Anyone who likes drama should take part in the drama groups. Play day taught me a lot of new skills and was heaps of fun!
By Alicia Holliday (Year 5).

Feedback from the teachers:
It was fantastic that our students were part of this creative process. Sometimes regional students miss out on these opportunities because of the distance from larger centres and the cost and logistics involved. To have this experience at our school was excellent and I look forward to seeing the production on the Glasshouse stage in the not too distant future.
Carlee Fletcher & Emily Hollis

Maleena Fardy

Chelsea Hall, Khye Rowan and Emily Hollis
One cold Tuesday in 1819; I’d already gone to bed when I felt my foot was hot. I woke up and realised my whole room was on fire. I ran and jumped out of my window.

I hurt my back, but I thought in my head, “My family is more important”.

I ran around the house and banged on one of the windows.
They said “sh, sh, sh”.

“Get up!” and they got up and then we ran away.
Students in 3G, 3/4M and 4G have been studying the culture of Botswana this term and will culminate their studies with a Cultural Day on Friday, 9th May.

Students may dress up in the clothing or colours of Botswana. We will be preparing and cooking food of that country and having a Country Food Party (no fried worms, please)!!

Parents are welcome to attend.

9.30 am  Speeches  Students representing each class will talk about their project on Botswana

10.30 am  Walk through classes and see poster presentations

11.30 am  Food preparation and Country Food Party

12.00 pm  Eat food!!

Some parent helpers will be needed to assist with food preparation on the day (from 11.30 am). Anyone able to help is asked to contact your child’s class teacher.
Canteen Special Meal Deal  
Tuesday, 20\textsuperscript{th} May  

\$4.50

Special meal deal includes -

2 x Tacos (containing beef mince, lettuce, cheese, salsa)

Choice of - can soft drink, bottle of water or fruit juice poppa (indicate your choice on order form)

Orders must be pre ordered & paid for by Friday, 16\textsuperscript{th} May

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Meal Deal Order Form

PLEASE COMPLETE
ONE ORDER FORM PER CHILD

Child’s Name : _______________________________ Class : __________

Soft drink  Water  Poppa

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