Principal’s Pratter

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

This week is SASS Awareness Week where we celebrate the valuable contributions provided by our non-teaching staff. Our office staff, general assistant and learning support officers all contribute significantly to the success of our great school. We celebrated yesterday with a special morning tea to say how much we think of them and thank them for their professionalism.

This week we welcome Mr David Meeves, our new general assistant who replaces Mr Adrian Hutchinson and Mr Richard Bales who have contributed significantly over the past 18 months in a temporary capacity. David joins us from his many years as the general assistant at Westport Public School. Welcome David!

Congratulations to all of our athletes that travelled to Lismore on Tuesday this week after the postponed carnival from last Friday. We have heard of many fantastic personal performances at this, the North Coast carnival. These are students from Buladelah to the border. Mrs McCleary has provided details later in this newsletter. A big thank you to all the parents who had to change their travel and accommodation plans due to the rain. It was certainly worth the effort. Thanks also to the staff that trained our athletes prior to the carnival, including our relay coach, Ms Easey.
Principal’s Pratter continued ….

NAPLAN results for years 3 and 5 will be mailed to parents at the end of this week. NAPLAN assesses aspects of literacy including reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and writing, as well as numeracy. The results provide schools with valuable information on the literacy and numeracy skills of children that are essential for on-going learning. While these results are useful for monitoring student progress they form one part of the total assessment process which includes class work, observation of student understanding and class assessments. A thorough analysis of the results will be undertaken by staff to help with future directions in learning. Parents who wish to discuss any aspects of their child’s NAPLAN report are invited to contact the school.

We had a great Jump Rope 4 Heart display by very talented skippers from the Foster/Tuncurry area who were brilliant. They enthused our kids by showing them just what is possible with a skipping rope. Our children are preparing for our fundraising “Jump-Off” next Friday. Thanks to Mr Gornall and Ms Dennis for all of their preparation towards this valuable whole school program.

We are speaking to all of our students regarding appropriate bus behaviour. This is an ongoing concern and we work hard to support the bus drivers in providing a safe service for our students. Inappropriate language is an issue and we will continue to remind students of our values and ask for their support in this area. We are also stamping out a “Dare” game which is definitely not acceptable at any time. We appreciate the support that many parents give us in dealing with these issues together.

Cheers,

Jock Garven
Relieving Principal

North Haven Public School
Student Absence Note

My child ____________________________ of class _______ was absent from school on the following dates ________________________________________________ for the following reason ________________________________________________

Parent’s Signature : ________________________ Date : ________________________
We are holding a Father’s Day stall at school TOMORROW Friday, 5th September in time for Father’s Day on Sunday, 7th September.

All children will have the opportunity to purchase ONE gift from the Father’s Day stall. Students may buy a second gift after all classes have purchased from the stall. Some students may also opt to purchase a gift for their granddad.

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

Gifts will cost $5.00. Students should bring money on the day (NO money to the office, please).

Any parent available to assist on the Father’s Day stall is asked to please come to school at 9.00 am to help set up and serve on the stall.

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6T Afternoon Tea & Assembly

On Thursday 11th September class 6T will be hosting an assembly. Before the assembly 6T families are invited to come to the school a bit earlier and have afternoon tea with the class.

We would like to start around 1.30 pm, with the assembly starting at 2.20 pm.

There will be tea and coffee available for the adults and juice for the children. There will also be a variety of yummy cakes, biscuits and slices (at no cost).

Looking forward to seeing 6T parents there.

Mr Tyrrell and class 6T.
SCHOOL NEWS

Jack Newton Junior Golf Championships – will be held on Monday 8th September. Permission notes should be returned by tomorrow, Friday 5th September so that transport arrangements can be made.

Primary Assembly – the next primary assembly will be held on Thursday 11th September at 2.20 pm in the hall. The Year 6 student councillors will co-ordinate the assembly and class 6T will present an item. All parents are welcome to attend.

Year 5 & 6 Milo Cricket – will be held on Wednesday, 10th September for participating students. Permission notes should be returned by Monday, 8th September so that transport arrangements can be made.

Years 3 & 4 Milo Cricket - will be held on Thursday, 11th September for participating students. Permission notes should be returned by Tuesday, 9th September so that transport arrangements can be made.

Uniting Church Performance – will be held on Tuesday, 16th September. Band and choir members need to return their permission notes and $5 bus fare as soon as possible.

Kindergarten Excursion – will be held on Tuesday 16th September. Permission notes and $2 bus fare should be returned to school by Friday 12th September.

Expanding Playtime Options

For some time the welfare committee have been looking at options to expand the range of playtime activities available to students.

Passive games will be introduced as a Wednesday activity commencing in the last week of this term and extending into Term 4. The games will be set up in the hall under teacher supervision with support from year six students.

The P&C have contributed funds for the purchase of games which will be used during this time. Initial purchases will include board games and card games.

We are also asking any families who may have games which are complete and in good condition but which they no longer need to consider donating these for use during the passive games time.

Any family members who would like to assist on Wednesdays from 1.30 to 2.00 would be most welcome to join us. This could be in the form of weekly assistance or an occasional visit.

Please see Mrs Regan if you have any games to donate or if you would like to come along to help.
Jump Rope for Heart
Friday 12th September

On Friday, 12th September, students from our school will be participating in the JUMP OFF, which is the end of what has been a very successful fitness program this term. The amount of enthusiastic skippers each recess and lunch time is evidence of the programme’s success.

Jump Rope for Heart is a national fitness education and fundraising programme designed to improve students’ cardiovascular health and to promote a lifelong healthy lifestyle.

Our Jump Off will be held in two sessions -

Primary 10.05 am – 11.05 am
Infants 11.40 am – 12.40 pm

Each JUMP OFF will include tabloid activities where classes rotate after spending approximately 8 minutes at each activity. Children need to wear sensible shoes, hats and bring a water bottle.

If the weather is inclement there will be four sessions, held in the hall and the undercover area –

Stage 3 (Yrs 5&6) 9.20 am – 10.00 am
Stage 2 (Yrs 3&4) 10.20 am – 11.00 am
Stage 1 (Yrs 1&2) 11.35 am – 12.15 pm
Early Stage 1 (Kinder) 12.30 pm – 1.10 pm

Sponsorship forms and money raised should be brought to school on Jump Off Day or as soon as possible after the JUMP OFF. Thank you to those students who have already brought in their sponsorship money.

Ben Gornall
Jump Rope for Heart Co-ordinator
MEDICAL MATTERS
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

We have had a reported case of hand, foot and mouth disease in a student at our school.

Symptoms
• A mild illness (not related to the foot-and-mouth disease that affects cattle).
• Sometimes a low fever, irritability, sore throat, tiredness, feel off colour and may be off food for a day or two
• Blisters around the mouth, hands and feet

Incubation Period
3 to 7 days

Do I Need to keep my child home?
Yes, until the blisters have dried

Controlling the spread of infection
• Follow good hand washing practices
• Avoid sharing cups, eating utensils, towels and clothing
• Thoroughly wash any soiled clothing and any surfaces or toys that may have been contaminated

Treatment
• No specific treatment. Paracetamol will relieve fever and discomfort. Do not give children aspirin.
• Allow blisters to dry out naturally. The blisters should not be burst as the fluid within them is infectious.

Information provided by NSW Health

Sharing Committee Winners
Danny Usher Clark
Ava Ryder
Mrs Clark (6T)

Value of the Week
Responsibility
Wow! North Haven Public School excelled at the recent North Coast Athletics Carnival in Lismore.

Allie Wood finished in first place in both the senior Girl 200m and 12 year girl 100m and in the heat of the 200m, coming very close to breaking a North Coast record which has been held since 1986 (27.00), in an amazing time of 27.87. Ryan Moloney threw a personal best, 26.87m, to take out first place in the junior boys discus. To top it off, the senior girls relay (Allie Wood, Kyra Evans, Madison Dawson and Alicia Holliday) finished in a fantastic first place. A sensational result and a huge congratulations to Ryan Maloney, Allie Wood, Kyra Evans, Madison Dawson and Alicia Holliday who are now off to Homebush, Sydney for the NSW State PSSA Athletics Championships on 15th and 16th October. Good luck to them!

Other great results included Harry Twomey coming 4th in the junior boy high jump, the junior boys relay (Jayden Hoffman, Braith Langdon Dawes, Jacob Slater and Reeve Anderson) reaching the final, Jayden Hoffman reaching the final and placing 6th in 9 year boys 100m, Connor Cook placing 6th in 12/13Yrs boys 800m and Reeve Anderson finishing 10th in junior boys 800m.

A fantastic result for all and we are very proud of you.

Hayley McCleary
Athletics Co-ordinator
**Student of the Week**

KB   Jackson Hughes
KD   Matilda Ray
KF   Abbey Lenane
1K   Lucy Eggins
1/2S Shayleigh Evans
2M   Max Eggert
2R   Mia Lenane
3G   Amelia Cook
3/4M Vanna Limeburner
4G   Daniel O’Brien
5M   Jay Toogood
6R   Jacob Wheadon
6T   Holly Cook

**Sharing Awards**

Bailey Geronimi  Mia George
Tkarni Smith  Jaime Watson
Jacob Slater  Julia Cable
Hayne Newell  Jessie Alaban
Ebony Nicholas  Alicia Coenraad
Jordan Bell  Britney Bell

**Work of the Week**

Briella Meyers  April Fletcher
Harry Walker  Ryan Ferguson
Joshua Haldane  Jack Lewis
Samantha Long  Emily Hollis
Sari McKenzie  Luke Merril
Max Maruszak  Connor Cook
Aynslea Bambling  Tekirra Kinnaird

**Playground**

Citizenship Awards

Tama Yonon

**Class Merit Awards**

KB  Luca Pensini  James Garrett
    Hayden Byrnes  Tegan
KD  Marni Lahey  Nate Muller
    Billy Hutchison  Ashley Wheadon
KF  Jai Sawyer  Dallas Rogers
    Imogen Barber  Angus Bowen
1K  Jaiah Ives  Haylee Watt
    Kaleb Luland  Ella Ferris
1/2S  Joshua Walker  Samuel Alaban
      Zak Houston  Blake Cutler
2M  Jenson Griffiths  Bailey Asbury
    Kiara Sime Finch  Lochlan Frith
2R  Brock Holliday  Hayley Bell
    Jade Buscall  Jack Downing