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NEWSLETTER –Monday 9th March 2015- Term 1 Week 7

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Bobs Farm GYMNASTICS Program- Our school is providing a Free Gymnastics program to all K-6 students on Thursday mornings with The Hunter Sports Centre. Children are developing their skills very well and we can see improvements physically as well as in concentration and focus.

VR 6 student leader games – To maximise happiness in the playground, our Yr. 6 students will be collecting sport and game ideas from a suggestion box from other students. Yr. 6 will be rostered on at lunch times on different days to help organise games and activities and even train others for the up and coming athletics carnival on the 25th of this month. Please assist your child with writing down suggestions and discuss. Our Yr. 6 leaders have come up with a roster over the weekend. Mon; goal shots, Tues; running races, Wed; footy skills, Thurs; Gym, Friday ball games. These can be added to or altered as suggestions come in.

Year 7, 2016 Expression of interest forms for High School – are being sent home today. Please fill these in and return them to school by Friday 20th March.

Zone Cross country – If any talented runners age 8 years and up would like to attend the zone cross country on March 27th in Raymond Terrace, please see Mrs Elliott for a permission note.

Cooking classes- Primary will have cooking classes with Mrs Elliott on Wednesday. Fairytale inspired recipes including Magic bean soup, Winter Garden vegie pies, porridge with brown sugar and apples will be tried and tested! Any parent who can help would be most appreciated. No cost! The children really enjoyed cooking and eating Goldilocks porridge last week. How good is that! This week; winter garden vegetable pies!

Primary Garden Groups- Primary have their own garden plots they are responsible for with buddies now. Each group is to plant and maintain their own plot. Parents are welcome to assist their child’s group whenever they can, by sending in vegetable seeds, seedlings, helping with some weeding near home time etc. Some students have already brought in their own personalisation figurines! Our P&C will also contribute. Hopefully by next term we will have a thriving and wonderful garden again! Thank you to Peter Margan who will also assist when he can. See photos.
**Paul Harragon Cup** - our 5 boys reps will meet Salt Ash PS at the oval in Newcastle. Parents are responsible for the behaviour of their child. Please have own footy gear to play. Parent transport is required or sort out between participants. Good luck to Myles for the PSSA AFL zone trials on Tuesday!

**SCHOOL WORKING BEE** - Parents are asked to spare a couple of hours this Sunday morning if possible to help out with pest controlling our vegie gardens at school in readiness for our next seasons produce (otherwise the chickens and peacocks will have a feast instead of us!) We also need to tidy up the back area by removing chicken wire and stakes. Please complete the note at the end of the newsletter so we know how many to cater for with the BBQ. Many thanks in advance!

**Primary Maths texts** - have arrived and were sent home last week. These texts will be used for both homework and Friday sessions in class. Please ensure your child completes a section each night for homework and returns the maths book with their Homework folder on a Friday. The level given is what the child can cope with at an easy level. However some children may need help reading questions so please as usual, take an interest in your child’s homework and help them. An invoice will be issued for each family.

**HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS EASTER EXCURSION** - Wed 1st April - Approx cost $13 pp. We are organising this for all our families to participate in before the Easter vacation. We will travel by car in convoy to the gardens, leaving BFPS at 8.45am and returning by 3pm. Bring a picnic lunch and drinks. Children will be having an Easter egg hunt, organised by our P&C. Please complete the permission form and indicate transport availability.

**Election Cake Stall** - Could parents please fill their child’s decorated cake box with goodies for sale at the State Election stall we have at Bobs Farm PS on Sat 28th March. We will also need parents to assist with a BBQ on the morning up until 1pm. Please complete the attached note and return to school showing your support.

**Humane Society mobile phone recycling program** – If any families have any mobile phones that they are not using please bring them into the school office and they will be sent off to the Humane Society to raise funds for the Protect the Mountain Gorilla Campaign.

**Reading Helpers** - We still need more help with reading. If you can spare one hour per week, all our children will benefit. It doesn’t need any expertise, just a responsive ear and reassurance.

**Small Schools Athletics Carnival** - Wed 25th March at Woodberry Oval. This is an early start at 9am at Woodberry. Children K-6 from small schools in the Lower Hunter all come together for a day of fun and competition. K-2 complete junior activities whilst Primary or 8 years and over compete in the big races and relay events. Parents are encouraged to bring a picnic rug or deck chairs to watch and encourage their children. Please complete permission note indicating transport availability.
P & C NEWS

Our P & C are very involved in our school and would love to invite new parents to come along to whatever school functions and activities are being organised. Congratulations to our new executives on the P&C; Kirstie-president, Shea-Vice president, Michelle- Secretary, Heather- Treasurer, Uniforms- Lynda, Publicity- Kirstie

SCHOOL WORKING BEE Sunday 15th March 8am

Family name……………………………………..

Number of helpers…………………………..

Small school Athletics carnival permission note

I hereby give permission for my son/ daughter………………………………………………………………..to participate in the Small School Athletics carnival at Woodberry Oval on Wednesday 25th March. Transport will be by private car. We will leave at 8.45am if possible. Some parents can meet us there if arrangements are made beforehand.

I am able to assist with transport…….. Number……..

I am unable to assist……..

Please send along your child/ren with plenty of lunch, water, fruit, hat, sunblock and as a family a picnic rug or deck chairs. It is a lovely day! (A canteen is also usually provided by one of the schools)

Signed…………………………………………………….

Date……………………………………..

HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS PERMISSION NOTE- Wed 1st April

I give permission for my child/ren………………………………………………………………..to travel to Hunter Valley Gardens for an end of term Easter picnic on Wed 1st April. We will leave school in convoy at 8.45am.

Our P&C are organising an egg hunt and the children will be making baskets at school. Students may come out of uniform (in fairytale character)

Please pack own lunches, water, sunblock, hats etc.

I can assist with transport …..Number……..

I cannot assist with transport……..

Sorry, My child will not be attending……:)(

Signed………………………………………….

Date……………………………………..

PARENT HELPERS

We are looking for parents helpers this year in all areas. If you have any special expertise that can help our school please let us know. It can mean anything from reading with the children to gardening or your special skill. (Don’t be coy!)

Special Skill: ……………………………..Day/Time…………………………………………

Reading help ,…………………………..Day/time ……………………………………………

Name:………………………………………… Phone Number……………………………………
Uniform orders – If you would like to order a winter jacket or hat for your child please get your order in ASAP. WE ONLY DO ONE ORDER PER YEAR. Last order will be taken on Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th} March!

**Uniform Order Form**

Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

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