Principal’s Report

Secret Garden Construction
Many of you will have noticed the work this week in the north eastern corner of the school grounds. This area is known as the “Secret Garden” and is an area that has been undergoing development for a couple of years. The play equipment being installed this week is one of the final parts of this development and we look forward to being able to use it in the coming week. While this area is designed with our Special Education unit in mind, it is a resource that will be enjoyed by all students.

Honour Board
This week we have had a new Honour Board installed in the foyer. As our original board was full it was in need of replacement. Our 2014 Year 6 students very kindly donated the new board that will list our school leaders for many years to come. The original Honour Board has been erected in the hall.

Early Intervention
Early Intervention is the support provided for young children with a disability to promote their development and inclusion in the community. There are 47 early intervention classes located in government schools in NSW and provide a preschool program for children with a confirmed disability prior to school entry. Central to this program are individual learning plans developed for each child in consultation with the parent and other involved services. The Department’s early intervention classes are a small component of the total provision of Early Intervention in NSW and complement programs provided by other government and non-government agencies.

This week Mrs Jenny Rossiter (Early Intervention teacher) has opened the doors of the Hume Early Intervention class to meet with Paediatricians, Pre-schools, Child Care Centres, Family Day Care Programs and Agencies supporting children aged 3-6. The focus of discussion has been around the Hume EI service operation, referral process and transition process to DEC Schools.

Cross Country
On Wednesday we were fortunate to have the sun shine long enough for the running of the 2015 Cross Country. Mr Mansell set out two different courses to cater for our infants and primary runners. Our students completed a designated number of laps as they competed against one another. From this event we will select a number of runners to represent our school at the Albury Zone Cross Country.

Hume Hockey Gala Day
Congratulations to our hockey players who took part in the recent Albury Schools’ Gala Day. Our students once again represented our school with great pride and enjoyed testing their skills against other schools. I would like to pass on some lovely feedback received this week regarding our hockey teams and coaches:

“Just a quick note to offer my congratulations to all the Hume kids at Hockey today. They were respectful, courteous and displayed good sportsmanship both on and off the field. In particular Ken Mansell was outstanding in his dealings with all the kids. He had time for each child, offered guidance and encouragement, whilst developing their skills and never lost sight that hockey was indeed a team game. Leticia Reid was also fabulous with the kids and she certainly has a great rapport with Hume students and the kids obviously value her support. Having been involved with sport over many years it was a pleasure to be at Hockey today to support the Hume students.”

NAPLAN Term 2
Tuesday 12 May-Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 13 May-Reading
Thursday 14 May-Numeracy

Mothers’ Day
I would like to wish all our wonderful mums a very pleasant Mothers’ Day on Sunday. Our P&C will be holding a Mothers’ Day stall to provide all students with an opportunity to buy something special for the day.

Russell Graham
MUNCHIE MONDAY

We are raising funds for Eliza & Piper to assist with their trip to Murrwillumbah to participate in the Riverina team for PSSA Hockey. Meal Deal for Monday 18th May Sausage in bread with Prima and Zooper Dooper $3.50

LIVE LIFE WELL

www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

Did you know?

- Spend too much sedentary or "TV time watching TV, surfing online or playing computer or electronic hand-held games is linked to children becoming overweight or obese.
- Children who watch TV for more than 7 hours every day are more likely to have an unhealthy diet, less likely to eat fruit and vegetables, and physically active.
- Nearly half of children aged between 5 and 16 years spend more than 2 hours every day on "small screen" entertainment.
- Children are more likely to snack on foods that are high in sugar, salt or saturated fat when they are watching TV.

How much time in front of the screen?

When kids and teens spend too much screen time in front of smart electronic devices – whether it’s the TV, computer or hand-held games – it takes away from the time they could spend playing sport, games or being active.

Australian guidelines recommend that kids and teens spend no more than 2 hours each day on screen entertainment.

While computers and TV can be valuable for education and learning, the health benefits, risks and arguments that kids and teens get from being physically active are just as important.

*Set limits for computer games and being online*

Tips for parents

- Before you watch or use the computer or for your child(ren) – ask if they spend the time being active and have some "small screen time limit".
- Set limits on TV viewing. If there is a specific program that you allow your child wants to watch, turn the TV off once it has finished. Alternatively, record the program and watch it together later on.
- Set limits for computer games and being online – no more than 2 hours a day and not during daytime hours when they could be outside and active.
- Don’t allow a TV or computer in your child’s bedroom. Keep them in a common area or the family room so you can monitor use.
- Have a list of active indoor and outdoor games or activities for your children, so you can suggest alternatives to watching TV or playing on the computer.

For more information and ideas on healthy eating and physical activity, go to www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au
Premiers Debating Challenge Workshop

‘The other team said…’ was one key line eight students from Year’s 5 and 6 heard frequently last Friday, 1st May. Accompanied by Miss Dolahenty, they attended a workshop talking all things debating. Our students were among six other schools from the around the area to attend.

The HPS students learnt how to PEEL (Point, Explain, Example and Link) their points to the audience as well as how important rebuttal is using the SEEL (Summary, Explain, Example and Link) method. They were told the importance of their manner on stage whether it’s during a debate or simply presenting a speech in class.

These students worked tirelessly in the afternoon session to come up with a PEEL each based on the topic “Should school uniform be banned?” It was a fantastic day with many students conquering fears of speaking in public or sharing their ideas aloud, and did so representing HPS with pride.

Miss Dolahenty

Our school is thrilled to be involved in this year’s Creative Catchment Kids (CCK) program. This year, the following students Xander Belt, Misty James, Maddison Johnston and Piper Lockley-Hinschen will represent our school. At a recent workshop the students were involved in a tutorial on how to develop a school reader based on a Local Land Hero who is managing a pest species in our region. As well as completing a book this year, the CCK team will be involved in a field trip, a celebration event and a World Environment Day activity. The Creative Catchment Kids program is an initiative of Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre, at Burrumbuttock and is supported by the Murray Local Land Services.
**Canteen News**

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**P & C News**

**Dates to Remember**

**May**

- Mother’s day stall this Friday 1- $10
- Donations welcome and any volunteers welcome to come along to help would be great
- Winter stock available & jacket orders will be going out this week.
- Cook Book Recipes - please email hume-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**Community News**

**Albury LibraryMuseum**

**Albury City**

Crime Scene Murder Mystery at the LibraryMuseum

There have been some unusual accidents in Fairytale Land. Come along and help solve the puzzle with your family and friends.

This interactive murder mystery will be a fun family event with the option for the kids to become characters in the evenings events.

**Friday 8 May 2015 6.00pm - 7.30pm**

6.00pm - 7.30pm at the LibraryMuseum

Bookings 02 6023 8333 - limited characters available

Dress up as your favourite fairytale or book character.

Gold coin donation

**Albury Thunder Junior Rugby League**

Presents a Disco – Children 5 years to 13 years (school Age)

At The Waratah Room, Commercial Club

**Friday 15 May, 7.00pm to 9.00pm**

Entry $5 – Adult Supervision Provided

Food & Drink at Subsidised Club Prices

Glow Products for sale

Children to be dropped off and picked up by responsible adult

**2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate**

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to $150 credit or electricity bill for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- Up to $150 credit payment to customers with a cancelled direct debit account for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (residential meter or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you must:

- Be a NSW resident and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit A (FTB A) for at least one time during the 2013-14 financial year and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer or a long-term resident of a residential community (residential meter or mobile home park) whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, think about:

- Lodge your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office
- Inform the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are no longer required to lodge a tax return.

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE – it takes just five minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

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