Principal’s Report

Countdown to Kindergarten

As we approach the halfway mark of Term 3, we start planning and preparing for 2016. As part of this preparation we begin our transition program for next year’s kindergarten students. Our Countdown to Kindergarten program is aimed at providing our 2016 kinders with a strong transition into primary school. During this program our experienced staff deliver a program that mixes the play based, child directed learning environment of the early years and begins to introduce some of the formal and structured settings and expectations of the primary school environment. More importantly though, it allows for the relationship between students and teaching staff to develop and grow. This relationship is vital in providing our young students with the best opportunity to begin schooling and make the most out of all learning opportunities they will encounter.

If you have a child beginning school in 2016 and would like to know more please contact Michelle Parker.

Centre for Effective Reading

Over the past two years the Hume Learning and Support Committee have formed a very strong working relationship with the Centre for Effective Reading, based in Wagga Wagga. In 2014-2015 seven students have benefitted from additional support provided by this program. Staff have also benefitted from video conferences with specialist staff and visiting the service to see the program in action.

I have included some information from the centre’s website for your interest.

The NSW Centre for Effective Reading is a specialist service providing:

- information about teaching reading and supporting students with complex reading difficulties through this dedicated website.
- direct support for rural and remote primary school aged students with complex reading difficulties and their teachers.

The Centre provides direct assessment and intervention services for eligible students through; Tolland Public School in Wagga Wagga, Buninyong Public School in Dubbo, Royal Far West School in Manly, and Palm Avenue School and the Child Development Unit in Westmead.

The functions of the Centre include:
1. Assessment and diagnosis
2. Intervention
3. Professional learning and support
4. Research and development.


Premier’s Sporting Challenge

This term all students and staff are taking part in the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge. The NSW Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles. This program involves students participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge.

All classes are using a log book to record their daily physical activity. Opportunities for physical activity can be achieved through:

- incidental activity and play.
- playground games.
- physical education activities.
- organised school sport competitions.
- school based programs.
- dance associated with the Performing Arts.

The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing recommends a daily activity standard of one hour per day for primary school students. This program aims to raise each student’s awareness of their own physical activity level.


Russell Graham
**PSSA Code of Conduct**

Codes of Behaviour provide a supportive framework which promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport. These codes apply to players, teachers, coaches, principals, parents, officials and spectators who together provide the environment in which school sport is played. The following Codes apply to school sport at all levels and are designed to highlight:

- the principles of enjoyment, satisfaction and safe play in sport
- that students participate for their own sake and not to fulfill the desires of parents, adult groups or peers the encouragement of student participation in sport and, in so doing, contribute to higher levels of health and physical fitness.

**PLAYERS' CODE**

- Play for the fun of it.
- Play by the rules and always abide by the decisions of officials.
- Control your temper. Make no criticism either by word or gesture. Deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team’s performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Be willing to train and prepare for the game or competition. Preparation helps prevent injury and increases the level of enjoyment.
- Play only when you are fully fit. To play with injury will handicap your team, and may expose you to the risk of further and more serious injury.
- Be a good sport. Applaud the good play of your team mates and that of your opponents.
- At all times cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. For without them you do not have a competition.

Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve your skills. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.

**PARENTS' CODE**

- Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
- If children are interested in sport, encourage them to participate. Refrain from forcing an unwilling child to participate.
- Remember that children participate in organised school sports for their enjoyment and fulfilment, not yours.
- Teach your child that honest effort is as important as winning so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage your child to work towards skill improvement. Never ridicule your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Always encourage the principle of good sportsmanship.
- Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all individuals and all teams.
- Do not publicly question the officials’ judgement and never their honesty.
- Appreciate the contribution and commitment of teachers in coaching positions. They give their time and resources to provide sporting activities for your child and deserve your support.
- Have realistic expectations for your child and her or his team. Do not expect more than they can give. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Condemn the use of violence in any form.

**SPECTATORS' CODE**

- Students play organised sport for their own enjoyment. They are not playing to specifically entertain you.
- Always respect the decisions of officials.
- Never encourage physical or verbal abuse of players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- Applaud good play by your own team and that of the opposing team.
- Show respect for your opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Never ridicule a player for making a mistake or losing a competition. Encourage players to always play according to the rules.

**PSSA HOCKEY**

The mixed Senior hockey squad played against Lavington East P.S on Friday the 7th of August at the Albury Hockey Fields (Alexander Park). It has been pleasing to see many of our younger team members improving their skills and getting more play during games. The score was 0-0 draw. A highlight was having a boy from L.E.Ps approach me at the end of the game and say how enjoyable it was playing our school and that it was a great game.

A big thank you goes to Miss Lowe (4/5 Sa Prac Student) who has been helping umpire each week. We have enjoyed having your help and insight during the past five weeks.

Mrs Sawyer

**PSSA SOCCER**

Hume Seniors and Juniors both played against Lavington East Public School. Juniors won 5-0 and Seniors trailed 0-5. Thank you to Leticia Reid for coaching juniors and to Lavington East for supplying referees.

Congratulations to Tyler Vandersluis, Jayden Dowell, Rhys Hanley and Jonathan McIntosh for playing a great game and supporting your team mates.

**TABLED SPORT**

The following sports on offer last week at Tabloid Sports were: basketball, netball, and dance. The ground was so wet we were sinking in the ground so we weren’t able to practice our soccer skills. Our teams are getting better every week in showing great team spirit and sportsmanship. It is exciting to see so many students taking leadership roles and umpiring their own games. The dance group treated the teachers to not only wonderful dance moves, but also tuneful singing… until Mrs. P joined in! Thank you to Mrs Stewart, Mrs Dent and Matt for the great assistance they give every week.

**Hume PSSA Sport News**

**Back Yard Rugby**

On Tuesday our school welcomed students from JFHS and local rugby senior players to coordinate a student lead development program. This was implemented during the lunch break with most of our senior students enjoying this experience. Another session will be held on the 8th September.

**SPORT AWARDS**

Well done!

Marcus Glaw

Umais Memon

Piper

Lockley-Hinschen

**Soccer - Alexander Park**

**Netball - JC King Park**

**Hockey - Alexander Park**
Countdown to Kindergarten

Transition will begin on **Friday 21st August from 9am-11am** in the school library. All families have received a letter outlining the program (Please note the change of time) and what to bring to each session. Please see the office if you have any questions.

Michelle Parker
(Countdown to Kindergarten Coordinator)

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**MERIT AWARDS**

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**Countdown to Kindergarten Meet and Greet**

**Wednesday 19th August**

You are invited to meet with the Countdown to Kindergarten teachers and to hear about our transition program and how it will operate this year. Each child will receive a free transition t-shirt to wear to Countdown to Kindergarten and this can be collected at the meet and greet.

**Date:** Wednesday 19th August  
**Time:** 12:00 pm-12.40pm

**Venue:** Hume Public School staffroom

**RSVP:** Please ring the school on 60251850 or email michelle.parker@det.nsw.edu.au by Tuesday 18th August to indicate your attendance for catering purposes.

Thank you
Michelle Parker
(Countdown to Kindergarten Coordinator)

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**PBL**

What does respectful behaviour in the Playground sound like?

- Take care of equipment
- Play positively
- Consider other feelings
- Keep hands and feet to self

How does responsible behaviour in the Playground look?

- Pick up equipment when finished
- Place all rubbish in bins
- Play in the right place

When you achieve in the Playground you are feeling.......

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**LOCATION: Playground**

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**Chess**

On Wednesday the 5th August our school hosted the Primary School One-Day Chess Tournament in the Riverina Region. 72 students enjoyed a fun day testing out each other’s strengths in the battle of chess. We had 16 students participate in the 24 team tournament. Congratulations to our Hume A team (Xander, Liam C and Umais) who finished equal third on the day.

The tournament was won by Thurgoona A (17), runners up St Joseph’s A (15.5), third place Lavington East A and Hume A (12.5).

Hume A 3rd  
Hume B 9th  
Hume C 14th  
Hume D 20th  
Hume E 23rd

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**Chess**

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**Book Club News**

So far this year our school community has spent a massive $2,150 in books from Scholastic Book Club. That is amazing! Because of this tremendous support our school has purchased nearly $700.00 books for free from Scholastic. These books have been used in classrooms and as prizes. Well done to everyone. Thank you so much for the support you are giving to Book Club.

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**Calendar**

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                |      | 12.00 noon     |
| Wednesday 19 August | • Countdown To Kinder Meet and Greet  
                     |      | 5/6DO CSU workshop |
| Friday 21 August | • Countdown to Kinder commences               |      |                |
| Tuesday 25 August | • Book Week excursion to Albury Library Museum |      |                |