Dear Parents
Welcome to Week 5. This week in Assembly we acknowledged National Sorry Day. We talked that to say sorry in itself, is great, but one needs to see a behaviour that demonstrates one is sorry as well. This indicates a more sincere apology than the word alone. We also acknowledged the great effort everyone was making in an effort to keep our playground tidier and free of rubbish. This week we are aiming for the best Binless Wednesday we have ever had. We ask that children try to bring their food, in reusable containers. We will have bins available but we are excited to see what difference we can make. We wish Jack Pandel and Alex Hilton all the best as they head off to State Soccer as Hunter Region representatives. Have a great week

Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tracey Stewart  Nicole Greentree

Wednesday
Kylie Robinson  Irene Stanners

Thursday
Kim Terry  Caran Playtong  Joy Gee  Leasa Gray

Friday
Helen Honnery  Leanne Sendjirdjian
Sally Wilkinson  Michelle Schmitzer

Monday
Sandy Curry

Uniform Shop

Tuesday 8.45-9.15
Kim Harrison  Kelley Banks
(Simone Hanks)

Wednesday  2.30-3.00
Vicki Odgers  Rachael Metcalfe
(Kirrily McMurtrie )

Friday 8.45-9.15
Melissa O’Brien  Tammie Jones
(Helen Honnery)
Photographs this week-Wednesday & Thursday

Please check the name on the envelope matches your child’s name. If this is not the case please return the envelope to school tomorrow. Please have children bring their envelopes with the correct money (or pay on line through MSP) on the day of their photos. The office will not be able to provide change. There will not be band this Wednesday morning due to photos. Full Summer uniform is needed for photos. Group photos(Band, Leaders, SRC etc) will be taken over the two days and then displayed at school for parents to view and order as they wish.

Finding the last Golden Ticket
It was Tuesday night. This was my favourite day of the week because I get a fudge flavoured Wonka bar.

We were out shopping for my chocolate bar. After my mum paid for the fudge chocolate, I quickly unwrapped the chocolate and I got the best surprise!! Behind the chocolate was a shimmering piece of gold. I just found the last golden ticket! I was too shocked to move.

“EVERYONE LOOK!” said my mum. “My daughter found the last golden ticket.’ Everyone stared at me holding the precious golden ticket. It was the best day ever!

By Airlie Matthews, 3M

P & C News
This week with your Tallong will be a sponsorship form for the upcoming Spellathon and a spelling list. What we would like to happen is each child to seek sponsorship per word or an overall donation from as many people as possible. Once they have collected their sponsors they are asked to return the form to school by 12.6.14. On 13.6.14 the children will be tested on their list and their score entered on to the sponsorship card. Children will then have until 25.6.14 to return the money they have raised to school. The money raised through this Spellathon will be used for the planned upgrade of Library Technology and resources - benefits that all children will enjoy.

The class that raises the most money per head will enjoy a free Pizza lunch at school. So let’s make this a fantastic fundraiser. If every child raised $10.00 we would raise over $5000 as a school. Imagine the possibilities if ……

On Thursday the P & C sub-committee charged with the responsibility of investigating the Skoolbag App met and discussed the ‘pros and cons’ of the technology. It was decided to trial the App so stay tuned for updates through

the Tallong initially and then by….exciting times ahead.

Cookbooks
Well don’t the cookbooks look fantastic, not to mention also a great piece of memorabilia! If you haven’t seen one yet, there is one on display at the office for sale at $25. As we have mentioned, these are limited supplies, once they sell out, they cannot be re-ordered. So if you are thinking of purchasing some for gifts (birthday/xmas presents, or for your kids for when they leave home 😊) please do so before they run out. We are on the downhill run of supplies. We will be selling them outside the school to our community very soon (pending any books left), so please get your orders in this week. Leave any orders at the front office, in an envelope with your money and eldest child’s class, (please also indicate what parent if separated family, eg mum or dad) and we will deliver to their class within a day.

Thanks again for your support,

P & C

Congratulations Isaac
This week to Isaac Watts who is part of Hunter Kids Sing and will be part of the massed choir at Starstruck. Well done Isaac!

THOMPSONS LAMINGTON AND PIE DRIVE
Today, with your Tallong, you should have received an order form for our annual Lamington and Pie Drive. This year we have included a couple of new options to tantalise your taste buds along with some old favourites! Feel free to photocopy your order form, take it to work and get as many orders as you can. If you require an additional order form these are available from the school office. Orders should be returned in an envelope containing your order form, and correct money or cheque, and should be clearly labelled with your name and "Pie Drive" to the school office. Please note that an internet payment option is not available for this fundraiser. The Cut-off date for orders is Monday 16th June. Orders are to be collected from the school hall on the following Monday, 23rd June between 11am and 4.15pm. Any donations of plastic bags for packaging would be appreciated and can be sent to Mrs Moloney’s room at school. Our band is working hard to raise enough funds to purchase more new instruments and this will be our only main fundraiser this year. Your support of our fundraising efforts is greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Tracey Moloney, Erinne Kuranty & Alison Lennard (Band Coordinators).

Lambton High School
Lambton High School has asked that I inform you that all of their Policy Documents regarding BYOD are on the Lambton High School Website:Lambton-h.schools.nsw.edu
THE LIBRARY_National Family Reading Month

Thank you so much to the parents, grandparents (and teachers!) who involved themselves in our ‘Lunch Time-Story Time’ sessions over the past fortnight. Extremely positive comments have been coming our way from you and the children. Thank you also to the children and families who took an elephant home to decorate for our library. They are really fantastic and worth popping up to see them on display.

We have only one week to go in May for National Family Reading Month and we will culminate this event with K-6 listening to the chosen story Australia wide “Too Many Elephants in This House”. A great read from Mr Hamilton is also scheduled for this week. If you haven’t had a chance to get involved in some way it is just as easy to pick up a favourite book of your child/children and read it to them. Don’t forget as well, the power of modelling. If your child sees that you enjoy reading then they are likely to pick up a book too. Perhaps once a week all electronic devices could be switched off at the same time and you can have a story/reading session. If you have a chance please visit the YouTube clip on Promoting Literacy…Inspiring Children to Read! It is an interview with the children’s author Peter Reynolds (he wrote ‘The Dot’, ‘Rosie’s Garden’ and ‘Going Places’). A thought provoking interview!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8v6hExbhpA&list=PL0B89A05F9F6D3E47

Thanks again,
The Library Teachers

Jack’s Quirky Corner -Chernobyl

It’s in the country Ukraine. The city was founded in 1193. THE DISASTER

Date: 26 April 1986
Time: 01:23 Moscow time
The nuclear power plant had 4 Nuclear Reactors. Number 4 blew up. In this case 41 people died and now no one can go there for 25,000 years because of the radiation.

Calling all soccer/footy players:
Robins Nest in Kenya provides a loving, safe home to orphans. They love playing soccer so much they even have their own soccer team!
Do you have any soccer/footy boots or socks that you no longer need or that your child has grown out of? Any sizes that would fit from 4 - 18yr olds are welcome, any colours.
Please bring them in over the next couple of weeks so we can send them over to this orphanage.
There will be a box for collection in the front office.
Thank you to everyone in advance!
Enquiries, Alison Noy 0403 899 676

Public Speaking

Over the next few weeks all children will be involved in Public Speaking. This is an important element of the Curriculum and our best speakers will represent WSPS at Zone finals. The following are some notes from the Regional organising Committee that will guide what we do at WSPS.

- Duration of Speeches (Note - penalties apply for speeches that go over time.)
  - ES 1 & Stage 1 1 – 2 minutes
  - Stage 2 2 – 3 minutes
  - Stage 3 3 minutes
- No props to be used.
- A microphone will be available.
- School uniform is to be worn.

The Criteria used in adjudication is listed below:

PUBLIC SPEAKING ADJUDICATION CRITERIA (for prepared speech)

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DRUMMING WORKSHOP A BIG HIT!

Last Tuesday 33 of our Senior Band students participated in a half-day workshop with the Irrawang High School Drum Corp. They learned lots of new rhythms that were belted out throughout the day, culminating in a spectacular performance for the school under the COLA. The group sounded incredible and the high school students couldn’t believe how talented our students were, quickly picking up new skills in drumming. We are all hooked! As always, our students were impeccably behaved and we had a fabulous day together. Next playout is, Kotara High School Combined Bands Workshop, 3rd June. Notes, raffle donations and bus payments due ASAP. Thanks for your support!
Tracey Moloney