Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last two weeks I have been notified about several disturbing incidents involving drivers in the pick-up/roundabout area. The afternoon pick-up time is certainly a very busy part of the day and requires people to be patient as we try to move the traffic through as quickly as possible. To assist in minimising the traffic congestion into the school, it would be helpful if our parents could consider the following.

- Utilise the lower High School car park to park their vehicle at pick-up time and either walk down to the school to pick up their children or ask them to walk up and meet you there.
- Avoid arriving too early to roundabout so that we don’t have cars parked in the pick-up / drop-off area. This allows traffic to move through unhindered.
- Avoid parking on the roadway from the Janet street entrance to the High School roundabout at the Bini Shell. This will assist with the free flow traffic from the High School car park back out to Janet Street.
- If you encounter an issue, please take the number plate of the vehicle and report it to myself and to Waratah Police on 4926 6599.
I would like to thank our parents for their assistance in this matter.

On a much happier note, I would like to extend a very big thank you to the staff for organising the Teddy Bears Picnic as well as the parents, grandparents and carers who were able to make the event. The children have told me they had a fantastic day. It is great to see staff, students and parents coming together as school community. I look forward to our next Picnic day!

Fantastic work year 6 fundraising committee! They raised just over $170 for the Pyjama day they held last week. The money is being put towards stage curtains in the school hall. We still have a long way to go, but with every fundraiser, we get a step closer.

The response for Easter eggs and raffle prize donations has been wonderful. The P&C have some great prizes to give away, including a weekend away that will be the major prize in the Easter raffle. Further raffle ticket books are available from school if you have already sold your current book.

Anti-Bullying day last Friday was held across the nation. Our students have shown outstanding commitment in stamping out the practice of Bullying and have been making a host of posters, art-work and materials to celebrate Anti-Bullying day. We will be displaying student work in our school hall as a reminder about stamping out the practice of Bullying. One fine example of some of the work by students can be found on our web site by following the links from the Home page -> Our School -> Department Policy -> Anti Bullying. Additional information for parents, students and staff can also be found on this page.

Time has rolled around yet again when students in years 3 and 5 will be required to sit for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test. The test dates are set as 14th, 15th and 16th of May which is week 3 of term 2. Further information about NAPLAN will be provided to all parents / carers of year 3 and 5 students.

Congratulations to our dance team! They have been successful in their audition for Star Struck and will be part of the 2013 event. Star Struck is a variety concert that has been running over many years that showcases the excellence in performing arts and public education through the Hunter and Central Coast region. Our students will have the opportunity to work with industry professionals and be able to perform on stage. Once again, well done! We look forward to seeing you perform in the event.

Have a great week everyone!

M. Freeman
Principal (Rel)

Year 6 News

Friday will be the last day for orders for the Year 6 shirt. No orders will be taken after this day. If payment can be made before this day we can place the orders earlier so that hopefully we may get them before the end of term.

High School Expression of Interest

All forms need to be returned to school by this Friday. There are still a few outstanding forms to be returned. We have to process these forms for the department and send off the forms to the relevant high schools so that they can work out their numbers and transition days.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Heaton Public School celebrates the arrival of new educational equipment! We have just received our order of equipment made under the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion in 2012. The parent and community response to this initiative was OUTSTANDING. With so many people supporting our school with this initiative, we were able to order literacy and numeracy resources as well as specialised group work furniture that can be used to support the various teaching and learning programs running in our school. The value of these items is in the thousands and would not have been made possible without our Parents and Community assistance with collection of the Woolworths vouchers. I look forward to the next program and your continued support of our school. Thank you Woolworths!
Public speaking

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success.

Find out more:

Science starters

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life’s mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.

Find out more:

Homework help 2013

Newcastle Region Library and The Smith Family are pleased to partner together to provide FREE homework support for students in Years 3-6.

Where: Wallsend District Library
When: Thursdays 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Homework Help:
➢ Starts on Thursday 2nd May 2013
➢ Takes place during term time only

Bring your homework and our volunteers will be there to help.

TO REGISTER: Fill in a registration form on the day OR collect a form from the library.

For further enquiries contact:
Gill Barwell, The Smith Family on 4951-2418
Julie Swane, Newcastle Region Library on 4985-6692

Easter Egg Walk

Year 6 will be holding their Easter Egg Walk on Thursday, 28th March to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell Gift.

There are great Easter egg prizes to be won and every child who enters will receive a chocolate egg, thanks to the P & C.

Every child can take part for only 50 cents a go. Children may have more than one go each.

Nutrition Snippet

What Does 2 Fruit & 5 Veg Actually Look Like?

A serve of FRUIT is 150 grams or:

1 medium piece (e.g. apple) = 1 small piece (e.g. apricots) = 1 cup chopped or canned fruit

A serve of VEG is 75 grams or:

1/2 cup cooked vegetable or cooked legumes = 1 medium potato = 1 cup salad vegetables

That means that just 2 1/2 cups of cooked vegetables every day will give an adult their recommended daily intake! But don’t leave it until dinner – enjoy vegies throughout the day to be sure you reach your target.
