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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

The Federal Government’s ‘My School’ website (http://www.myschool.edu.au/) was reactivated last Friday and now contains more data than the previous year. Again parents will be able to view our NAPLAN results and see how we compare with national averages and identified similar school groups. The ‘news item’ surrounding the website this year deals with the financial data that appears on the site for each school. Many of you may be surprised (as I was) to read that our school ‘received’ nearly $2,112,000 in 2009. The reality is that our school doesn’t directly get anywhere near that amount of money. In 2009 we actually received $320,960 from all sources. So why is there such a huge difference? The funds listed on the My School website include money that schools have no direct control over. Funds for the following are incorporated into our $2mil” – Salaries (usually the largest component - >75% and is controlled centrally), building/grounds maintenance undertaken by the Assets Management Unit, school cleaning and out of school centralised support e.g. curriculum consultants, State and Regional Office activities etc (school share apportioned by student enrolments &/or floor area).

You may also be amazed at the nearly $92,000 in fees, charges and parent contributions. This figure includes every dollar raised from school and community sources (including text book costs, excursions, fund raising, sport costs, P&C donations, payments for hall hire, etc).

So, although the figures are correct, they can be rather misleading by not giving enough detail. If you are interested in the finances of our school, please contact me and I’ll be only too happy to show you what we receive and how we expend the small amount we really get.
ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT
We are in the final stages of compiling our Annual School Report for last year. The new report will be available on our website as of Term 2. One thing I’d like to add to the report is photographs of the many different activities we do each year. If you have taken photos of some of our events and would be happy for us to use them in the A.S.R., please either email them to us (at the school’s email address) or send them in on disc or thumb drive.

SCHOOL REWARDS POLICY
While sort of on the subject of our website, we have uploaded our revised Rewards Policy and it is now available to you all. To find the policy go to the Our School link and you’ll find the link on the bottom of the list of links on the left hand side of the page.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Matthew on his outstanding achievement at the Regional Swimming Carnival last Thursday. Matthew entered 5 events and was placed first in four of these (for Athletes With Disabilities).
Matthew now heads off to the State swimming carnival which is being held at the end to this month.
Well Done Matthew!!

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM
One of the many great things about our school is the support our families give us in the wearing of our school uniform. Our students always look outstanding wearing our uniform and very rarely do we have children not wearing our uniform.
We have both a recommended summer and winter uniform, but these are a recommendation. The exact make-up of, for example, our winter uniform is not compulsory. Some children/families feel more comfortable wearing some summer items as their winter uniform and vice-versa. What I ask is that we encourage all children to wear a Nareena Hills PS uniform.

RESPECT FOR ALL
Communities work very well together when mutual respect occurs. To support this we have a ‘code of conduct’ for our students (Our School Values which is a component of our Welfare Policy) and all teachers are governed by a Teachers’ Code of Conduct (determined by NSW Dept of Education and Training). Parents also have a responsibility to model respectful strategies when interacting with parents and teachers on matters dealing with this school. The communication we have with our parents is usually fantastic and rewarding for all parties. However, every now and then, emotions can cloud the way we talk with each other (face-to-face, electronically etc). Please remember that teachers are professionals who act in the best interests of children. I ask that this is respected by parents when meeting with my staff. Should you have a continuing issue, by all means contact me.

WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS
Information packages are available for Yr 6 students seeking placement at Wollongong HS as a performing arts or visual arts student in 2012. If you are contemplating this school for your child, please contact us and we can arrange a package for you. Applications need to be returned to the High School by 16th March.

Bob Long
Principal

What Notes Went Home Last Week (28 February – 4 March)

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EASTER EGG MUFTI DAY
On Thursday 24 March children are invited to participate in a school mufti day. This means you can come dressed in your favourite casual clothes and sensible shoes (no singlets please). In return, the Year 6 children ask you to bring in an easter egg donation for their fundraising activity. Eggs will be collected from your classroom in the morning by our Year 6 parent helpers. We look forward to your support of this activity.

EASTER RAFFLE
Please help Year 6 raise money for a great gift at the end of the year by selling a book of raffle tickets. We will have heaps of great Easter Baskets to win. Please return your sold tickets to the office by Tuesday 5 April. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 6 April. (We will give out the Raffle Books on Thursday).

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
The School Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 8 April at Stuart Park in Wollongong. Pop this date into your diary. A permission note for the children will be sent home later this week.

UNIVERSITY COMPETITIONS
The 2011 University Competition entry forms went home with interested students last Thursday. Traditionally, many Nareena Hills students participate in these external assessment competitions to gain a measure of their own achievement in Science, Computers, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics. If your child did not get an entry form but would like to enter, please collect a form from the front office. Entries close Thursday 31 March.

STAGE 3 MINNAMURRA EXCURSION
The Stage 3 children are invited to attend the Minnamurra Excursion on Thursday 7th April (it’s a very busy and exciting end of Term 1 for Stage 3). Please return your permission note and money by Thursday 31 March.

Thank You, Mrs Jordan

NOTICEBOARD ITEMS
The following community information is available on the School Noticeboard:
Next meeting ADHD Support Group – speaker on ADHD and Aspergers/Autism
Figtree Height Vacation Care Program for the school holidays.

SRC
A reminder that the Assembly this week will commence at 2.15 pm. The SRC welcomes Mrs Margaret Fraser to the Council. Her experience and knowledge will be greatly appreciated.

BOOKCLUB
Orders from the previous order will be going home this week. The March issue of the Scholastic Book Club will be distributed to students this week. Orders can be returned on Friday 11 March and Monday 14 March. Orders are to be placed in the Silver Collection Box in the foyer before 9.30am on these days.
To avoid your child’s disappointment, please ensure the order is in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the child’s name, class and Bookclub on the front, with the correct money, or a cheque made payable to ‘Scholastic Australia’. Credit card payments can now be accepted for any amount. (Fill out the slip on the back page with appropriate details). Orders received accumulate points that go towards new books for our great Library.

MISSING HOME READERS
There appears to be a large quantity of E2 and EXT 1 home readers missing. Could everyone have a search at home to see if there are any “hiding”.
P&C NEWS

Munch & Crunch Canteen open Wed & Thurs.

The ladies working in canteen this week are:

**WED 9 March**  Grace Glinski, Teresa Edwards, Kathy Shipp, Janine Lukasiak

**THUR 3 March**  Kristy Clifford, Emma Roberts, Kathryn Watson, Rebecca Daykin

By Wednesday 9th March
Email Agenda items for P&C /AGM meeting - nareenahillspandc@hotmail.com.

Wednesday 16th March – 7 pm
**P&C AGM in the staff room.**

**Vacancies on P&C Executive Committee**

You are most welcome to come to the AGM on 16th March or the following meeting on 6th April. Minutes of meetings are on the noticeboard near the office and they can be emailed if you leave your address - nareenahillspandc@hotmail.com. At the AGM, parents on the P&C executive committee vacate their position to allow nominees to join the new committee. Any parents can be nominated to fill the positions which are President, Vice President (2 positions), Secretary and Treasurer. During the AGM, sub-committees are also endorsed and they are Fundraising and Canteen. The P&C Treasurer and the Canteen Sub-committee would be happy to continue in their current roles if unopposed but there are other members of the P&C committee who do not wish to be nominated again including President, Vice President (1 to 2 positions), Secretary and the Co-ordinator of the Fundraising Committee. Anyone interested in filling a position can contact us for more information at nareenahillspandc@hotmail.com or 0418 163 002. We are happy to share our knowledge and experience.

Please note future meeting dates for your diary: 6th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th Aug, 21st Sep, 19th Oct, 16th Nov and 7th Dec.

With thanks,

P&C

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**Figtree High**

Where: Figtree High Auditorium.
When: Tues.15th March, 6:30pm

Parents and Yr6 students who are interested in finding out what Figtree High has to offer in Yr 7 2012 are invited to the annual FHS Expo Night.
- School Tours
- Classroom Displays
- Games
- Student guides
- Technology

For further information telephone: 42712787.