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Dates to Remember

Year 7 Transition to NSHS - PM only	Thursday 20 November
Assembly 1A	Friday 21 November
PPA & P/1S Swimming Lessons	Monday 24 November to Friday 5 December
School Development Day - Pupil Free	Friday 28 November
indy & Pre- rimary P&C Mtg	Monday 1 December
ssembly 1/2B	Friday 5 December
&C Sundowner	Tuesday 9
r 6 & 7 Transition to ISHS - all day	December Friday 12 December
raduation Yr 6 & 7	Monday 15 December

students	December
Last day for Students	Thursday 18
1	December 18
Presentation	Thursday 18

December



Assembly



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In the Pursuit of Excellence

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Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who each receive 5 NPS dollars.

STARR students

Jerry Michael Stephanie Watson Jasmine Learmonth Cade Bolton Dan Wiese

Voluntary Contributions and Charges - Tyler Rowe's family received 30 NPS Dollars. Don't forget, by paying your Voluntary Contributions you go in the draw to win 30 NPS Dollars drawn at each Assembly.

Voluntary Contributions and Personal Items List for 2015

The School Board recently endorsed the 2015 Voluntary Contributions, Charges and Personal Items Schedule.

For 2015 Voluntary Contributions have been set at \$60, plus a \$4 P&C contribution.

Your child's personal items lists have been sent home with today's newsletter.

Graduation Year 6 & 7

Reminder to parents of year 6 and 7 students that your payment for Graduation is required by Monday 8 December. Payment can be made at the front office or handed to vour teacher.

Pixie Post

Mrs Byway's Year 1/2 class will again be delivering the Pixie Post to students. The post box will be outside Room 10 every morning. Please address all Christmas cards with the student's full name and class. For example:

Mrs Byway

Year 1/2 B

Room 10

Thank you from 'Post Mistress Byway'

Behaviour Expectation - Week 7 - Tolerance



This weeks School expectation is"to avoid Yarn carrying?" Yarn carrying is like gossiping. Gossip can often be untrue and is a way of talking about someone that can lead to that person feeling unhappy or angry. Gossip is a form of bullying, spreading rumours about someone, sending txt or pictures on mobile phones, posting on social media or telling lies to get people into trouble. Say no to gossip and yarn carrying!!

If you have read the Newsletter this week please join Miss Atherton's Year 1 class and dress as a pirate on Wednesday 3 December.

School Development Day

This Friday 28 November is a School Development Day, parents need to ensure that they keep students home on this day.



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School Board Vacancies

Nominations are called for from suitably qualified persons to fill vacancies that have occurred on the School Board. Nominations can be forwarded in an envelope, marked "Private and Confidential", to David Harrison, C/- the school office.

Nominations must be received no later than, 28 November 2014. Where the number of nominees is greater than the vacancies available, we will conduct elections.

Please contact the school office, for more information regarding the functions of the School Board.

Parent Survey

To better serve our school community, it is important for us to continually seek to improve. During the next few weeks, we will distribute 3 surveys; one for parents, one for staff and one for students. Responses to the questions outlined in these surveys will assist us to make decisions on how we can better serve our school community.

We will consider the data collected from all three surveys and investigate those areas that are in need of improvement.

In order to access the survey please use the following web address and code; http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/ZTbpSbEX Code: MCXdwyke

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

CANTEEN NEWS

Volunteers are needed for the Canteen. If you are able to spare 4 hours to help in the Canteen and would like to place your name on our Canteen Roster please contact the School on 98811200. Remember canteen volunteers receive 50 NPS passport points for their help.

Thank you to our helpers from last week.

Week 7 Roster

Tuesday 2 Dec Kelly Kensett-Smith Wednesday 3 Tracey Barrow Thursday 4 Help Needed Friday 5 Sharon Ward

SECOND HAND UNIFORM REQUEST

With the moving of Yr 6 and 7 students onto High School next year, we would like to ask those parents who may not have siblings to hand uniforms onto, to consider donating their NPS uniforms to the school . The chaplain provides uniforms which have been kindly donated, to families in need of assistance. If you would like to donate uniforms at the end of the year, please leave them at the front office and remember you can receive passport points for doing this.

P&C NEWS

Uniform Shop

Only two days left to purchase uniforms before the end of the year. Due to the Pupil Free Day this Friday the Uniform shop will be open on Thursday 27 November

Sundowner

Save the date of Tuesday 9 December. The P&C will be holding a Sundowner, to thank our volunteers for this year. If you have not had a chance to volunteer, there is still a chance to help out at the Triathlon. Contact Sarah Wiese on 0407 474 587.

The Safe Lunchbox

Keeping food cool

In the summer it can be difficult to keep food cool. Bacteria will breed between 5°C and 60°C. Some tips to keep food cool are:

Make sure that cold foods are really cold when packed Ice bricks contain a solution that will keep frozen for longer than water or other liquids. Ice bricks also stay frozen for longer than gel type ice packs

Put an ice brick and a frozen drink inside the lunch box. If the frozen drink is consumed at recess, the frozen ice brick will remain in the lunchbox to keep food cool

Use an insulated lunchbox or bag

Don't reuse food that has come home from school - chuck it out

Keeping hot foods hot

It is important to keep hot food hot (over 60°C). There are a number of foods that can be sent to school in a thermos. But you need to remember these tips:

Warm the thermos before filling it and then seal quickly to prevent heat from escaping

Do not overheat food as it can be a hazard for younger children

Hot or warm foods should be eaten at recess rather than lunch

Foods that can be eaten at room temperature Fruits and vegetables that have been washed well Spreads such as vegemite, but not cream cheese Breads, crackers, cereals

Dried fruits

Canned meat, fish or poultry that are eaten immediately after opening such as tinned tuna

For more information contact the Healthy School's Officer at the WA Country Health Service Wheatbelt Public Health Unit on 9622 4320 or wheatbelt.phu@health.wa.gov.au.