

# Newsletter



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Term 1 Week 9 Monday 24 March 2014



Harmony  
Day

## Important dates:

**Monday 23 March to Monday 31 March 2014**

Monday 24 March ~ Active After School Primary

Wednesday 26 March ~ Primary Meal Deal

Wednesday 26 March ~ Careers Network Meeting with VET students

Thursday 27 March ~ Year 9, 10 & 11 Mid Summer Night's Dream in Tamworth

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Thursday 27 March ~ Arinya Zone Netball Trials

Friday 27 March ~ Arinya Zone 15/Open Rugby League Trials

# Principal's Report

Last week I had the good fortune of attending Harmony Day Activities. It was a fun day with all students and teachers getting in the spirit of the day. Many thanks to our secondary students who came down and assisted in the activities. I believe an enjoyable time was had by all.

Manilla Horse Sports was held last Friday, by all accounts the students represented the school and the community well. In the words of the supervising teacher the students were "Awesome ". Well done to all involved. Special mention must go to Tyler Simpson and Matthew Thompson on receiving Age Champions. Hannah and Callan Mallise also received ribbons for events. I am looking forward to Barraba Horse Sports Day which will be held on Friday 4 April. We welcome parents and supporters to attend Barraba Horse Sports Friday 4 April.

Thank you to all who have paid their General School Fees and Elective Fees. K-6 General School Fee is \$25.00 per student or \$75.00 per family with children in both the primary and secondary schools. Fees go directly to supporting your child's education.

7-12 General School Fee is \$50.00 per student. The fees for all electives are \$50.00 each per year with the exception of Year 11/12 Industrial Technology, Construction, Primary Industries and Hospitality being \$150.00.

Please be aware that all elective fees must be paid in full before projects/consumables are taken home. Remember elective fees can be paid off at \$1.00-\$2.00 a week. If parents are experiencing difficulties with these fees, please contact me at school if you need assistance with fees. All enquires are kept strictly confidential.



Adam Forrester  
Principal

## The Patch

(Hospitality Café)

This week 'The Patch' will be open for business on Tuesday 25 March to students and staff. The menu will vary each week however, the drinks will remain the same. These include:

**Chocolate brownies ~ 50 cents**

**Mars Bar slice ~ 50 cents**

**Strawberry Cheesecake ~ \$1.00**

**Chive and bacon tartlets 50 cents**

**Strawberry/Chocolate Milkshakes  
~\$2.50**

**Spiders ~ \$2.50**

**Tea ~ \$2.00**

**Iced Coffee/Chocolate ~ \$3.50**

**Coffee ~ \$3.50**

**Hot Chocolate ~ \$3.50**

Please note that tea and coffee will only be available to senior students and staff.



**Safe Food  
Handling  
Course**

A reminder for those students doing the course to pay \$40.00 **before 9am  
Wednesday 26 March.**





# Senior Students

## Year 12 Half Yearly Exam Timetable

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
8.55am – 11.05am English Advanced English Standard  <b>ROLL CALL</b> – Thomas Period 1 – Fenton Period 2 – Huckle <b>RECESS</b> – Campbell	8.55am – 11.00am PDHPE Legal Studies Physics  <b>ROLL CALL</b> – Thomas Period 1 – Good Period 2 – Longstaff <b>RECESS</b> – Princic	8.55am – 10.00am English Advanced English Standard  <b>ROLL CALL</b> – Thomas Period 1 – Longstaff	8.55am – 11.30am Maths 2 Unit 8.55am – 11.00am General Maths 2 8.55 – 10.30am General Maths 1  <b>ROLL CALL</b> – Thomas Period 1 – Campbell Period 2 – Good <b>RECESS</b> – Longstaff Period 3 – Princic
12.55pm – 3.00pm Business Studies Chemistry 12.55pm – 2.30pm Industrial Technology Hospitality  <b>LUNCH</b> – Chand Period 5 – Longstaff Period 6 – Good		11.10am – 1.15pm Biology Community and Family Studies  Period 3 – Fenton Period 4 – Princic <b>LUNCH</b> – Longstaff	1.35pm – 3.10pm Agriculture Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation  Period 5 – Thomas Period 6 – Chand

### YEAR 11 ASSESSMENT TASKS SCHEDULE TERM 1

\* All research tasks are due by recess on Wednesday of the week that the task is scheduled.

**Week 9** *Industrial Technology, English Studies, Business Studies.*

**Week 10** *Community and Family Studies, Biology, PDHPE, Mathematics.*

**Week 11** *Visual Art.*

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**Week 9** *Industrial Technology, Agriculture.*

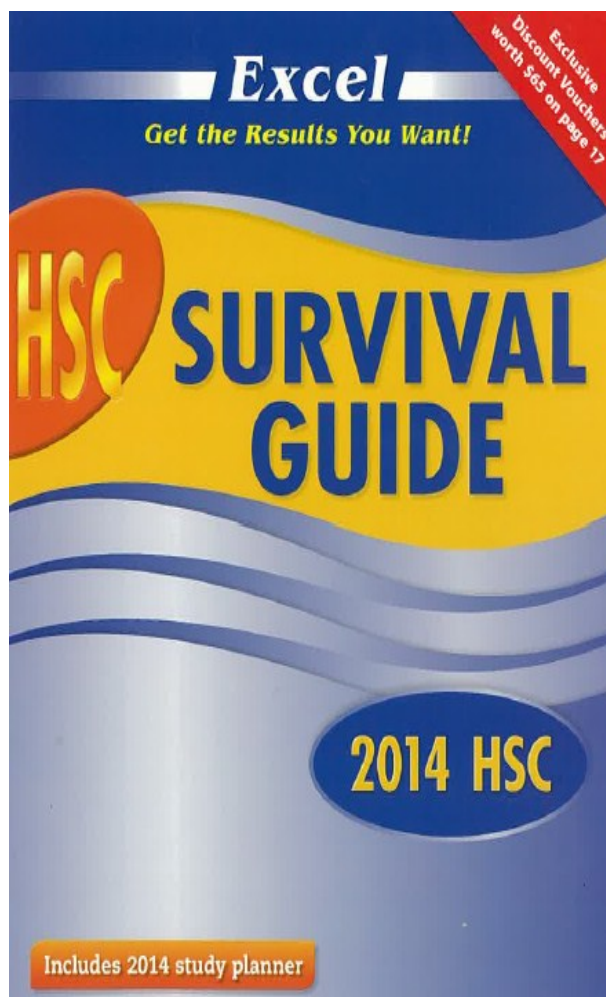
#### Websites to help with study:

HSC online: [hsc.csu.edu.au](http://hsc.csu.edu.au) has sections for every subject.

Board of Studies [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au)

Use past exam papers to find practice questions.

There are marking guidelines and the more recent exams also have sample exam answers.





Australian Government  
Department of Agriculture

February  
2014

# Drought support for farmers



The Australian Government supports farm families and farm businesses in managing and recovering from periods of hardship, including drought, and assists them in preparedness and future planning.

On 26 February 2014 the Prime Minister, the Hon. Tony Abbott MP, and the Minister for Agriculture, the Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP, announced a package of measures offering financial, social and mental health support to farming families, farm businesses and rural communities suffering from drought.

Measures include:

## Interim Farm Household Allowance (Interim FHA)

Interim FHA will help farm families with their daily living expenses and is available to eligible farmers Australia-wide, without the need for a drought declaration.

Like the Transitional Farm Family Payment, the Interim FHA will be paid at a fortnightly rate equivalent to Newstart Allowance. However, the interim payment will have a different asset test so that more farmers, including those affected by drought, will be able to access income support when they need it.

Payments under the Interim FHA commence from 3 March 2014 for new applicants.

Existing Transitional Farm Family Payment recipients as at 28 February 2014 will be automatically transferred to Interim FHA so they don't have a break in payment.

The Interim FHA will be available until the permanent Farm Household Allowance (FHA) is implemented on 1 July 2014.

To avoid a break in payment, recipients of the Interim FHA who wish to claim FHA will be eligible to receive payment until 30 September 2014 or until their application for FHA has been finalised, whichever is earlier.

Phone: 13 23 16

(Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm EST)

Web: [humanservices.gov.au/rural](http://humanservices.gov.au/rural)

## Drought Concessional Loans Scheme

The Australian Government is offering up to \$280 million in concessional loans to eligible drought-affected farm businesses for debt restructuring, operating expenses and drought recovery activities. Drought concessional loans will help farm businesses recover from the effects of drought and return to profitability in the long term. Loans of up to \$1 million, or 50 per cent of the farm business's debt, whichever is lower, will be available.

The Australian Government will work with the jurisdictions as a priority to finalise application requirements and delivery arrangements for the scheme. More information on the roll-out of the scheme will be available shortly.

Web: [daff.gov.au/assistance](http://daff.gov.au/assistance)

## Additional funding for water-related infrastructure rebates

Drought-affected farmers in Queensland and New South Wales will benefit from additional funding for water-related infrastructure rebates. There is scope to extend this assistance to other areas if needed.

Queensland: [daff.qld.gov.au/environment/drought/assistance/new-drought-assistance-package](http://daff.qld.gov.au/environment/drought/assistance/new-drought-assistance-package)

New South Wales: [raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/emergency-water-infrastructure-rebate](http://raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/emergency-water-infrastructure-rebate)

## Social Support

Recognising that hardships like drought can have significant impacts on the mental health and wellbeing of farmers, farm families and communities, the Australian Government is providing up to \$10.7 million to increase the delivery of social support services in drought-affected areas.

Phone: 1300 653 227

Web: [dss.gov.au/familysupportprogram](http://dss.gov.au/familysupportprogram) and [dss.gov.au/targetedcommunitycare](http://dss.gov.au/targetedcommunitycare)

## Assistance for farm businesses to manage pest impacts in drought-affected areas

The Australian Government will contribute \$10 million, primarily in Queensland and New South Wales, to help reduce the impacts of wild dogs and other pest animals and manage total grazing pressure in drought affected regions. This will be delivered through local natural resource management organisations.

Web: [daff.gov.au/assistance](http://daff.gov.au/assistance)



Contact  
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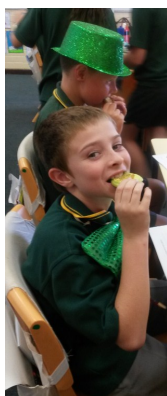
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# PRIMARY

## St Patrick's Day

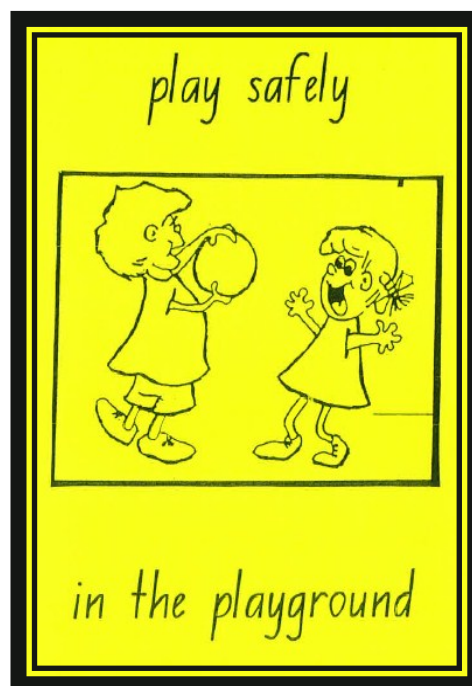
Year 5/6! Have been having fun with Maths and English activities as they discover more about the Irish celebration of St Patrick's Day. They made homemade lemonade, green mint milkshakes and green pikelets. Well done, it looks very delicious!



This week's school rule is the

# 'Yellow'


Rule. Please support your child/children in becoming familiar with our school rules.



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Reminder to return Immunisation consent forms to the secondary office.

Year 7 ~ girls and boys

Year 9 ~ boys only





# Harmony Day



The message of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'. It is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. K-6 celebrated in the most fun way possible, there was story time with Mrs Middlemiss, face painting with Mrs Carter, chatterbox making with Mrs Russell, colouring with Mrs Sweeney, painting with Mrs Irving, Co-operative games with Mrs King and last but not least Tag with Mrs Howarth. A great day for everyone with a great message of getting along and co-operating.





# SECONDARY



## Year 7 Science

The exciting world of Science! Mr Carter has been teaching Year 7 about energy transfers, gravitational potential energy, elastic potential energy transferred into kinetic energy and loss of energy through heat and sound. Science is so much fun!



**SCIENCE FUN  
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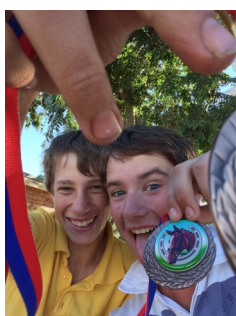




# Horse Sports



It was a rainy horrible day in Manilla last Friday 21 March but BCS students did not care they braved the cold and rain and put on quite the show with Tyler Simpson and Matthew Thompson receiving highest point scorers. Callan Mallise placed 4th pairs, 4th boy rider, 1st 3mug, 3rd keyhole, 2nd straight barrels. Matthew Thompson placed 2nd boy rider, 5th pairs, 1st bareback, 1st straight barrels, 2nd 3mug, 2nd bends. Hannah Mallise placed 4th pairs, 5th bareback, 2nd 3mug, 2nd straight barrels. Tyler Simpson placed 1st boy rider, 5th pairs, 1st bareback, 3rd straight barrels, 1st keyhole, 1st 3mug. The students behaviour was impeccable and a credit to the school. Congratulations to the students who participated and thank you to the parents for their support on the day.



# Year 7 & 8 Woodwork



Mr Princic's Year 7 & 8 woodwork students are very eager to learn new woodworking skills for their upcoming project ~ a wooden footstool.





# Parent Tips

## Primary & Secondary school

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)



If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan>

## Secondary school

Essay help video

## Essay writing What is an essay?

**Teachers talk** about essay structure and how parents can help, even if they're not familiar with the topic. The package comes complete with a range of useful reference sheets on tasks such as critical analysis, evidence and references. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/writing-essays>

## PRIMARY CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE TERM 1 2014

### WEEK 9

### VOLUNTEER

Monday  
24/03/14

Cheryl Spence &  
Kirsty-Lee Russell

Wednesday  
26/03/14

MEAL DEAL - Lucy Hart

Friday 28/03/14

Von Pegus &  
Donna Forrester

### WEEK 10

Monday  
31/03/14

Bec Keighran &  
Jackie Lott

Friday 04/04/14

Tammy Wade &  
Bobby Coombes

### WEEK 11

Monday  
07/04/14

Dale White &  
Tracy Thomson

Wednesday  
09/04/14

MEAL DEAL -  
Jodie Elkin



## Canteen Notice:

Parents can purchase paper lunch bags at IGA for students lunch orders.






# Term 1 ~ 2014 Calendar

Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>WEEK 9 APRIL</b>	March 24 *Active After School Primary	25	26 *Primary Meal Deal * Careers Network Meeting with VET students 1.35pm	27 *Active After School Primary *Arinya Zone Netball Trials * Year 9, 10 & 11 Mid Summer Night's Dream in Tamworth	28 *Arinya Zone 15/Open Rugby League Trials
<b>WEEK 10 APRIL</b>	March 31 *Active After School Primary	April 1	2 *Year 3/4 Wallabadah excursion	3 *Year 3/4C Wallabadah Excursion *Active After School Primary	4 *Barraba Horse Sports
<b>WEEK 11 APRIL</b>	April 7 *Active After School Primary	8 *Year 12 exams	9 *Primary Meal Deal *P&C Meeting *Year 12 exams *Year 7 Lake Keepit Excursion	10 *Year 12 exams *Easter Hat Parade *Year 7 Lake Keepit Excursion *Active After School Primary *Primary K-6 Disco	11 LAST DAY OF TERM *Year 7 Lake Keepit Excursion * Year 12 Exams

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