



Humpty Doo Primary School Newsletter

Week 3 Term 1 12 February 2010

Principal's Patter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last Tuesday night we held our first School Council meeting for the year and while it was an excellent meeting, the numbers were small. Next month on the 9th of March School Council will be holding its Annual General Meeting followed by a normal Council meeting. The AGM will start at 6:00pm in the library to elect new office bearers and new members to council. If you are interested in taking an active role in your child's school please come along and join us.

While on the School Council, we sadly farewelled Margie Barry from the Council last Tuesday night. Margie has contributed a great deal to Humpty Doo Primary School over the years on School Council as a member and then President. She has also worked on our school gardens and contributed greatly to the look of the place. She will be sadly missed and we thank her for all her efforts.

I also believe this is a good time to mention school contributions. Many families have already paid their school contributions and we thank them for doing so. These contributions are a vital part of our income and are used to provide extra art materials, improve our computer networks and develop the ICT at school for your children to keep up to date with urban schools. If families pay their contributions before the 1st of March they receive a 10% discount. It is also worth reminding families that students who have paid their contributions will get a 50% discount to school performances and excursions. Finally, we will hold a draw at the end of March and the winner will receive a prize.

Just a friendly reminder to any parents who may have some spare time on their hands and would like to help out in the school in any way, can you please leave your name with the front office. I know that there are teachers looking for helpers with reading and we welcome parents who would like to come in and be part of our school community.

People may have noticed in today's NT Newspaper that Humpty Doo Primary School has been singled out as a school to receive extra funding to support literacy and numeracy. This is a fantastic opportunity for the school as it will allow us to develop top quality resources and programs for our students. I do remind parents that the school has already introduced small intensive groups focussed on the development of literacy skills.

Can I also remind parents that all students at Humpty Doo Primary need to bring hats. Under the new sun smart guidelines children cannot go out into the playground without a hat.

Children who come to school without a lunch are able to go to the homework centre and make a sandwich during recess and it will be delivered to them at lunch time. Fruit is also available.

Eric Smith & Graeme Matthews

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Important Dates

Friday 26th February Rugby Union Day
Monday 1st March School Photos
Tuesday March 9th School Council AGM 6pm in Library
Thursday 25 March Harmony Day
Thursday 1st April Last day of term 1

Back to School Vouchers

2010 Back to School vouchers are available from the front office. If you would like to activate the voucher, please see the ladies in our office.

School Contributions

School contributions are \$80/child for the year. However, if they are paid by the end of February the cost will be \$72/child (for 2 children), the third child is \$60 and free for additional children.

WANTED WANTED WANTED

CLEANERS

Hours 3.00 pm to 6.00pm Monday to Friday Police Check mandatory. Contact Cheryl 8988 1255

Please notify the school if your child is sick or will be absent from School. Ph 8988 1255

Community Notices



University Pirates RUFC

Darwin, Northern Territory - Established 1987

Training starts Tuesday 16th March @ 5pm for all juniors.

All Welcome,

- Come down and train with the University Pirates Rugby Union Teams in 2010
- Improve your fitness
- Enjoy meeting and developing new friendships
- Junior Club Tour to Gold Coast July 2010, Under 15 & 17's
- Friendly fun Club
- All skill levels welcome
- Tuesday and Thursday night training
- Friday night Games

Contact Patrick Hewitt 0432 764 249.

Under 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17s

**LAKESIDE DRIVE ENTRANCE TO CASUARINA CAMPUS
CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY**

Netball

The 2010 Palmerston Netball Dry Season Competition begins on Thursday 4 March. Confirmed age groups for 2010 are: 10 & Under, 13 & Under, and 15 & Under. An Open competition will be run if we receive enough team registrations. Come down to our courts (Cnr of Tilston Ave & Bonson Tce) and register your Team, or your Self, or just come down and have a chat with us on Thursday 18 February or Thursday 25 February between 5pm & 7pm.

Palmerston Netball is also running a NetSetGo program for children aged 5 to 10 years. The first series of NetSetGo will run from Saturday 6 March – Saturday 1 May 2010. Sign on is Saturday 27 February between 9am & 10am at the Netball courts.

The following courses have been confirmed for our members: the **Foundation Coaching Course** for beginner coaches will be held on 15-16 March; the **Development Coaching Course** for coaches who have held Foundation qualifications for over 12 months will be held on 22-23 March; and the **Level 1 Umpiring Course** will be held on 12-13 April.

Information on our new season, including NetSetGo and our official's courses, can be obtained by sending us an email to palmerstonnetball@hotmail.com or by visiting our website at www.palmerstonnetball.websyte.com.au.



Litchfield Football Club 2010 Sign-On Day

Come and join a family-orientated club where we have teams for boys and girls from the under 6's through to Men and Women teams.

Training and games throughout the Dry Season.

14th February 9am ~ 12noon
Fred's Pass Hand Stand

- ✓ Great Coaches
- ✓ Fantastic facilities
- ✓ Heaps of Fun

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