



# Humpty Doo Primary School Newsletter

**Week 6 Term 1 15 March 2010**

## Principal's Patter

.Dear parents and carers,

This week the Federal Government released the new Australian National Curriculum. You can look this up on a website, [www.acara.edu.au](http://www.acara.edu.au) if you are interested. I think a national curriculum will be welcomed by most families, particularly those families who move between states and territories with their work.

I would like to remind all interested members of the school community, that our School Council AGM is on Tuesday 16th of March. Please come along and see the sort of work the Council does. Also we will be holding Harmony Day on Thursday 25th of March. This will be a special day where students will participate in several different cultural activities. Given that Australia has become a far more diverse country culturally, it is important that we learn and understand these different cultures.

Today is a huge day of sport for our senior students. We have two teams of girls playing netball at the Palmerston Netball Centre as part of the Palmerston and Rural Netball try outs. We also have a team of boys playing Rugby League at Fred's Pass for Palmerston and Rural try outs. As well, this afternoon we have a team of AFL footballers going to Fred's Pass this afternoon to play in their weekly competition, as part of the Port Power Junior AFL program. We wish all the teams well and hope they have a great day.

Yesterday over 40 of our students attended a conference on student leadership at the Darwin Convention Centre. The conference was used to assist in developing the students' skills and confidence with regard to "being a role model" and "working in a team". From all reports it was an excellent day and the children enjoyed themselves. I also believe it was quite a valuable learning experience.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that Humpty Doo School does not accept bullying behaviour and we have been active in dealing with students who have been involved in bullying within the school grounds. If students are involved in bullying behaviour parents will be notified.

Can I also remind parents, if you come to pick up your child at school and then allow them to play on the playground, we do need you to be responsible and monitor their play. We do not need any serious accidents at this time of day and teachers have meetings and other responsibilities. They are not on duty.

I hope everyone has a great weekend and a good week next week.

Eric Smith and Graeme Matthews

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### Important Dates

**Tuesday march 16th**  
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. Just a reminder that parents have only until the end of 1st term to activate the vouchers.

### School Contributions

School contributions are \$80/child for the year.

### Magazines Wanted

The Learning Centre is looking for old magazines to use in their program. If you have any please drop them into the office.

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

## Library News

### Borrowing

The library will be open each morning at 8:00am for students to change their books. If parents would like to help their child choose a book they are welcome to join them. Students also have the opportunity to change their books during their classes' borrowing time each week and during lunchtime.

### Library bags

ALL students need a library bag to borrow books. It should be clearly labelled with their name. This ensures the safe keeping and quick return of our library books. Not only do books cost a lot to purchase, but a lot of time and money is spent cataloguing the books before they go on the shelf.

### Bills

We still have many outstanding books from last year. Updated bills were sent out this week. Students with outstanding books will need to return the book/s or pay for their replacement before they can borrow. If you have received a bill and believe it to be incorrect or would just like some more information in relation to your bill, please contact us in the library.

### Book Club

Issue 2 catalogues went out this week. All orders need to be in by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of March. Please ensure your child's name is on the order. We quite frequently get orders without names and it is very hard to track down the owner. Orders usually take 2 or 3 weeks to arrive. We will advise parents in the newsletter when they are being sent home. Parents should then contact the school if they don't receive their order.

## Community Notices



CatholicCare NT  
(Formerly Centacare NT)

## 1-2-3 Magic Parenting Course

Do you want to be more "in control" when parenting your child?

What works in managing difficult child behaviour?

How can you become more attuned to your child's emotions and feelings?

<b>Venue:</b>	CatholicCare NT 17 Hidden Valley Road, BERRIMAH
<b>Dates:</b>	Thursday evenings: 11th, 18th and 25th March
<b>Time:</b>	6:30pm - 8:30pm
<b>Cost:</b>	\$30.00 per person \$40.00 per couple

Please contact CatholicCare NT on 8944 2000

***Bookings are essential.***

[www.catholicarent.org.au](http://www.catholicarent.org.au)

### 1-2-3 Magic !

We have an exciting opportunity to offer a 1-2-3 Magic parenting course here at Humpty Doo school! CatholicCare have offered to do the course here for us if we can get a group of interested parents/guardians/care-givers together. If you are interested, please leave your name, and best time that suits you for the course (ie: evening/day) to the front office.

We will then organise a course and advertise in the weekly newsletter. Watch here for details!