



Humpty Doo Primary School Newsletter

Week 1 Term 1 1 February 2010

Principal's Patter

Dear parents and Humpty Doo school community, welcome back to the new school year. Welcome to both our regular families and also to all the new families who have joined us in 2010.

The school staff are very excited about the new year and the opportunities it will provide. We are in the process of introducing Interactive Whiteboards into eight of our classrooms and we hope to introduce more later in the year. These boards will provide an exciting new teaching tool for teachers and students. The staff have already taken part in a session on learning how to use the boards to get the best results. During term 1, we will be inviting parents to come in and have a look at the boards and see what they can do.

After school care has begun at the school and is now available for Humpty Doo families. After school care will operate from 3:00pm to 6:00pm each day. If the community makes full use of the facility then they will also be offering vacation care. Several families enquired about after school care last year, so if you would like your child to be in after school care, please come down and get an enrolment package from the front office. Otherwise we will lose it.

This year Humpty Doo School will be having a major focus on Literacy and Numeracy. Teachers will be doing explicit teaching in both areas. We ask that parents please take the time to support the work the teachers do in the classroom. You can do this by listening to your child read at night, asking questions about the story, or simply getting them to write shopping lists. You can have them count simple things around the house, help work out change in a shop or help measure things in the kitchen or around the house.

This year should prove to be a very exciting one as we will be celebrating our 30th birthday. I know there will be a few events during the year so please come along, join in and support the school. We are one school community working together to give our kids the best possible education.

We urge all members of the school community to follow our values of:

Respect Responsibility Honesty Inclusion Personal Best

We believe these strong values will hold our children in good stead wherever they are.

Eric Smith
Principal

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Important Dates

Friday 26th February
Rugby Union Day

Monday 1st March
School Photos

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.

Term 1 Canteen Special Chicken lettuce roll with sweet Chilli Sauce

Freshly cooked & sliced chicken added to a fresh wholemeal roll with lettuce & either mayo or sweet chilli sauce PLUS a 250ml milk (chocolate, strawberry or honeycomb)

Just \$5.00

2009 Christmas Cruise and Cash Raffle results

1st prize: Nick Plovitz

2nd prize: Katie Faulkner

3rd prize: (as yet unclaimed) – N. Thompson

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure has sent some booklets to Humpty Doo Primary School to inform students and parents/carers about the code of conduct for school bus travel.

If you would like to receive a copy of the booklet, please ask your child to get one from the office.



Looking for a suitable sport for 2010? *think Calisthenics*

Calisthenics is a uniquely Australian sport which helps to develop discipline of mind and body, team work, a competitive spirit and a sense of commitment. The word calisthenics comes from the Greek words 'kallos' for beauty and 'thenos' for strength.

Calisthenics is a dynamic combination of dance, gymnastics, singing, folk, apparatus manipulation (club & rods) and ballet. Routines are choreographed to music and performed on stage with costumes and lighting. Calisthenics is regarded as a team sport, but participants can also compete in solo and duo sections.

Calisthenics has a strong focus on deportment and presentation, helping participants to develop confidence in movement and performance and to enjoy the thrill of competing on stage in front of an audience.

There is a strong focus on flexibility, strength and control, grace and poise, expression through both the body and the face and simply just enjoying different forms of dance and movement.

Indeed, the components of the sport aim at achieving those physical attributes, but the sport also influences the emotional and social development of girls and boys through friendship and teamwork.

Calisthenics is a fun, healthy way of fitness for all ages.

TOP END CALISTHENICS CLASSES TO RESUME FOR 2010 *NEW VENUES*

ALL OUR CLASSES RESUME WEEK COMMENCING
01 FEBRUARY

Jingili classes will be held at The Essington School Darwin Auditorium
(entry via Chapman Road) Class times are:

- Intermediates (13-16yo) Monday 6 – 9pm
- Juniors (10-12yo) Tuesday 5.30 – 7.30pm
- Sub-Juniors (7-9yo) Monday 4 – 6pm
- Missies (5-6yo) Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am
- Tinies (3-5 yo) Saturday 9.30 – 10.30am

Palmerston classes will be held at Palmerston High Gym (entry via
Tilston Ave) Class times are:

- Intermediates (13-16yo) Monday 5.30pm – 8.30pm
- Juniors (10-12yo) Wednesday 5.00 – 7.00pm
- Sub-Juniors (7-9yo) Tuesday 4 – 6pm
- Missies (5-6yo) Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am
- Tinies (3-5 yo) Saturday 9.30 – 10.30am

VACANCIES IN ALL CLASSES
AGED FROM 3 YRS

For any enquiries please call
Karen Mellor on 0408843302 for Palmerston classes
Denice Ryan 0421 820 779 for Jingili classes

FOR SALE



\$ 300.00 ono

Price includes as new mattress and sheets.

Call Melissa 89884194

