SCHOOL PHOTOS

Hernani Public School annual school/student photos were held last Monday and once again Donna Davidson has done a fantastic job. Thank you Donna! We certainly were lucky to have a beautiful, day lots of autumn colour and happy students on the day.

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Our students are looking forward to the start of our Term 2 Sporting Schools program which will be providing outstanding sporting experiences and high quality learning opportunities for all. Thank you to our parents for their enthusiasm and support of this unique opportunity for Hernani’s students.

Students will be participating in weekly gymnastics lessons at the Armidale Gymnastics Centre over a 5 week period. Our first gymnastics sessions will be next Friday 15th May, which will see Hernani’s students enjoying the chance to travel on the community bus to Armidale (far greater fun than travelling in private cars...we get the chance to travel all that way with all friends and with Mr K as our bus driver!). Mrs Winkel and Mr O’Hara are looking forward to seeing Hernani’s students build upon the introduction to gymnastics that all students experienced last December.

An addition to our gymnastic program, students will also be participating in weekly touch football sessions with Dave Campbell every Monday morning starting at 8:30am and finishing at 9:30am.

EXCursions TO ARMIDALE – FRIDAY 15th and WEDNESDAY 20th MAY 2015

Hernani Public School’s students are maximising learning opportunities and experiences during our visits to Armidale for our weekly Sporting School’s gymnastics sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to participate in visits to the Armidale Folk Museum, the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place and the Museum of Education (historic classroom located near NERAM). These venues enhance our current HSIE units being studied, with all students gaining a unique insight and understanding of Australia’s history.

Planning is also underway for future excursions whilst we are in Armidale to Saumarez Homestead and the New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM).

Term 2 at Hernani is certainly providing all students with unique learning opportunities.

SPRUCE UP DORRIGO PROJECT -SPUD

Hernani Public School has received wonderful comments from Margo Hoskins on behalf of the Sub Committee Dorrigo Chamber of Commerce. We trust you appreciate this email we are sharing with our community:

“To the creative students of Hernani Public School, You have done a terrific job painting the garbage bin. The farm scene looks really good outside of Bailey’s Produce store and the colours are bright and cheerful. Everyone who walks past stops and smiles as they admire your work. Thank you very much for making Dorrigo more beautiful and Cudgery Street a happier place. ☺”
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Margo Hoskins
Spruce Up Dorrigo
(SpUD) Sub Committee Dorrigo Chamber of Commerce

Our next bin project is the bin from outside the Dorrigo Historical Museum. This project compliments our current HSIE studies.

JOHN HEFFERNAN AUTHOR VISIT TO HERNANI COMBINED SCHOOLS DAY

On Tuesday 19th May Hernani Public School will be hosting a combined schools day focusing on Literature appreciation. The opportunity for students from our neighbouring small schools Dundurrabin, Ebor and Chandler Public Schools to work in small class based groups with the well known author John Heffernan will be a unique learning experience. Students will enjoy listening to John reading some of his stories and learn about the skills required by writers in a hands on writing workshops during the day.

John Heffernan (aka Charlie Carter) will be at Hernani Public School on Tuesday May 19 to talk about his books and the art of writing. He will have books for sale and signing. This is an excellent opportunity to obtain an autographed book by this popular award-winning author.

Students are encouraged to bring any John Heffernan books that they may have at home for John to sign on the day or purchase a book on the day.

COOKING AND SHARING

Our commitments with sporting schools and travel to and from Armidale for the next 5 weeks will be a big commitment for all. Consequently students will not be having our regular Wednesday Cooking and Sharing sessions. The regular ‘Cooking and Sharing’ Program for the remainder of Term 2 will be discussed at the next P&C meeting.

Gobblesumz will continue every Wednesday providing a special recess for all. Students are encouraged to remember to bring your money to school each Tuesday for purchasing your items ready to eat on Wednesday. This is an excellent opportunity for all students to experience real life maths and gain a greater understanding of money. I have been impressed with the improved ability of our students with determining change for their purchases each Tuesday. Well done everyone!

COMBINED SPORTS AFTERNOONS Term 2

Our next Friday sports get together will be at Hernani Public School on Friday 29th May, the same day as our New England Conservatorium of Music performance and excursion to Armidale Gymnastics Centre.

Our next Friday sports afternoon at Dundurrabin Public School will be on Friday 5th June.

Dundurrabin will then join us for our final afternoon for Term 2 on Friday 19th June.
P & C MEETING

Our P&C meeting last Wednesday was once again very well supported with all families being present. This is a credit to our small community and very much indicative of the high regard for our school and willingness of all to be actively involved in supporting the educational programs for children at Hernani.

Our school motto is “Community Achieving Success”. We believe it is important to recognise and value the community, welcoming any contributions, talents and ideas. Therefore we would like to extend an invitation to all interested community members to join us at future P&C meetings.

We look forward to welcoming new faces to our next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 27th May at 3:00pm.

Items on the agenda include:
- Cooking and Sharing
- Ebor Campdraft/catering meeting date

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY- 22/05/15

Hernani Public School's students will be participating in the National Walk Safely To School Day on Friday 22nd May. This event which is now in its 16th year is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking can provide for the long term health of our children.

Students will be meeting Teachers at the Hernani Hall at 8:30am in order to walk to school. Please return the attached consent note asap. Thank you.

NB: If it is raining and there is no teacher at the Hernani Hall please bring your children to Hernani Public School.

ASTHMA FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING  PJ DAY
THURSDAY  28th MAY 2015

Hernani Public School students have chosen to participate in the Asthma Foundation NSW fundraising (gold coin donation) ‘PJ Day’ on Thursday 28th May 2015.

Students and staff will be wearing their pyjamas to school for the day to raise awareness of Asthma and to enable further research. Students can wear slippers and a dressing gown for additional warmth, but, will need their joggers for daily PE and playground play on the day!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK 3

Congratulations to Darcy Creenaune for entertaining writing during English lessons.
WEEK 4

Congratulations to Chad Welsh for outstanding contributions to class discussions during HSIE.

Upcoming Dates

Term 2 2015

Week 5

Monday 18th May – 8:30am Sporting Schools Touch Football with Dave Campbell

Tuesday 19th May – Combined schools day. Visit by John Heffernan (Author)

Wednesday 20th May – Excursion to Armidale visit to the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place, the Museum of Education and Armidale Gymnastic Centre

Gubi Gabun Playgroup

5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

Friday 22nd May – Walk Safely to School Day. Students to meet staff at Hernani Hall at 8:30am to walk to school.

Week 6

Monday 25th May – 8:30am Sporting Schools Touch Football with Dave Campbell

Wednesday 27th May – P&C Meeting 3.00pm

5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

Thursday 28th May – Asthma PJ Day (gold coin donation)

Friday 29th May – VISIT TO HERNANI PS BY THE NEW ENGLAND CHAMBER OF MUSIC 10.00 to 11.00 am Dundurrabin Public School will be joining Hernani’s students for sport and the NECOM musical performance, prior to Hernani leaving to travel to Armidale.

Excursion to Armidale Gymnastics.

Mrs Williams last day.

Week 7

Monday 1st June – 8:30am Sporting Schools Touch Football with Dave Campbell

Mrs Winkel at Professional Learning – To be Confirmed

Wednesday 3rd June – Excursion to Armidale Gymnastic Centre

Gubi Gabun Playgroup

5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

Friday 5th June – Combined Sports Afternoon Hernani to travel to Dundurrabin

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

All children under 18 yrs of age can receive FREE DENTAL CARE through the Mid North Coast Local Health District. PARENTS DO NOT NEED TO HOLD A PENSION CARD OR HEALTH CARE CARD FOR THEIR CHILD TO BE ELIGIBLE. See information on school noticeboard.