SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

This initiative is providing outstanding learning experiences for all students at Hernani Public School. It has been rewarding to see our students enjoying the weekly gymnastics sessions with Mr O’Hara and we have been impressed with the quality of our program, student determination and application to master new skills. It is wonderful to see students having such fun and giving one hundred percent and more during every gymnastics lesson. A special thank you to Mr K and staff from Hernani (including our Prac teacher, Mrs Williams) who have generously worked extra hours at no cost to ensure the students at Hernani are able to benefit from this program.

Learning about handstands at the Armidale Gymnastics Centre

EXCURSIONS TO ARMidALE – FRIDAY 15th and WEDNESDAY 20th MAY 2015

Hernani Public School’s students have been experiencing quality learning opportunities during our visits to Armidale for our weekly Sporting School’s gymnastics sessions.

This Friday we will be leaving school following our New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) performance and travelling to Armidale for our next gymnastics workshop. Students will be having lunch in Armidale prior to our gym session and then returning to meet parents at Ebor Public School at approx 4:15pm.
Our visit to the Armidale Folk Museum, the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place and the Museum of Education (historic classroom located near NERAM) have been outstanding. The chance to learn about Australia's history in this manner has been invaluable.

Oliver learning about the telephone exchange and phones from the past!

At the Folk Museum students were treated to an excellent tour with Mr Peter Chambers, who ensured we all gained a unique insight into our history and in particular, Armidale’s history and the changes to the streetscape in Armidale. Mr Chambers generously provided Hernani’s students with a detailed insight into changing technology, parlours to lounge rooms, bedrooms and mattresses from the past and lots more. We all decided the Folk Museum is definitely a venue in Armidale worth visiting and somewhere we could spend hours!

Our last activity with Mrs Williams involved each student writing a description of their “Mystery Object.” Thank you Mrs Williams for bringing such wonderful experiences into our HSIE lessons; we all had such fun we forgot we were learning and at school!

When visiting the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place, Hernani’s students were treated to the unique opportunity to run their own guided tour of the artist Lloyd Hornsby’s work. This involved students identifying their favourite artwork and sharing with their peers reasons for their choice and discussions about the techniques and materials used to create the artwork.

We also participated in a hands-on art session with Gabrielle and all enjoyed dot painting. It was then a brisk walk from this venue to our next educational experience at the Education Museum (we now know Mrs Winkel, sets a brisk walking pace…. Mr K and Mrs Williams were left catching their breath!)

Upon meeting Mr Stephenson, we all stepped back in time and took on board our new identities. All students were delighted to actively participate in this role play (discovering they were now 13½ years old, or much younger as a 7 year old). Sienna was delighted to identify as being Mrs William’s granddaughter as she now had the same surname.

Mr Stephenson at the high teacher’s desk- we loved the tables and seats! ..... And it seems the cane too??

This was a delightfully fun filled learning experience, and staff was surprised to discover that our Hernani students voted very clearly to have the cane reintroduced!!!

On a more serious note we learnt about slate boards, ink wells, the King, daily exercises; and how different education was one hundred years ago.
Learning about the past ...“All eyes to the front, hands on desks!”

We then moved to a different classroom to discover the travelling classroom and learn about how the teacher travelled around the bush to provide lessons for children in the country.

Our next walk was a short journey to the Gymnastics Centre for delicious wraps (thank you parents😊) and then it was time for being active! This was certainly the case, as students enthusiastically participated in all activities with high energy levels and at times great speed!

All set for our core body strength test on the trampoline.

Thank you to Mr O who allowed us extra time and the chance to all be on the big trampoline and last of all….fun in the foam pit!! This was a chance for uncertain Kinders to join in and experience this fun opportunity. Lots of smiles and exhausted kids after a GREAT day out!

We look forward to discussing our planning for future excursions whilst we are in Armidale at next weeks’ P&C meeting. This may include a visit to Saumarez Homestead and the New England Regional Art Museum.

JOHN HEFFERNAN AUTHOR VISIT TO HERNANI COMBINED SCHOOLS DAY

Students enjoyed having an author visit their school. Listening to John reading some of his stories and learning about the skills required by writers in hands on writing workshops during the day was invaluable.

Stage 2 students in Year 2 and 3 were treated to an insight into a new story John is writing and we will be writing responses to this in class. A wonderful adventure about a little girl…. time to ask your children about her situation.

Year 4, 5 and 6, spent informative sessions listening to a range of John’s stories, discussing situations that provide inspiration for his novels, examining a variety of images and writing short responses to these visual images.
John Heffernan sharing “Pete Paddock Basher” with students.

Mrs Williams did a fantastic job running additional literature activities for students based on John’s picture books and short novels.

Responding to “The Island”

A huge thank you to the Hernani P & C Committee for the fabulous job catering for everyone on the day.

Thank you to Mr K for running quality sporting sessions for students during the day. All students enjoyed these activities and the chance to play with a larger group of students of a similar age.
PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE

Our students are busy recording their activity in their personal log books for this year’s Premier’s Sporting Challenge; this once again reflects the healthy, active lifestyle Hernani’s student population leads. Our senior students are on track to achieving a diamond award and setting a challenge for staff (who are also participating in the Staff Challenge for 2015). Please encourage your child/children to be active at home during weekends and to note time spent in vigorous activity. Great timing with students playing soccer, football, participating in regular dance lessons, gymnastics and touch football. Hernani’s students are a fit, healthy, active cohort, so vastly different to many of Australia’s student population.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Hernani’s students are well underway with reading for this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge and I encourage students to continue to record and update their special homework log tally. (We have several students on track to create a new school record with many titles recorded…welll done readers …students and parents!)

Thank you to parents who are assisting their children to achieve this important reading incentive and help keep our reading logs up to date; greatly appreciated.

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC (NECOM) PERFORMANCE

Our school will be hosting a special visit and performance by musicians from NECOM this Friday 29th May. Dundurrabin Public School’s students will join us for a short sporting session prior to the musical performance scheduled to start at 10:00am. Following a brief snack for recess and time to play with peers from Dundurrabin Hernani’s students will then travel into Armidale for our gymnastic session.

COMBINED SPORTS AFTERNOONS

Our next Friday sports afternoon at Dundurrabin Public School will be on Friday 5th June. We are looking forward to spending the afternoon with our friends at Dundurrabin.

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

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY- 22/05/15

Hernani Public School’s students participated 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.
Mr. K, Mrs Williams, Dave and students ready to cross the Armidale-Grafton road.

ASThma FOUNDATION Fundraising PJ Day Thursday 28th May 2015

Hernani Public School students participated in the Asthma Foundation NSW fundraising ‘PJ Day’ on Thursday 28th May 2015.

Students and staff all came to school wearing their PJ’s.

This was an invaluable opportunity for students to increase their understanding of asthma and raise awareness of how asthma impacts upon the lives of children, parents and other members of our community.

FAREWELL MRS WILLIAMS

On behalf of the Hernani School Community I would like to thank Mrs Williams for choosing Hernani Public School as her final practicum placement School. Students have thoroughly enjoyed having Mrs Williams teaching over the last four weeks. Best wishes to Lyn for her upcoming exams and her future teaching career. We will miss you.
P&C MEETING

Our P&C meeting on Wednesday 27th May 2015 was rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th June at 3.00pm. Agenda items:

- Catering day for Singletons
- Whole school camp- Cascade or Lake Ainsworth/Lake Keepit?

Mrs Winkel’s principal’s report will include details about the new report template for Semester 1 and planning for our Grant application and program for Sporting Schools Term 3. We also need to set a date and time for our Biggest Morning or Afternoon Tea.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK 5

Congratulations to Leah Roworth for a great attitude towards gymnastics and having a go at everything with enthusiasm and energy!

Congratulations to Kody Kedzlie for a personal best at gymnastics and having a go in the foam pit!

WEEK 6

Congratulations to Sienna Dellow for being a responsible student leader demonstrating maturity and outstanding application to all school activities.
Upcoming Dates

Term 2 2015

Week 7

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

Wednesday 3rd June – Excursion to Armidale Gymnastic Centre

Gubi Gabun Playgroup

5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

Thursday 4th June – P&C Meeting 3:00pm

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

Week 8

Monday 8th June – *** Public Holiday

Wednesday 10th June –

5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

Friday 12th June – Excursion to Armidale Gymnastic Centre

Week 9

Monday 15th June – 8:30am Sporting Schools Touch Football with Dave Campbell

Wednesday 17th June – Excursion to Armidale Gymnastic Centre Private Vehicle conveyance to be discussed at P&C meeting

Gubi Gabun Playgroup

5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

Friday 19th June – Responsible Pet Ownership - 11:30am-12:15pm

Combined Sports Afternoon Dundurrabin PS to travel to Hernani PS

Week 10

Monday 22nd June – 8:30am Sporting Schools Touch Football with Dave Campbell

Wednesday 24th June –

5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

Friday 26th June – NAIDOC day at Dorrigo High School

End of Term 2

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday!

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Big week of Soccer

It’s a big week for soccer and the Dorrigo Highlanders Club with a night game during the week and all teams playing at home this Saturday.

The Dorrigo Highlanders played against the Bellingen Bats on Wednesday night at the Alex Cork Fields. This make-up game was a “Top of the Mountain” versus Valley clash with plenty of familiar faces making up the Dorrigo team. The game was a test for the Highlanders with the Bellingen team currently sitting in second place on the North Coast Football ladder.

After some broken rounds with rain and closed fields the Dorrigo Club is looking forward to a fine weekend to play host to four visiting clubs. Saturday’s play on the Alex Cork Fields begins early with the Miniroos on the main field from 9am and runs right through the day with the Dorrigo Highlanders playing the Sawtell Scorpions in the final game at 3pm.

The full game list for the day is: 9am Miniroos; 10am 8s girls Lyrebirds vs Bellingen; 10.15am 14 girls Bluegums vs Bellingen; 10.40am 11s Wallabies vs Bellingen; 11am 8s boys Quolls vs Boambee; 11.30am 16 girls Waratahs vs Bellingen; 12 noon 9s Dingoes vs Sawtell; 1pm Women’s Cedars vs Boambee and 3pm Mens Highlanders vs Sawtell.

All teams have been competing strongly with the Dorrigo players proving, across all levels, that age and size don’t determine skill and staying power. The canteen will be open all day for hot food and drinks, snacks and cold drinks so join us to enjoy some great local football action.

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