WONDERFUL START TO 2016

Our first four weeks at school for 2016 have been busy with lots of great things happening. Music, craft, history, Sporting Schools swimming and table tennis programs and lots, lots more!

We now have a potential “Rock Band” in the making- with the generous loan of a drum set from Mrs William’s grandson, Louis and Mrs Winkel’s son’s electric guitar. Mr K is certainly bringing Hernani into the music scene.

A big thank you to Mrs Williams for organising this generous contribution to our music program for 2016.

Visitors to our school may be surprised to listen to some great music during our recess and lunch breaks. Every parent has been begged to stay after school and listen to our future drummers!

Everyone is eager to learn to drum- Rock on Hernani!

Darcy enjoying the challenge of playing an electric guitar!

Our vegetable garden has been quite productive and students have enjoyed harvesting produce for our “Live Life Well @ School” “Kids In the Kitchen” program and to take home for each family to enjoy.

A big thank you to Fiona for ensuring our plants were well cared for during the school holidays and to Wendy for the generous donation of fantastic tomato plants for our vegetable garden.
Learning to pick a variety of vegetables for a healthy lunch!

Next Monday students will be cooking a creamy buckwheat pasta dish with Roxanne.

A regular part of our PE program includes our OT activities to develop student co-ordination, strength and fitness levels. This has certainly demonstrated great team work between students and I have been impressed with our new Kindergarten student, Sylvie, who has tried many new experiences with enthusiasm and application. Well done Sylvie!
Our older students are mastering new skills too!

Every Monday afternoon is our Art and Craft time when students appreciate the extra help with Wendy volunteering her time. We are currently working on a display for our classroom based on “Hernani Friends!” This features students using foot prints to create characters and obviously the chance to paint each other’s feet was terrific fun. Especially when this included Mrs Winkel, Wendy and Molly!

Craft is lots of fun – we love experiencing fun new challenges!

Molly joining in at school at age 2!

Hernani Public School is a family centered learning environment with caring students who take great pride in looking out for each other.
SPORTING SCHOOLS HERNANI AND DUNDURRABIN SCHOOL SWIMMING INITIATIVE

Our first two Tuesday afternoon School Swimming Program sessions with Dundurrabin have been a great chance for students to develop their swimming skills, have fun with friends in the water and enjoy time being active. Despite the varied weather patterns it has been a positive start to our Term 1 Sporting Schools initiative.

EXCURSION TO DORRIGO PUBLIC SCHOOL TO LISTEN TO MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER – SAM BAILEY – TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2016

Dorrigo Public School have invited students from Dundurrabin and Hernani to join them to listen to motivational speaker Sam Bailey. This promises to be an excellent opportunity to listen to an inspirational speaker.

Students will depart from Hernani PS at 10:15am to travel to Dorrigo Public School and then have an early lunch prior to our Sporting School’s Swimming session.

COMBINED SCHOOLS DAY – Friday 26th February 2016

We will be hosting the first of our traditional Combined Schools Day for 2016 on next Friday 26th February.

Our planned activities for this day include the chance for students to view the STARRS Productions play presentation “Jo Solo”. This play will provide students with the chance to learn about the theme of loneliness at primary school and offers
children strategies to cope with what can be a very emotional and painful experience.

Comments from other schools highlight the quality of the STARRS Productions presentations. Reviews of Jo Solo include:
“The students loved the play ‘Jo Solo’. They were very engaged and really enjoyed being able to join in. The discussion was fruitful and timely for our antibullying unit.”

The Grafton Regional Gallery will also be holding two sessions for students with the “Gallery Goes To Schools Program.” These promise to be fun hands on workshops for all.

Thank you to our P&C for catering for this day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO WENDY AND MRS WILLIAMS!

Birthday cakes and celebrations at school!

SCIENCE EVENING AT EBOR PS – WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 2016

We have been invited to join Ebor Public School’s students and parents for a fun Science Evening. Please keep this date free. More details will be provided in our next newsletter, closer to the event.

UNSW ICAS 2016

The University of New South Wales – International Competitions and Assessments for Schools competitions for Digital Technologies, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics for students in Years 3-6 are being held from 31st May 2016. A reminder to please return your forms by:

Tuesday 23rd February 2016. Thank you. (Cheques made payable to Hernani Public School)

P&C MESSAGE

Date for next meeting to be confirmed tentative date is Thursday 17th March during school hours. Please add items to the Meeting agenda on the Noticeboard.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our P&C for organising the working bee to remove our old fort and playground structure. This has been a feature at Hernani for many years and dearly loved by all, however, time had taken its toll and it was a danger. Students are thoroughly enjoying our new larger, open sandpit area. It is amazing how this has opened up the playground!

READING EGGS

Students all have their new 2016 “Reading Eggs or Reading Epress passwords and updated programs. Please find attached a parent letter providing details for each student.

Chad with his new lunch box. Great idea to ensure student lunches are cool. Bring your own esky to school!
STUDENT AWARDS- WEEK 2

Congratulations to Beau for excellent work in mathematics and reading.

WEEK 3

Congratulations to Luke for great work in mathematics and writing.

WEEK 4

Congratulations to Leah for being a good friend and improvement in reading.
Upcoming Dates

WEEK 5

Monday 22nd Feb – Cooking with Roxanne
8:30am NoSporting Schools Table Tennis with Dave

Tuesday 23rd Feb – Departing Hernani PS at 10:15am for Excursion to Dorrigo Public School to listen to motivational speaker Sam Bailey – followed by Sporting Schools Swimming 12:15pm-1:15pm then return to Hernani PS.

Wednesday 24th Feb -

Thursday 25th Feb – Mrs Winkel at Quality Literacy Professional Learning

Friday 26th Feb – Combined Schools Day - STARRS Production and visit by Grafton Gallery.

WEEK 6

Monday 29th Feb – 8:30am ????? Sporting Schools Table Tennis with Dave

Tuesday 1st March - Sporting Schools Swimming 12:45pm-2:30pm

Wednesday 2nd March -

Thursday 3rd March –

Friday 4th March - Library Day with Mr K

‘Schools Clean Up Day’

WEEK 7

Monday 7th March – 8:30am Sporting Schools Table Tennis with Dave

Tuesday 8th March - Sporting Schools Swimming 12:45pm-2:30pm

Wednesday 9th March -

Thursday 10th March – Mrs Winkel at Quality Literacy Professional Learning

Friday 11th March - Library Day with Mr K

WEEK 8

Monday 14th March – 8:30am Sporting Schools Table Tennis with Dave

Tuesday 15th March - Sporting Schools Swimming 12:45pm-2:30pm

Wednesday 16th March -

Thursday 17th March – Mrs Winkel VC with CER @9.00am

Friday 18th March - Library Day with Mr K

WEEK 9

Monday 21st March – 8:30am Sporting Schools Table Tennis with Dave

Tuesday 22nd March -Sporting Schools Swimming 12:45pm-2:30pm

Wednesday 23rd March – ‘Science’ Evening at Ebor Public School

Thursday 24th March – Mrs Winkel at Quality Literacy Professional Learning

Friday 25th March – Good Friday (Public Holiday)

WEEK 10

Mon 28th March - Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

Tues 29th March - Sporting Schools Swimming 12:45pm-2:30pm

Wednesday 30th March -

Thursday 31st March – Mrs Winkel at Principals meeting Dorrigo

Friday 1st April – Finlayson Sports

WEEK 11

Monday 4th April -

Tuesday 5th April – Combined Schools Day at Dundurrabin Public School

Wednesday 6th April -

Thursday 7th April –

Friday 8th April – End of Term 1