Dear Parents and Care-givers

Today our flags were flown at half mast, as were all flags across the nation, in honour of the 38 Australians who lost their lives in the MH17 plane disaster. This National Day of Mourning causes us all to pause and think about the tragedy that has been imposed on these families. Sue Doyle and her husband were in Malaysia when the plane crashed and I want to share with you their thoughts and perspectives “………interesting, Bob and I flew Malaysian Airlines all around Asia both before and after the MH17 disaster. Even before the MH17 attack, the shopping centres, streets, bill boards, newspapers, airport, etc, were still displaying huge condolence messages and there were 'sympathy trees' in each mall where one could hang messages of sympathy for the families of those on the flight that disappeared earlier in the year. BUT, Malaysian Airlines told us that not one Malaysian cancelled their flight following the first disaster, as a show of support of their country. We then flew from Bangkok into Kuala Lumpur immediately after the MH17 was shot down and I have never felt such a palpable mourning - the whole country was dumbstruck - it could be felt in the streets, in the shops, at the airport, etc, YET, we didn't hear one word of anger or demands for retribution - just a respectful request that the bodies be returned and that the truth be revealed when it was possible to do so. The Malaysian Prime Minister was given carte blanche by the population to broker a deal behind closed doors without the usual demands from the populace or posturing from the opposition parties that typically occurs (where demands are made that the people be informed every step of the way, etc). Rather, the whole country had total (and as it turned out, justifiable) trust in him to do his best for the people during such difficult and tricky negotiations. And again, we were told that not one Malaysian cancelled their flight, again as a show of support for the country. Bob and I were amazed at the calmness and objectiveness of the people and decided we certainly have a lot to learn from their reaction.”

REMEMBERANCE: This week also saw the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War, with the assassination of Austrian couple Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie. Tragically 60,000 young men lost their lives in what was termed the Great War. It was a very different Australia 100 years ago as our nation was only fourteen years young. The nation mourned at the same time burst with pride as its proven notion of nationhood. In the words of Peter FitzSimons, “That is why, even 100 years on, that the number of lives lost, and the amount of blood shed, still resonates powerfully in the national psyche. It’s why the Great War still counts. It’s why, at the going down of the sun, and in the morning…..”

CONGRATULATIONS: Our Senior Choir, accompanied by Mrs McLaren, Mr Leleu and Mrs Baxter, ventured off to the Opera House on Monday to represent our school at the Festival of Choral Music. Mrs McLaren was asked to address the large audience on the role of country schools in these performances and the amount of effort given by schools, staff and parents in order to participate. The students sang beautifully and what a wonderful memory making event it was for them and the parents who attended. Congratulations to the fifteen students who will represent Bolwarra at the Hunter Zone Trials this Friday (Jorja, Abby, Charlotte, Holly, Lara, Zoe, Grace, James, Riley, Flynn, Flinders, Nathan, Sam, Ellis and Damon). Congratulations also go to Molly, Luke, Abbey and Bailey who will represent us at the Zone Premier’s Spelling Bee Competition on 11th September at Tenambit Public School. Finally, congratulations to brothers
Lachlan and Benjamin for their outstanding efforts in weekend baseball. Benjamin has been selected to represent Newcastle/Hunter in the under 12’s Country Championships in Wollongong. His representative state team also scored a Silver Medal at the Lake Macquarie Games last weekend. Well done to all of our talented students!

**FETE:** Thank you to the families who have been donating chocolates, lollies and various other gifts. Yesterday I sent home a calendar as we start the run down to our fete. Here is an updated list of donations:

- Oakvale Farm: voucher
- Café Teale- vouchers
- Boot camp Passes – Erin Davis
- Photography voucher – Lauren Austin
- EWI Photography voucher – Melissa Stace
- 2 x $20 I Tune cards (Julie Zwartaveen)
- 2 pair of Shape to Fit socks (podiarty/medical benefits) – Julie Zwartaveen)
- Gift Voucher for delivery of firewood - Tamira and Chad
- Intimo or Hair dressing vouchers – Jacqui De costa – will drop off Monday to office

The next Fete meeting is **19th August at 1pm.** I’m getting excited!!

Next week is our Term 3 School Council meeting at 6pm in the Staffroom.

Have a safe week.

Regards

Sue Swetnam

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- 12th Aug NSW Netball Cup Regional Finals
- 13th Aug Slipper Day – Gold Coin Donation
- 16th Aug Book Week - Connect to Reading
- 19th Aug Fete meeting at 1pm
- 19th Aug Mums Health Chat in Staffroom from 4pm - 6pm
- 22nd Aug Girls’ State Knockout Soccer - Singleton
- 22nd Aug Trash and Treasure Day
- 29th Aug Hunter Athletics - Glendale
- 4th Sept Fathers’ Day Stall
- 5th Sept Fathers’ Day Stall
- 10th Sept School Musical - ‘Bolwarra Big Top’
- 11th Sept School Musical - ‘Bolwarra Big Top’
- 11th Sept Premier’s Spelling Bee - Tenambit
- 16th Sept Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- 17th Sept Junior Choir Primary Proms Kakadu Concert at Sydney Town Hall
- 19th Sept Last day of Term 3
- 25th Oct Country Fair
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**YEAR K – 6 NEWS**

**Slipper Day**  
On Wednesday 13\(^{th}\) August, 5A will be holding a fundraising ‘Slipper Day’. See Classroom Capers for more details.

**Naidoc Week**  
Thank you to those students who have purchased wrist bands for Naidoc Week. The funds raised go towards supporting children to attend many different educational and sporting opportunities that they would otherwise not be able to engage in. If anyone would like to make a donation by purchasing a wrist band, please see Mrs Price or fill in the note at the end of the newsletter and send $2.50 for your child to deposit in the red letter box in the foyer or hand to his/her teacher. Alternatively if any adults would like to purchase please see the front office. Many thanks, Committee for Aboriginal Education.

**Library Stocktake**  
Please return all Junior Fiction and Fiction books to the library. We are stocktaking these books over the following weeks.

**Musical**  
Can you sew? Then we would LOVE your help with fine-tuning some of our student costumes for our musical - ‘Bolwarra Big Top’. If you would like to help out, could you please contact the school indicating what days you are available to assist.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**  
This year’s challenge is almost over! Students have until 20\(^{th}\) August to enter their books online, if they wish to receive a certificate. Remember to log in using your DET logon. All students K-2 have completed the challenge in class.

**Beanie Day**  
Last Friday over $500 was raised for Brain Cancer Research.

**Birthday Book Club**  
When it is your child’s birthday, they have the opportunity to donate a book of their choice (already purchased by the library) for the small cost of $6.00. The books will be presented to the children on assembly. Each book will have a special message inside saying who has donated the book. The birthday child will be the first to borrow the book.  
The following children have recently joined the Bolwarra Birthday Book Club: Ivy, Mats, Elijah and Henry.
KE  The time sure is flying, I can't believe it's nearly Week 5! This week we have focused on number patterns and making equal rows in Maths. We have also looked at length and comparing and measuring various objects. We did a charcoal artwork this week of our school shoe from side on. It was a lot of fun and the kids really enjoyed the challenge! They will be up on display soon. Our musical dances are getting better every time we practice which is great as it is getting close! If you haven't brought in your note about shirt sizes and costs yet then please do so ASAP. Let me know if you need another one. Have a great weekend everyone!

KT  KT continue to work hard! We have been exploring sentence punctuation in texts and have been putting this into practice in our writing. Ladybirds have been our insect of the week as we learn lots of facts about these beautiful insects. We have written our own informative texts about ladybirds and shared these with KW. Our writing continues to improve as we try to use more complex sentences with correct punctuation and greater detail. We have created beautiful artwork on ladybirds to accompany our texts. ‘Smarty Pants’ is our big book of study for the week and is a much loved story of KT. We painted our own Smarty Pants for display in our classroom. Thank you to all families who have returned their green notes, keep them coming in! Keep working hard, KT! 😊

KW  Our Mathematics focus this week is exploring how we can divide a group of objects into equal groups. We will be finding ways to describe the process, using the terms ‘equal groups’ and ‘how many are left’. Additionally we will investigate, measure and compare the length of objects and consolidate the children’s understanding of the terms longer/shorter/same, encouraging accurate measuring. We will list the professions which rely on measurement in their daily work. Our talk for this week is ‘Things you can find under a rock in the garden’. We hope Zac enjoyed his public speaking at Tenambit on Monday. All the class now have three merit certificates. If they hand them in at the front office they will be awarded a Principal’s award. If your child has lost any, I can write a substitute one as I keep a record of all awards.

1B  This week in 1B we have had a few off with this dreaded cold/flu that is going around. We are practising good hygiene in our class by putting tissues in the bin and washing our hands regularly. Last week we went on a nature walk around the school and looked for all sorts of treasures from our environment. We collected items in snap lock bags and are using them as inspiration for our artwork. Yesterday we experimented with willow sticks and were surprised to find how creative we could be. We also created artwork inspired by ‘Patterns of Australia’ by Bronwyn Bancroft. Each student created their own interpretation of a landscape that they liked.

1H  This week 1H have been revising the properties of known 2D shapes such as squares, circles and triangles. We have also been investigating the attributes of less familiar shapes such as quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons and octagons. In Maths groups we have experimented with making, categorising and describing 2D shapes. Handwriting has been a class focus this week in writing. Whilst this can be a challenge, everyone has been paying close attention to the quality of their work this week and it is showing in our book work. Awesome work 1H!

1M  This week 1M have had a very busy week with Mrs Kirkman. 1M have been continuing to explore the landscapes of Australia and linking ideas to texts such as ‘Malu Kangaroo’ and
'Why I love Australia'. In Maths we have been learning about multiplication and division. 1M have also been working really hard on their dance for the 'Bolwarra Big Top' performance which will be performed in Week 8. Mrs Kirkman has had a lovely time teaching 1M but the children are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Moore back next week. Thank you 1M for being so delightful.

2C This week we have read 'Puggle' by Catriona Hoy and Andrew Plant. We have written about the changes Puggle experiences as he grows, also learning lots about echidnas along the way. Students have classified animals into those that lay eggs and those that give birth to live young. We are looking forward to our video conference today to learn more about eggs. In Maths we are consolidating our knowledge of multiplication, using arrays and repeated addition to help solve multiplication problems. Keep up the great work 2C!

2H This week 2H have learnt about some unusual egg laying animals. We have studied monotremes such as the echidna and enjoyed reading the book 'Puggle'. The students have learnt lots of interesting facts about echidnas! In Mathematics we are continuing to work on developing strategies to assist us when adding or subtracting 2 digit numbers. We are also looking at understanding fractions including quarters, halves and eighths. Don't forget to read over the Term 3 Speaking and Listening Tasks sheet in your child's homework book. This term 2H are focusing on presenting well planned news topics which stay on theme, standing with good posture and making eye contact with their audience.

2W Gosh we have some talented students in 2W! Congratulations to Max who has been selected to present his speech at the Stage 1 Public Speaking final next week and James who has made it to the Hunter Carnival for running. We could not be prouder of both of you boys, well done! We have been working hard to finish our information reports on echidnas this week. Multiplication, division and 2D space is our focus in Maths. We have been learning different strategies such as repeated addition and subtraction when solving problems. Year 2 participated in a video conference today that was all about eggs - we loved it! Make sure that you check out the blog as we have added new things to it this week!

3L This week 3L have been working on symmetry, we have had a great time being artists drawing a missing side to our faces! All students gave this difficult task a great try and the results are amazing. Please come and visit our room before and after school to view our great work. We also created cut out snowflakes which show rotational symmetry. Our dances for the school musical are continuing to progress - I cannot wait to see the finished product. Keep up the wonderful effort 3L students.

3T A busy week in 3T! We have enjoyed reading our novel this week, 'Rowan of Rin'. The adventure and mystery is really taking off now. We have continued our book study of 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward. We have been focusing on inference. In particular we have been honing our skills of using the illustrations and key words that have assisted us in making our connections and meaning of the story. There have been quality examples of metaphor and characterisation. We loved our visit this week from the NSW State Library. The outfits from the early colonists were so interesting. Remember, homework is due tomorrow!
3-4B 3-4B have continued to work hard this week. In Literacy we have been continuing to investigate inferring and visual literacy. We have started to look at the book 'An Ordinary Day' by Libby Gleeson. We are studying the illustrations and thinking about how the pictures add depth and meaning to the story. In Maths we have been working hard to master the skill of trading. Congratulations to all students who have demonstrated persistence, confidence and resilience when learning this tricky concept. We really enjoyed the NSW State Library visit yesterday, it was very interesting to explore all of the historical artefacts that we were very lucky to see. Keep working hard 3-4B!

4B We have had a very busy few last weeks of school! Last Friday some of our students went to the Zone Athletics Carnival, congratulations to Fletcher who will be off to regionals for the junior boys 200m race! Year 4 has also been busy learning items for our musical and some keen children are even practising at home....well done 😊. Next week Mrs Baxter will be starting her Long Service Leave and will be replaced by Mrs Kirkman for 3 weeks while Mrs Baxter recharges her batteries! 4B were very intrigued this week in Maths when we learnt about the Ancient Egyptian way to multiply 2 two digit numbers together. Ask your children about this one, it was a lot of fun!

4E 4E have been busy writing explanations of 'how the pyramids were built' and 'what is wind?' We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from the NSW State Library and learning about our country's history. In Maths we are learning about division using algorithms and remainders. We are busy learning our musical performance and look forward to our sport groups starting this week. Well done 4E

5A On Wednesday 13th August, 5A will be holding a fundraising 'Slipper Day'. For a gold coin donation students can bring their slippers to school and wear them during lesson time. Students are not to wear slippers to or from school and are to wear their normal school shoes. Please bring slippers to school in a plastic bag labelled with name and class. Monies raised will support the Tassie Ark breeding program, an initiative raised by student, Ella. Well done, Ella!

5PL The weeks in Term 3 are flying past at an incredible rate with many students in 5PL involved in activities outside the classroom such as choir, performance practice, sporting and debating teams, the Archibull Prize and drama workshops. Week 4 saw Yarran, Damon, Chloe and Laney travel to Newcastle University to participate in a Primary Drama Workshop. We can't wait to hear all about it when they return to school next week. In Maths this week, we have been focusing on the subtraction of large numbers and the multiplication of numbers by a two digit number. During Literacy sessions, we have continued to read chapter 4 of our class text. 'The Tale of the Angry Boy' was a tornado legend based on the stories of Native Americans. This week's writing/response task required students to become a member of the tribe mentioned in the text and write a letter to the tribal elders addressing their concerns about the angry boy's behaviour and its effect on the community. As part of our grammar rotation, we have focused on the importance of cohesion in our texts, paying close attention to the use of pronouns, conjunctions and tense in our writing.

5-6D This week in 5-6D we started to look at 'Flood' by Jackie French, a brilliant picture book depicting the Queensland Floods of 2010-2011. This is in continuation of our Natural Disasters theme. On Monday, we had many representatives from our class travel to the Sydney Opera House to perform as part of the school choir. This was a showcase of our school’s many talents and strengths in the performing arts area. Yesterday students travelled to see famous Australian author Morris Gleitzman at Maitland Town Hall. Morris has a number of famous books including the 'Toad' series and co-authored with Paul Jennings. This week in Maths we have been revising addition and subtraction strategies and completing plenty of tricky
addition and subtraction problems. In HSIE we have been continuing with our Democracy focus, holding a mock parliamentary session in order to prepare for Canberra in week 10. 5-6D also sends their best wishes to Ms Dimmock who is off class due to having surgery. Mr Hemsworth and Mrs Mills will look after the class in the meantime.

6L Congratulations to our class members who represented our school at the Opera House on Monday night. What a fantastic opportunity, as not many people could say they have sung at the Opera House! This week in HSIE, we will be investigating the events around Australia becoming a Federation. In particular, we will be looking closely at significant Australians during this important time in our history. In Maths, we are re-visiting addition and subtraction strategies and algorithms. We will work on applying these strategies when formulating budgets. How lucky were we to listen to Morris Gleitzman speak yesterday? It was interesting to hear what inspires him to write.

Music

Year 1 and 2 are using the same resource that was explored last week but swapping the items. Kinder will be exploring 'The Hello Song' further as we didn't finish last week due to Education Day visits. 4B and 4E have begun a unit of work based on a modern symphony piece called, 'Spin'. The K - 2 children are enjoying watching the video clips and following the teaching from the music professional at the ‘Arts Live’ site. Year 4 showed a diverse range of music knowledge in the discussion following listening to the symphony orchestra presenting, ‘Spin’. We discovered that this music made us think of many different themes used in digital media presentations, some of us even making up a running movie in our head as it went along.

Sport

Zone Athletics: Last Friday Bolwarra had 44 students attend the Zone Athletics Carnival at Woodberry. All students competed outstandingly in their events demonstrating sportsmanship and courage. In the windy and cold conditions we ran, jumped and threw. Bolwarra athletes who placed in their events will now go on to compete at the Hunter Carnival later this month. Congratulations to both our Senior Boys’ and Girls’ Relay Teams and to the following students who will compete at this carnival: Lara, Abby, Jorja, Holly, Zoe, Charlotte, Grace, James, Riley, Flynn, Flinders, Nathan, Sam, Ellis and Damon.
Library
Thank you to all the teachers and students who are being very patient while our Library Stocktake is taking place. Borrowing should resume very soon.

Choir
Congratulations to the Senior Choir who performed at the Sydney Opera House on Monday in the Festival of Choral Music. The children displayed the best of their talents and sang beautifully - 11 songs by memory! There were also some individual items from around the state showing some extremely talented students. It highlights some very talented students in our public schools. The Junior Choir will be attending the Primary Proms being held at the Sydney Town Hall at the end of this term, so still busy times ahead.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3
Thank you to all our volunteers so far this term. We only have a few vacancies left to fill for this term. If you can help out please give me a call or send a text.
Friday lunch special this week is Macaroni Cheese or Fried Rice $2 each.
Thanks, Alison (0409 653 868)
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Notice for the Newsletter

Northern Suburbs Cricket Club Registration Days 2014/2015 season: The following are registration days for both Smr/Jnr and MiloIn2Cricket cricketers:
Friday 15 August – 4.30pm to 6.00pm, Saturday 16 August 9.30am to 11.30am,
Friday 22 August – 4.30pm to 6.00pm, Saturday 23 - 9.30am to 11.30am. All registrations will be held at the clubrooms at Lorn Park Oval. Enquiries contact Will Callinan 49301782 or 0410487331.

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10 | YEAR anniversary
HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
Invites you to the

2014 Expo for Families & Carers

What’s in it for you?

- Support & Information for Families & Carers in their caring role
- Information for Professionals to support Families & Carers
- Opportunities to Network & Promote Carers Week Activities

Guest Speakers:

10.00am – 11.00am: Keynote Speakers:
Hunter New England Local Health District & Private Aged Care Services
“Aged Care Reforms: ACAT Legislation, Home Care Packages & Residential Aged Care”

12.00pm – 1.00pm: Dr Lee Sturgeon – Consultant Clinical & Developmental Psychologist
“Managing the Mental Health and General Wellbeing of Parents, Carers and Siblings of Children with Developmental Disorders including Autism Spectrum Disorders”

Children’s Entertainment:
“Loopy the Clown”
“Face Painting, Animal Balloons, Magic”

Details:

Date: Thursday 9 October 2014
Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm
Venue: Newcastle Panthers, King Street, Newcastle
Cost: Free

This is a Collaborative Project between HNE Carer Support Program - Hunter and our Carer Reference Group.

For Information or to Register
Phone: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776
or Email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
NAIDOC WEEK WRIST BANDS

I enclose $2.50 to purchase a Naidoc Wrist Band.

Child's name: __________________________ class: __________________________

Parents signature: __________________________
ABSENTEE NOTICE

My child ..................................................of class ............. was absent on (date) ...........................................

For the following reason .................................................................................................................................

Parent signature: ..............................................................................................................................................

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Ladies! time for a chat?

Join us for a light hearted chat about the women's health matters that we don't pay enough attention to. No excuses - it's time to look after ourselves!

A Women's health specialist from community health is offering our mums a free interactive Q & A session. Come along for a cuppa, ask all those nagging questions, learn how to do breast checks properly.

Tuesday 19th August, 4 till 6pm

Bolwarra Primary School staff room

Refreshments provided

Family & friends welcome!

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 12TH AUGUST FOR CATERING PURPOSES

YES I have marked the chat in my diary and will be there

Name: ___________________________ No. attending ☐

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