This Week’s Virtue is: Responsibility
Responsibility means that others can depend on you. You keep your agreements and your promises.

This Week’s Road Safety Tip:
Wait till the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross the road!

Principal’s Report
It is hard to believe that Week 7 of Term 1 is now upon us and we have lots of exciting things happening in our school. Stage Two have been enjoying their unit on Australia, learning about our fantastic country. Kindergarten have been comparing the length of objects using string and 1/2H have made their own connections to the book ‘Koala Lou’ they have been reading in class.

I must extend a huge thank you to all our staff, the continued hard work and dedication that our staff demonstrate is outstanding. To me this has always been evident, but this week it has been even more evident as I talk individually with staff. I am heartened to see how each staff member strives to provide help for each student, not only academically but socially and emotionally as well.

Today we had a presentation from the Newcastle Knights NRL on ‘Tackle Bullying’. Three Newcastle Knights players, Tama Koopu, Marven Tauzene and Carne Doyle-Manga and the NRL Development Officer Kacey Drummond had students from Kindergarten to Year 6 highly engaged. They delivered a powerful message that there is no place for bullies and bullying will not be tolerated. They discussed with students the effects of bullying and what to do if they are bullied or see someone else being bullied. Thanks to the Knights for presenting this morning and our teacher, Mrs Fernandez who organised the presentation at our school.

This Thursday the 13th is our Cybersmart Presentations. Presentations have been organised for students, teachers and parents and families. Our Parent presentation is on at 5.30pm in our school hall. We are extremely fortunate to have Australian Communication Media Authority personnel as the presenters and are experts in the field about keeping our children safe while they are on line. I know as a parent myself there are always new apps and websites that children are interacting with and we expect that whilst they are at home they are safe, but do we always know what is happening when they are online. Light refreshments will be served before the parent presentation. We hope to see you there.

On Friday last week we had a report of a stranger talking to two of our students. The matter was reported to the Charlestown Police and they have investigated the matter. All teachers discussed Stranger Danger with students and if parents could also talk with their child at home this would be beneficial as well. All safety precautions at school are in place to keep our children safe.

An important reminder that students can come to school at 8.30am each day, any earlier than this there is no supervision on the playground. Students are able to go to Milibah to have breakfast from 8am but must reside in Milibah until 8.30am. Please, no students in the playground prior to 8.30am.

Lisa Noble
Relieving Principal

Important Dates to Remember

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**Book Club**

Order forms for March went out last week and are due back at school by Thursday, 20th March, when the order will be placed. Scholastic are very prompt in returning orders and we are finding that the orders are usually back to us by the following Tuesday.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The Challenge begins officially in March and runs through until August. While children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will generally meet the requirements of this challenge during their class time, the Primary children are expected to borrow books themselves. Challenge books provide quality reading experiences. They are clearly labelled in the Library and cater for all reading abilities. The Challenge requires that children keep a simple record of their reading and these reading logs are available from the Library. It’s a great way to get kids into reading even more.

**Coming Events**

**Friday 7/3/14:** Starting on this date and continuing through to the 28/3/14, two primary classes per week will attend Hunter Sports High from 1.30pm to 2.30pm on a Friday to allow the HSH students doing a PE course to gain experience in coaching various sports, which is part of the course they are completing. Transport will be provided by HSH.

**Thursday 13/3/14:** Cybersmart Presentations for students, staff and parents. Student and staff presentations will occur during school hours. An informative presentation is also available for parents and carers at 5:30pm in the School Hall.

**Canteen**

Ice-Cream Day is on Thursday 20th March at Lunch time only. Order forms have been sent home and there is a copy in this newsletter. Please return all notes to the Canteen before 17th March, in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and correct money enclosed.

**School Procedures**

**Late Arrivals/Early Departures**

Parents are reminded that school starts at 9:00am and children are expected to be ready to commence lessons at this time. Late arrivals cause disruption and loss of learning time to not only the latecomer, but to all students in the class. Please endeavour to have your child/ren at school punctually and ready for a great day of learning. If your child is late a Late Note must be obtained from the Office before proceeding to the classroom. If you need to collect your child/ren early (during school hours) the same procedure applies and you must report to the Office first and obtain an Early Leaver’s Note, before proceeding to the classroom so it can be given to the classroom teacher.

**Pre-School News**

We are enjoying our outdoor play in the mornings this term at preschool so please remember to apply sunblock at home, as it should be applied half an hour prior to sun exposure. Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our healthy eating guidelines, a serve of fruit or vegetables for flexi fruit and recess would be fantastic.

**Important dates:**

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Notes will be sent home soon.

Regards,

Mrs Jacob, Mrs McKay, Peta and Nicole.

**P & C News**

Our P & C AGM will be held on 31st March (Monday) at 12:15pm at Milabah. All positions are open and available.

Our first fundraiser is an Easter Raffle which is coming up soon and the P & C are asking for donations of Easter Eggs and Baskets etc. Please forward donations to class teachers or canteen for collection.

**2014 Book Packs**

All 2014 Book Packs, K-6, are $40. Payments should be made at the office ASAP.

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**Assembly Roster 2014**

(Thursdays each week)

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**Belmont North Netball**

Belmont North Netball Club are looking for U8 players to join our Club.

Please contact belmontnorthnetball@hotmail.com or come try netball Wednesday 12th March 4:30pm—5:30pm at BNNC courts next to Lenaghan Oval, Belmont North.
Milabah - Place of Fun

Jarjums Playgroup
Lots of fun activities are planned for this year and we hope to see some new faces as well as those we already know and love. We ask for a gold coin donation for craft items and morning tea is provided. Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am

Helping Kids Grow Strong
A Samaritans supported playgroup with a nutrition focus. Every Wednesday from 10am – 12pm. Come along and have some fun, learn new skills and try some yummy new recipes.

WINDALE FRESH
The next order for Windale Fresh needs to be in by Friday 21st March, with orders to be picked up on Monday 24th. $25 for a basket of fresh fruit & veg delivered straight from the market.

Hunter Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service
Representatives from HTAAS will be holding Outreach services at Milabah from 9 – 11am, They will be here this Thursday, 13th. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your tenancy, no matter who you rent from, come and talk to one of the friendly reps from HTAAS.

Roselea
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AN INVITATION TO PARENT/CARERS
Do you provide care and support to a Child/Young Person who is aged Pre-School to School Years with a Disability, Mental Illness or Chronic Condition? You are Invited to attend our FREE Parent/Carer Information Sessions

Where: Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton
Time: 9.30am — 2.00pm
Cost: FREE — Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided
RSVP: Thursday 24th April – For Catering Purposes Ph: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776 or Educare-Admin@hnhehealth.nsw.gov.au

When: Wednesday 30th April 2014
• The Impact of being a Parent/Carer – HNE – Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
• Building Parent Resilience – Jackie Currey, First Chance

When: Wednesday 7th May 2014
• Siblings – HNE – Carer Education & Support Program - Hunter
• National Disability Insurance Agency – Suzanne Punshon
• Using Assisted Technology – Ben Coome, Samaritans

When: Wednesday 14th May 2014
• The Importance of Support Groups – Bronwyn Thoroughgood - Families Supporting Families
• Child Behaviour that Challenges Us – Craig Moore, Clinical Psychologist
• Discrimination – Your Rights and Responsibilities – Claire Williams – Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW
Term 1 Week 7

Wednesday 12 March 2014

WINDALE’S QUALITY KIDS

Classroom Achievements

KS
Stephen H  Fantastic work in Maths.
Nicole H   A sensational leader who always uses her virtue of respect.
Nadia B    Excellent work in story writing.
Mathew L   A wonderful class leader who is always kind and respectful.
Keely G    Excellent work in story writing.

KE
Guy H      Trying really hard in all areas of schoolwork.
Tara G     Fantastic reading this week.

1/2A
Nate L     Doing wonderful work in class.
Katelyn D  Listening and following instructions.
Kiara J    Always being a fantastic classroom helper.

1/2B
Tallyn McP Quality work during Reading groups.
Bindah D   Great listening during Maths!
Danika HH  Great effort in reading.
Cohan DK   Outstanding participation in music.

1/2H
Emily W   Always doing her best at school. Keep it up.
Connor P  Always being a kind, considerate student in 1/2H.
Evangeline D For being a great reading group leader.
Eli J      Participating happily in all classroom activities.

3/4D
Alyssa H  Always trying her best. Keep up the great work!
Zachary RW Excellent effort in all areas!
Kane BF   Always trying his best. Keep up the great work!
Kristen H Being a Super Star in class.

3/4M
Lachlan KB Always having a positive attitude and persisting with everything.
Sabbath S  High quality handwriting, excellent joins
Jenelle B  Consistent effort in all that she does.
Lucy E     Great preparation for our weekly “Talk time”.

3/4R
Hunter J   An amazing drawing of Mr Twit in Novel study
Olivia K   Outstanding effort in all areas. Well done!
Shallon L  Outstanding effort in all areas!
Lachlan W  A helpful, caring and considerate member of 3/4R.

5/6T
Jasmin E  Great ideas in Public Speaking.
Peita O   Writing a fabulous speech on the meaning of Australia Day.
Britney S A well researched speech on the meaning of Australia Day.
Montana P Being a wonderful peer helper in Maths.
Olivia P  Fabulous illustrations in workbooks.
Paige C   Always being respectful and responsible.

5/6SF
Chelsea RW Lovely behaviour for a visiting teacher.
Summer M  Lovely behaviour for a visiting teacher.
Chloe L   Excellent effort and achievement in Spelling tasks.
Paris S   Enthusiastic approach to Sushi rolling!

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** ATTENDANCE AWARD - 1/2A **
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School Photos
School Photo envelopes will be sent home on Monday, 17th March. Envelopes with order and payment must be returned to the office by Friday, 21st March. Payments will not be accepted after Friday 21st at the office. After this date envelopes will need to be handed to the class teacher on the day of the photo. Family photo envelopes can be collected from the office.
A snapshot of Class 1/2H students doing their very best in class.

Working together during maths making patterns  Experimenting and being creative in class.

Using puppets to develop oral language and communication skills.

Flying ahead in learning with 1/2H

Busy with addition in 1/2H

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Ice-Cream Day 20 March 2014 (RED DAY) Lunch Time Only

Please choose from the following menu and return to the canteen before 17/03/2014 in a sealed envelope with your child’s name, class and correct money enclosed.

Student Name: ________________________________  Class: ____________

YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE ONE SCOOP OF ICE-CREAM PER CUP
PLEASE TICK YOUR CHOICE

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