A message from the Relieving Principal

Mr Josh Tomasone

I will be relieving in the principal position while Ms Quinlivan is off on sick leave for the remainder of Term 3. We all wish Ms Quinlivan a speedy recovery and hope to have her back at Johns River soon.

Although arrangements are yet to be finalised, please note that casual teachers will be engaged on some days over the next two weeks to assist in the classroom.

Thank you

Josh Tomasone

Thanks Woolies!

Thanks again to Woolies at Lakewood for continuing to supply fresh fruit to our students each week. We all get excited every Monday to find out what’s in the box!

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Moorland Soccer Gala Day
2015 Winners!

Congratulations to Johns River Public School for a great effort at the Claude Unicomb Annual Memorial Trophy Schools Soccer Gala Day.

Students would like to thank Hannam Vale and Harrington Public Schools for lending students to our small teams on the day. Your excellent sportsmanship is a wonderful reflection on your schools.

A big thank you to organisers from Moorland Soccer Club for running such a successful day once again this year. We’ll look forward to defending the trophy next year!

Book Week Celebrations

All family, friends and community members are invited to join us for lunch and afternoon tea this Friday for our combined Book Week and volunteers celebration.

The P&C Association will be cooking a sausage sizzle for lunch and providing an afternoon tea to say thank you to our wonderful volunteers. Those who are thinking of attending are asked to submit orders for lunch by this Thursday afternoon so that the P&C have an idea of quantities for Friday. A sausage sandwich and popper will cost $2.00. An order form is included in this newsletter for each family.

Being such a small school, our volunteers truly do make a huge difference. Our students would miss out on many opportunities without the assistance of these kind community members.

Students will be preparing for belated Book Week celebrations throughout the week as they begin designing posters to promote their favourite book. Parents and carers are invited to come along after lunch this Wednesday to assist students in the classroom as they create their masterpieces. All craft materials will be supplied by the school, but assistance in the classroom will be very welcome. Please discuss ideas for your child’s poster at home over the next couple of days so that they have an idea of the sort of poster they might like to create. The posters will be unveiled on Friday during lunch time.

Students are welcome to dress out of uniform on Friday for a gold coin donation payable to the School Captains on Friday morning.

Hope to see you all for lunch on Friday!

Volunteers Make a Difference.
**Student Attendance**

A recent visit from the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) has identified a number of attendance concerns within the school. Our attendance data is not very impressive at the moment, which can result in negative implications for the school.

Parents and carers are reminded to please be mindful of their children’s absences. An attendance rate of 85% or below is cause for concern and may result in school intervention. Low attendance rates are extremely detrimental to your child’s education as they miss lessons vital to promote further progression.

Late arrivals and early departures have also been identified as a concern within the school. Numerous students are missing the introductions to very important lessons because of late arrivals. Early departures can be equally as detrimental as it disrupts timetabled activities. Both are quite disruptive to other students in the school, as their learning also becomes segmented. Please endeavour to arrive at school before 9.00am each day and attempt to arrange personal appointments outside of school hours so that your children can get the most out of their education.

One last area of concern identified is the high rate of unexplained or unjustified absences within the school. Parents are reminded that they are required to provide an explanation of their child’s absence within seven days, either in writing or verbally to a member of staff so that it can be recorded in the roll. Please be aware that only 10 days of leave can be granted by the principal per year, and it is at the principal’s discretion whether the explanation is justified or not. An information sheet is included in this newsletter, which provides further information regarding justifiable absences.

**Student Emergency Information Update**

A printout of your child’s current emergency information is included in this newsletter. As it is vital that the school retains accurate information on each child, please review the details, make any amendments and return the completed form to school by the end of the term.

Please ensure that your child’s emergency contacts are current and review any medical conditions. Some parents/carers will also be required to provide other documents as part of the school’s data update. A note will be included with your child’s printout if this is the case, including details of which documents are required.

As an incentive to have all required documents returned by the end of the term, students will receive 10 raffle tickets upon return of completed forms! Even if no amendments are required, please return your child’s form to school by the end of the term and they will be rewarded!

**Premier’s Spelling Bee**

Good luck to Caleb, Liam and Makybi, who will be representing the school at the Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional Finals at Old Bar Public School next Wednesday.
Congratulations to the following Assembly Award winners:

**Week 6 Assembly**

The following students received awards for completing 50 consecutive nights of the Home Reading Program:

- **Austin**
- **Phoenix**
- **Shelby**
- **Axel**
- **Kamirya**

Spelling Bee Champions:

- K,1,2 Champion – **Jai**
- 3,4,5 Champion – **Caleb**

School Captains’ Awards:

- **Austin** – presented for trying to make the soccer games fair.
- **Makybi** – presented for making sure everyone is alright in the playground.

**Tyler**

Tyler was chosen as a VIP because of a great improvement in the neatness of his book work.

**Week 8 Assembly**

Mr Tomasone’s Awards:

- **Makybi**
- **Caleb**

– presented for great attention to detail in their artwork.

**Axel**

Axel was chosen as a VIP for progressing to Level 20 in Fast Maths.

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**Fruit & Veg Month 2015 – Win a cool lunchbox pack!**

As part of Fruit & Veg Month, Healthy Kids Association has partnered with Nude Food Movers to create a design and colouring-in competition.

Students are asked to design their favourite vegetable character, just like Carrie the Carrot.

One student entry from each primary school year (K-6) will win a Nude Food Movers prize pack valued at over $50 RRP! It’s the best way to fruit and veg your way through the school day.

Students will be creating their character for homework this week as a creative way to promote Fruit & Veg Month.

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**Private Vehicle Conveyance Subsidy**

All parents/carers registered for the PVC Subsidy are advised that the Semester 1 Return has been published to schools, with Johns River’s completed today. Thank you for your patience regarding this matter.

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www.johnsriver-p.schools.nsw.edu.au