SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE
Welcome to the 11th edition of the Buzz. This term we welcome new Kindergarten students William Gudgeon and Kate Currans. Teacher Katie Burns has ably stepped in as our release teacher until Jenny Tremain’s return. School Captain this year is Ben Harris, Vice Captain is Natalia O’Rafferty and Sports Captain is Ashley O’Rafferty – congratulations to those students.

BUSHFIRE RECIPE BOOK FUNDRAISER
On hearing of the tragedy of the Victorian bushfire victims, the students here have decided to put together a recipe book to raise funds to give to unfortunate school students affected by this disaster. Donations of recipes would be gratefully accepted. Please forward to the school with your name included. An email is preferable (in MS Word or typed in) but if not possible please send by fax or snail mail. This is much appreciated.

We hope to have the book completed by the end of March with a selling price of around $10.

In the meantime, here’s a good easy recipe that’s handy for snacks (by request). Can be eaten hot or cold. Store in the fridge ready to reheat.

Mini Quiches
Pre-heat oven to 220 Celsius (fairly hot)
Grease 2 muffin trays or patty pans

2 puff pastry sheets (thawed)
3 large eggs
1 medium onion (chopped well)
2-3 rashers of bacon (chopped well)
1 tomato (chopped)
Salt and pepper
Chopped parsley

Lightly fry the onion and bacon (this is optional). Beat the eggs well in a large jug. Add the cooked onion and bacon. Mix in the tomato and parsley. Add a dash of salt and pepper to taste. Make circles in the pastry. I usually use one of those metal egg rings. Press into the trays. Drop tablespoonsfuls of mixture into each one (not too full). Top with the parsley and cook for 10-12 minutes or golden brown. Options: cream, grated cheese, ham, mushrooms, salmon, spinach etc.

BOOK SWAP LIBRARY
Some great books that have come in recently:

Line & Strength by Glenn McGrath
Back from the Brink by Peter Andrews
Solomon’s Song by Bryce Courtenay
The Road from Coorain by Jill Ker Conway
The Bay by Di Morrissey
Blowfly by Patricia Cornwell
Once I Was a Princess by Jacqueline Gillespie

The library shelves are overflowing but it’s great to see they are going out just as fast. Thank you to everyone who has donated or loaned books. If anyone has an unwanted bookshelf in good condition to donate to the school please let us know.

See following page for evening opening times.

DATES TO REMEMBER
Hermidale Gymkhana Family Fun Day – Easter weekend
The Re-mains at Nymagee – Sun 8th March

Congratulations to Ashley and Tina Currans on the recent birth of their little boy Xavier. Mum and baby are doing well from all reports.

Congrats to the Kilmartin’s on the recent engagements of their daughter Janie and their son Tony – exciting occasions ahead in the Kilmartin family!

We advise that the school residence will be auctioned next month. Fiona Tucker from Landmark Real Estate Nyngan is the appointed selling agent. The auction is scheduled for the Friday 27 March which should be an onsite auction.

Fiona can be contacted on 6832 1205.
THE HERMIDALE CELEBRITY PAGE

MY NAME: Suzanne Matchett (Newbery)

Nickname Wung, Miss

Occupation: Midwife (really mother of 3)

Other occupations I've done in the past: Police Officer, Soldier (medic)

Where were you born? Wollongong, NSW

Fave sport/s to watch? Swimming, AFL

Fave sports team: Aust. swimming team

Fave subject at school? History, PE

What games did you like to play at school? Handball, hopscotch

What’s your favourite dinner? --

Favourite drink/s: Mocha coffee

What’s your favourite TV shows? Gray’s Anatomy, the Today show rocks!

What’s your favourite music, band, singer? James Blunt

If I could go anywhere or do anything for a holiday I’d love to backpack to Gallipoli

A country I’d love to visit: Dubai

A great place I have been to is: Ireland

When I was a kid I wanted to be: a Vet

Best thing about Hermidale? Community spirit

In Hermidale I would like to see: the roads re-tarred

I would love to drive: around Australia in a campervan

Books I like to read: Autobiographies, history (especially on current issues in the Middle East)

A favourite book I would recommend: Salvation Creek by Susan Duncan (ed. this book's in the Hermidale Swap Library)

Favourite colour is Pink

My favourite toy was my first bike

Fave board game: Taboo

Fave dessert: Trifle

A movie I loved: Love Actually

Thanks Suzanne for this! Please send yours into the school. Form is on our website or scribble it down.

JOKES

Two owls were talking. The first owl said to the second owl, "I just got engaged!!" The second owl said, "You twit. To who?"

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director 'how do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized?'

'Well,' said the Director, 'we fill up a bathtub, and then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub.'

'Oh, I understand,' said the visitor. 'A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup.'

'No,' said the Director, 'a normal person would pull the plug out. Do you want a bed near the window?'
SCHOOL WEBSITE CHANGES

In Term 2 the present school website will be replaced by a new one. This new site will be part of a NSW DET School Website Service with pre-defined pages. The present school website has almost reached its limit in what we can add. This new service will have enhanced features that are not currently available with the ability to contain a lot more information. Sue will upload the present content in time but the pages will look very different.

INTERNET EXPLORER

The new version of MS Internet explorer is available online now. Updating to Version may help speed up the loading of internet pages.

FUN WEBSITE

www.photofunia.com

This great website allows you to upload a good face photo to merge into another using high-tech face recognition imaging. Loads of fun! For e.g. you can become the Mona Lisa, Luke Skywalker or the cover of a magazine. Photos can be saved. Great idea for invitations etc. Don’t forget to tick the box that says ‘not for public use’.

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR ANNOYING PROBLEMS:

1. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.

2. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives. Then you will be too afraid to cough.

3. You can avoid arguments with the wife about lifting the toilet seat just by using the sink

More next Buzz 😊

BEGINNERS COMPUTER LESSONS:

If you’re interested in having a basic computer lesson with Sue on any of these dates, please fill in the coupon and return to the school or phone us. We can only take 4 at a time so be early. Lesson topics will be by request.

Venue: School computer lab
Time: 5-00 pm
Cost: $12-50 plus a small donation to the school of teabags, coffee or sugar.

BOOK SWAP LIBRARY will also be open on these evenings (between 5 to 6pm) if anyone would like to come in, grab a book, have a yarn, enjoy a cuppa etc. Leone is organising coffee, tea and biscuits for the first one.

DATES:

Thursday 5th March ☐
Thursday 12th March ☐
Thursday 19th March ☐
Thursday 26th March ☐

Please book me into the above lesson/s (tick the boxes).

Name: ___________________________

Contact Phone number: ___________________________

I would like to learn: ___________________________

Other comments: ___________________________

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