

Reminder-

to return the parent surveys to the school as soon as possible.

Hargraves Public School

The school with a heart of gold

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Don't forget—swimming lessons start on Monday!

Thursday 15th December will be a very busy day!

We will be holding a Christmas service with Father Max from Mudgee in the little church across from the school. This will be followed by the official opening of the new classroom.

P & C will be providing Christmas lunch for the children which, this year will be held in the playground as a picnic. Parents are welcome to come along, help and join in the festivities and games afterwards. We will need to know numbers for catering.

If you are able to bring along a salad it would be much appreciated. A note will be sent home with next week's newsletter.

The P & C will be raffling a hamper of Christmas goodies to be drawn at the Christmas Tree.

They are asking each family to donate a couple of non-perishable items. These may be left at the school. Tickets are \$1 each. Some tickets will be sent home to each school family. More tickets will be available from the school.

First prize is a hamper basket, 2nd prize \$50 fuel card, 3rd prize \$20 gift card.

Thank you to parents and helpers who gave up their Saturday to work on the P & C food stall at the antique sale last Saturday. The cooking that was donated was amazing!

P & C are pleased to report that a very healthy profit was made. Well done everyone!

This year's Village Christmas Tree Saturday 17th December at the Recreation Ground

Santa will arrive at 6 pm—a barbeque will operate from 7 pm.

There will be a chocolate wheel with great prizes plus the raffle will be drawn



Ladies and Gentlemen

Children of all ages

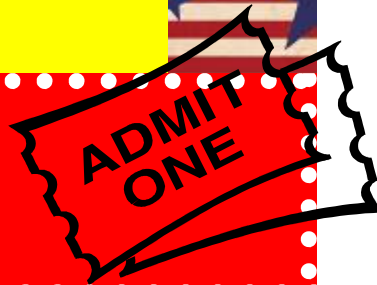
The Circus Is In Town

So Let's Clown Around!

Tuesday 13th December, 7.00 pm

Hargraves Hall

Hargraves Public School Presentation Night



Come and join us for an evening of fun-filled fanfare

Parents are asked to bring a plate

School starts on Monday 30th January 2012 for all children.

Swimming lessons will commence on the first day of term, 2012.

We realise this may seem very early notice, but we need to organise in advance. A permission note is attached to this newsletter. Please return it before the end of the year.

The same arrangements will apply for lessons as this year regarding travel, which will be by Terry's bus and private vehicle. We will be asking for help with transport—parents will be reimbursed for fuel costs by P & C.

The small schools swimming carnival will be held the week following lessons on Tuesday 7th February at Mudgee pool. Non-swimmers will not be required to attend the carnival. If parents are not sure about their child's swimming ability please speak to a teacher at the completion of swimming lessons in February next year.

Term 4 Dates

28th November to 2nd December	Swimming lessons
Tuesday 6th December	Last Active After School for 2011
Wednesday 7th December	Last Library van visit for this year
Friday 9th December	Nugget News deadline
Tuesday 13th December	End of Year Presentation Evening
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Church Service 11.30 am Children's Christmas lunch Official opening of BER classroom
Saturday 17th December	Village Christmas Tree
Sunday 18th December	Carols at the Court House

Term 1 Dates 2012

Monday 30th January	ALL children return to school
Monday 30th January to Friday 3rd February 2012	Swimming lessons at Mudjee pool
Tuesday 7th February	Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Mudjee pool

Small Schools Creative Arts Camp

Jordyn Colley and Makayla Vella attended the Small Schools Visual Arts Camp at Hill End this week. The girls executed some magnificent artworks at the camp and experimented with many techniques including etching, drawing, printing and painting.



Below: Jordyn's shoe



Student of the Week

Bridget O'Brien
For always having a positive attitude towards school work and trying her best



Zoi Dent
For a great week's work and for being a good citizen



Regular physical activity helps children:

- ◇ with healthy growth and development
- ◇ build strong bones and muscles
- ◇ improve balance and develop skills
- ◇ maintain and develop flexibility
- ◇ achieve and maintain a healthy weight
- ◇ improve cardiovascular fitness
- ◇ reduce stress and feel more relaxed
- ◇ improve posture
- ◇ boost confidence and self-esteem
- ◇ have fun with their friends and make new ones

Barnardos Family Strengthening Project - Triple P Program

Children and television.

Many parents are concerned about the amount of violence their children watch on TV, but television is not all bad, and can even be informative. It is, however, a passive activity that can take time away from other activities that children could participate in.

If you want to play a larger part in monitoring your child's viewing habits, there are a few tips you can follow.

It is important for you to establish rules and routines for family TV watching. Decide how much TV you want your child to watch. A good suggestion would be no more than one hour on school days and a little more on weekends.

Tell your child about the new rules and that they can only watch programs that you have approved of. Make sure you enforce the rules and also that you reward your child for keeping to the rules.

Documentaries, special movies and the occasional hired, suitable video can sometimes be used as rewards for sticking to the rules.

For more information on the Triple P program go to www.triplep.net or phone Leza at Barnardos Mudjee on 63721422.