Students Focus on Sustainable Agriculture through Archibull Prize

Local students will turn the spotlight on agriculture and sustainability over the coming months as they take part in the Archibull Prize program, competing for cash prizes and the title of Grand Champion.

Hamilton North PS has been selected as one of 42 schools participating in this year’s Art4Agriculture Archibull Prize, which runs across primary and secondary schools in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

The Archibull Prize is an innovative and fun program which engages students in agricultural and environmental awareness through art, design, creativity and teamwork.

Participating schools are allocated a food and fibre industry to explore – Cotton, Grain, Dairy, Beef, Sheep or Wool – and provided with a blank, life-size fibreglass cow to transform into an agricultural inspired artwork focusing on their primary industry and the theme of sustainability. Our allocated industry is Wool.

Schools are also teamed up with a Young Farming Champion from their allocated industry who will bring the farm straight into the classroom. YFCs will share their farming journey with students, and provide support as schools complete blogs, presentations, videos and their Archibull artworks. The Archibull Prize provides students with opportunities to engage in genuine farm experiences while gaining the knowledge and skills and motivation to make better food and fibre choices.

A presentation and awards day will be held in November 2014 at the conclusion of the Archibull Prize, with winning schools sharing in a state prize pool totalling $3,000. More than 100 schools have successfully competed in the Archibull Prize since its conception in 2011. The Archibull Prize is an Art4Agriculture initiative and proudly supported by major sponsor Pauls Milk and industry supporters Meat & Livestock Australia, Australian Wool Innovation, Cotton Australia, Grains Research & Development Corporation and NSW Farmers. Thankyou to Mrs Ramsay who is coordinating this fantastic initiative in our school. For more information visit:

www.archibullprize.com.au


Meet Author Choechoe Brereton at Unload Workshops!
Unload Creative Writing Workshops are underway at school this term. Unload will be welcoming special guest host and children’s author, Choechoe Brereton, to the session on Monday 2 June from 3.15-4.15pm. Choechoe will be sharing her experiences as a writer and read from her new book just published with Walker books, A House For Donfinkle.
Unload is offering 3 spots to students who are not enrolled in the programme but would like to come along and participate in this special session. The cost will be $10 for the hour and you can pay on the day. Please register your interest by emailing Suzie from Unload suzie@unload.org.au - first in, best dressed!

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY
Assembly will commence at 2.20pm this Friday. Class 5/6 will be presenting an item.

LOST PROPERTY
Lost Property, (which is organised by Mrs Newell on Fridays on the library verandah), has a large number of jumpers without names on the labels. When they are named, Mrs Newell, takes them to the classes for the student. Please make sure you have all school items labelled with your child’s name and if you are missing a jumper please check in lost property.

LIBRARY NEWS
This week in library, infants classes have been sharing “Too Many Elephants in this House” by Ursula Dubosarsky, which is this year’s National Simultaneous Storytime book. This book is also a Premier’s Reading Challenge Book and can therefore be entered on children’s PRC record sheets, PRC number is 69147.

We have had a number of wonderful students return their completed sheets. Please encourage your child to read, we have wonderful resources in our library.

A big thankyou to Daisy and Jack Potter for donating some wonderful ‘Zac Power’ books to the school library.

Also to Rebekah Armitage for donating new Scholastic books last term that have gratefully been accepted by class 4/5 for class reading time.

CLASS 3/4—have been listening to the story ‘The Witches’ by Roald Dahl. We are going to watch this PG rated DVD as part of their learning. If you have any objection to your child watching this DVD please let Mrs Robinson know in writing. Thank you.

EGG CARTONS
Thanks everyone for your very generous donations of egg cartons. We now have lots so we won’t need any more for a while.

CHICKEN COOP
Thanks so much to Bailey and Jake’s granddad, Mr Carpenter, and dad Wayne, for giving up their time to strengthen and improve our chicken coop. We have 5 very safe and happy chooks! We are very lucky to have such supportive families at Hamilton North.

BOARD GAME CLUB
Due to the high amount of interest in a board games club being developed we have planned a board games session for next week on Wednesday 28 May during lunch in the hall (after eating time). Students may bring a board game if they like although this is not necessary to be part of the club.

DEBATING NEWS
Unfortunately we had to cancel our debate against Mayfield East this week. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday 10:30am in 5/6. Best of luck to our debating team!

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Next week all students K-6 will present speeches in class about the topic “It’s not easy being a kid these days”. You should all have received a note from your child’s teacher to let you know what day your child will present their speech. It’s a good idea to have a look at the criteria that was included in the first note that I sent out two weeks ago. Good luck everyone!

REFORMS TO P & C FEDERATION
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action.

While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P & Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P & C Associations.

Each school’s P & C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement php.
Our calf arrived Tuesday, 20th May and we are so excited to make our calf look amazing.

Our cow might be shown in the Sydney royal Easter Show next year.

We will be keeping you up to date on facebook and our blog… coming soon.

The Archibull Editorial Team
CLASS ROOM REMINDERS

CLASS KB

Next week is the start of our speeches. They will be given instead of their news. I have put the information sheet in their homework folders again today.

OOSH NEWS

We are extremely happy with the increase of numbers this year and are averaging 30 children most days. This is great, however, we do ask that you try and book your child/ren in advance (both Before school care and After school care) just so we can cover staff to children rations. We do understand that due to circumstances things pop up. If you know of certain days you need your child/ren in care, please make sure you book them in as soon as possible.

Please remember that our OOSH hours are 7am—9am and 2.30pm—6pm.
During the day if you need us please leave messages on the OOSH phone, however, please understand that we won’t get back to you until 2.30pm. If you need to see staff on a Tuesday or Wednesday, we ask that parents wait till 3pm as the library is being used.

Thanks OOSH Staff.

Entertainment Books

All Entertainment Books need to be paid for or returned by the end of May.
These are $60 and can be paid either by credit card, cash or via internet at www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3426j1.

Alternatively, a digital copy can be downloaded on your iPhone or Android Smartphone via this same address. If you do not wish to purchase the book or are purchasing the digital copy, please return the book in the envelope it came in as soon as possible. If you would like to order additional books or have any questions, please contact Gillian Donn on 0431 223381.

Canteen News

Chicken Noodle Soup will now be sold on Mondays during Winter for $3.00 – starting Monday, 26 May. Garlic bread and bread rolls can also be purchased for 50c. Burgers will still be available on Mondays.
**Walk Safely to School Day** is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school.

**HNPS will be participating in this by walking to school on Friday 23rd May 2014**

**A Walking Bus will leave from Islington Park at 8:15am to walk to school via Newcastle Street (Hamilton North), along Boreas Road to Broadmeadow Road, then to school.**

**A second Walking Bus will leave from the corner of Denney and Curley Road (outside the PCYC) at 8:30am. This Walking Bus will walk down to Brown Road and head along to Broadmeadow Road to walk up to school.**

It is not necessary that you walk with these groups to participate in **Walk Safely to School Day**. You can show your involvement by simply walking safely with your child to school.

**Walk Safely to School Day  Friday 23rd May 2014**

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