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HUNTER VALLEY LIGHTS



We had a very slow night last Tuesday at the Lights and I stumbled onto Santa dozing off since there weren't too many children who wanted to take a photo with him. So I sat on his knee and boy oh boy didn't he wake up quick smart. He even forgot the Ho Ho Ho. Santa is a local who is good at fixing your computer problems, when he isn't dressed in his red and white uniform. If you have any problems with you system then give Les Gulley a call or see him with NEW YEAR'S EVE 2018 ENTERTAINMENT FROM JOHN BOND AND PAM & LES GULLY at the Bellbird Workers Club 8PM TO 1 AM (That was a free plug for letting me sit on his knee)

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AT BINNORIE DAIRY LOVEDALE



We had a fantastic time listening to Simon telling us about the history behind Binnorie Dairy, plus how they came to be involved in the cheese industry. Then we had Sally bring out a really tasty dinner which everyone enjoyed. It included cheeses which they make on site and then topped off with a great cheese platter at the end. It is also a licensed venue so we naturally washed all the goodies down with some wine and beer, and you couldn't leave without buying some of the cheese and salami to enjoy on another day. (My favourite salami was the duck salami, just in case someone wanted to know)

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CESSNOCK INTERACT CAKE STALL



Cessnock High School Students were treated to a cake stall made individually by each Interact student plus Harma who provided a few cakes and lemon and passion fruit butters towards their fund raiser. There were a large variety of cakes on offer and the money raised will go towards Jodies Place which the students chose for their fundraising efforts. It was raining on the day but the cakes went really easily.

There was an out of uniform day as well and the cakes stall raised \$ 500.00. A wonderful effort by our Cessnock Interactors.

HUNTER VALLEY LIGHTS SPECTACULAR



The Rotary Club of Cessnock has completed another week as volunteers at the HVG Lights Spectacular. Interestingly some nights are really well attended by lots of families and children while other nights are really quiet. Well at least it gives us the chance to smell the roses.

ROTARY ASSISTS STUDENTS

When Geoff Smith travelled through the Tottenham district earlier this year, he was astounded by how dry the area was. Having spent many years as a member of the Rotary Club of Narromine, Geoff contacted the Tottenham Central School's Parent's & Citizens Association President, Greg Radford and enquired on the state of the community before contacting his colleagues on the eastern seaboard to raise awareness of the extent and toll that the drought was taking not only on farming families, but also on the small businesses reliant on the local agricultural industry.

With the support of the Rotary Club of Narromine President, Chris Barnett, Geoff found that members from other Rotary Clubs were only too eager to fundraise. The team of Rotarians enquired if their contribution could assist the students and families of the Tottenham Central School and their resulting efforts was presented to Greg Radford and Amanda Thorpe, Principal, in the form of a cheque for \$8,750 at a recent school assembly.

"The Rotary Club donation to our school has assisted us to subsidise every student for their major excursion this year, giving each of our families some relief from the strain of meeting all costs associated with schooling and helping us as parents, to provide extracurricular activities for our children. We are very grateful for their substantial contribution to our community" Greg Radford said.

"Our Kindergarten, Year one and two students recently visited the Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre and Years three to six stayed at the Dubbo Zoo and visited various Dubbo attractions. Our secondary students will also be subsidised, with their excursion taking place at the end of the year to Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour".

"As a school community, we hope to keep things as normal as we possibly can for our students whilst reducing as much financial burden as we can for our families. We are looking forward to staying in touch with our donors, keeping them updated about the drought, our excursions and showing them how much we appreciate their support. We keep reminding our students how important it is to remember that no one has to help us, these people aren't people who know us and we must always thank people for assisting us. One day, when we have an opportunity to assist others in need, we will take it" said Amanda Thorpe.

"Our thanks and gratitude extends to Geoff, Chris and their team at the Rotary Club of Narromine and to the Rotary Clubs of Nelson Bay, Cessnock, Kurri Kurri and East Maitland; to Brian Coffee, District Governor of Rotary International District 9670 and Saint Stephens Uniting Church of Sydney.

We hope that into the future, we can provide the same generosity to other communities needing support" Greg Radford said.





Children at the Taronga Western Plain Zoo and flying on the Royal Flying Doctor Service