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OUR WEEK

CARE for others

BELIEVE in yourself

SUCCEED through effort

Care, Believe, Succeed Awards

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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CONGRATULATIONS to the
WINNERS and NOMINEES for OCTOBER!



CARE: Madison B (3C) For always being a kind-hearted and considerate student. Each day Madison welcomes others with her beautiful smile and people can't help but be happy when they are around her. It is Madison's gentle and caring nature that is sought out by many of her peers and which makes her an asset to our school. Well done, Madison!

Other Nominees: Oscar L, Lucas D, Caleb E, Annabelle L, Alexis E (K); Summer M, Haylee M, Flynn B (Yr 1); Jack P, Maddison W (Yr 2); Benjamin C (Yr 4); Emily M, Samantha P, Ellie B, Haylee F (Yr 5); Cooper B (Yr 6)



BELIEVE: Emily F (5M) For being a quiet achiever who constantly strives to reach her personal best. Emily is a conscientious student who always takes pride in the work she produces. She has achieved success in a range of areas due to her excellent work ethic. Well done, Emily!

Other Nominees: Jennifer J, Toby D, Annabelle F, Isaac M, Connor C, Alyssa S, Rahul S (K); Kate W, Tahlia M, Lily S, Brock G (Yr 1); Chad T, Aidan H (Yr 2); Tayla S, Tamzyn H (Yr 3); Hannah P (Yr 4); Morgan W, Sarah-Louise C, Georgia T, Daniel V, Chloe M (Yr 5);

Rhys C, Jordan F (Yr 6)

SUCCEED: Chloe W (2C) For always working to the best of her ability. Chloe strives to succeed in all aspects of school life. She puts an enormous amount of effort into everything she does and is a wonderful role model to other students. Well done, Chloe!

Other Nominees: Emily E, Keiley S, Olivia C, Tyler C (K); Lucas F, Jacyntha M, Annabelle M, David M (Yr 1); Gabrielle R, Liam M (Yr 2); Breanna S (Yr 3); Georgia M (4); Braith M, Blake M, Jackson F, Patrick S, Jake R, Cody S (Yr 5); Benjamin N, Paris M (Yr 6)



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 6. Firstly I'd like to thank those parents that have taken the time to fill out a survey and return it to school. Whilst there have not been many returned they make interesting reading. The vast majority are very happy with our school and a few aren't as happy. One issue that some parents raised was bullying. A few parents commented on how happy they were that bullying was dealt with quickly and effectively when reported to the school. I also survey all of Year 6 each year and bullying was raised as an issue by several students. They were calling for stricter penalties for people who are found to be bullying others. It is always difficult as a school leader to find the right balance between restorative and punitive justice. I am often aware of issues that are confidential that also impact upon the situation that I am not able to share with others. We also have quite a few children with diagnosed disabilities that have to be considered in line with discrimination laws when considering things like suspension.

Ultimately I want our children to feel safe at school, and if the students are telling me that they believe bullying needs a firmer response I must consider this. The school leadership team and student welfare team will be reconsidering our approach, and I will inform you in due course of our response. Please discuss with your children that any violent act or threat of violence can lead to a suspension from school and may ultimately lead to an expulsion. Generally the behaviour at our school is of a high standard. I want to keep it that way. A safe and happy school is our goal for everyone.

I am looking forward to catching up with some of you on Sunday at the working bee.

My thought for the week is from a former world leader whose name escapes me. 'An eye for an eye leaves us both blind.'

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

Regional Oracy

Public Speaking Competition

Earlier in the week Priyanka represented the Macarthur District in the Regional Public Speaking competition. She didn't win although she can be very proud of her efforts. The impromptu speech topic was, 'something I can't live without.' Priyanka spoke about Education and its importance in securing a successful future. Wise words for a Year 4 student.



Year 7 Selective High Schools 2015

A reminder to Year 5 parents that the closing date for applications for the Selective High School test is next Monday 18th November.

All online applications need to be completed by this date and all paper applications also need to be returned to school by Monday.

Absentee Notes



If your child/ren is absent from school for any reason, please ensure that you send in a note explaining your child/ren's absence to the class teacher on their return.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

| | | | | | |
|------|-----------|--|------|------------|---|
| 3C | Owen G | Trying very hard in his spelling test | 5NT | Caitlin O | Wonderful presentation of her poem for the poetry competition |
| 3C | Caitlin S | Showing improvement in her work ethic | 5S | Britney L | Always working to the best of her ability |
| 3C | Bailey G | Writing an excellent narrative in class | | | Well done |
| 3C | Olivia V | Great work on mental strategies in Mathematics | 5S | Kayla F | Great work during spelling activities |
| 3C | Tayla S | Great work on mental strategies in Mathematics | | | Well done |
| 3C | Madison B | Always being a kind and considerate class member | 5/6O | Jayden T | Getting 100% in weekly spelling tests |
| 4/5O | Baedy S | For improved results in English and mathematics | 5/6O | Angus W | Excellent work/study habits |
| 4/5O | Erin M | For consistent effort in English | 6G | Angus P | Very good results in Maths |
| 4/5O | Jack O | Excellent results in English and Maths | 6G | Reuben W | Improved effort towards homework |
| 5B | Miah C | Great results in weekly spelling tests. | 6O | Lachlan S | Excellent concentration during all work |
| 5B | Eve R | Outstanding work during Maths lessons | 6O | Trent P | Improved independence in all work |
| 5B | Emily M | Trying hard during Maths lessons | 6W | Leonardo M | Excellent classroom behaviour |
| 5M | Monica S | Her great effort across all learning areas | 6W | Jessica C | Excellent classroom behaviour |
| 5M | Jackson J | His great story writing abilities | 6W | Frank C | Consistently being a great listener and learner |
| | | | 6W | Emily P | Always having a positive attitude towards Maths |

2013 Leavers

If your child is in Years K-5 and will not be returning to Harrington Park Public School in 2014, can you please advise the office in writing or collect a leavers form.

Before and After School Care

It was mentioned in last week's newsletter that several companies have expressed an interest in running this kind of service on our premises and we are trying to gauge the need and support for such a service. It was discussed at the P&C this week and we are asking parents to send in the slip below if they would like the school to further consider this proposal. Five people wrote to me last week expressing interest, but we would need more than that. Please fill in the slip below and return it to the school office by Friday 15th November.

Thank you

A Best

Parent Information Session

Receptive and Expressive Language

Speech Pathologist, Meredith Oxley, will be at the school on **Wednesday 20th November** to speak to parents about **receptive and expressive language difficulties**.

Many children have difficulties in these areas to varying degrees. Meredith will explain how to **identify** these issues, **the impact on learning** and what you as parents and carers can do to **best assist your children**. This is relevant to parents of children of any age and your child does not need to have an identified need for you to attend. This session will be informative and useful to many.

We have invited Meredith on the same day as the Mini-fair in the hope that many parents can access this free session. It is envisaged that Meredith will speak from **9.15am until 10.00am** followed by a 15 minute question time. The venue will be in our PC lab. A light morning tea will also be provided. Please return the attached slip to the office by Monday 18th November if you are attending.

I am interested in **before and after school** care operating on school premises.

If available I would use this service:

Before school only After school Only Both before and after school (Please circle)

I havechildren who would be using the service.

Parent Information Session - Receptive and Expressive Language

I will be attending on Wednesday 20th November.

NAME: _____ **CHILD'S CLASS:** _____

Year 6 Mini-Fair - White Elephant Stall

Year 6 will be holding our annual mini-fair on Wednesday 20th-November. One of the fundraising activities will be a 'White Elephant Stall' and we are asking for donations of any 'pre-loved' goods to sell at this stall (books, toys, household items etc). Just bring donations to **Mr Gawthorne's room (6G)** or leave them at the **front office**.

Thank you

The students of Year 6



CHESS CLUB

Chess Club is now being held every Tuesday during lunch time in 4EW classroom.

All Welcome.



Issue 8 - Book Club

Our last issue of Book Club for 2013 is out. It is definitely worth a look to help with the Christmas shopping. Mark your order forms clearly to be kept at the office if you would like to keep your purchases a surprise for Christmas.

Check out the following specials:

Busy Bee for Little Learners – Sing and Read Mega Pack (6 books) \$15

Wombat for Early Childhood – The Terrible Suitcase (Book of the Year) \$8

Lucky for Lower Primary – Latest Boy vs Beast: Fire Beast \$5

Arrow for Middle Primary – Tom Gates: Extra Special Treats (Not) \$11

Star for Upper Primary – Latest Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck \$12.50

Extra for All Ages – Horrible Histories 10 book boxed set \$29

There are books with CD's, drawing books, making and creating books, music books with instruments, art books with stencil shapes and stationery sets. Take time now to make your Christmas easier. Remember all sales go towards helping the school earn Reading Rewards.

The Book Club Team

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School 2015

Auditions for students wishing to attend Campbelltown Performing Arts High School in 2015 will be held at the school on the 24th, 25th and 26th March 2014.

Please see Mrs Williams for audition procedures and an application form.

Applications close on the 28th February 2014.

2014 Kindergarten

To help with our organisation please return any outstanding Kindergarten enrolment forms for 2014 before Orientation Day which will be held Wednesday 27th November.

Many thanks,

Mrs Malone

DIARY



November

- 15th: School Spectacular Dance Rehearsal
- 17th: Working Bee 12:30pm-3:00pm
- 20th: Year 6 Mini Fair
- Parent Information Session 9:15-10am
- 21st: Kindergarten Transition Day Group 2 No.3
- 25th-27th: Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
- 27th: Kindergarten Orientation Day 9am-10:30am
- School Spectacular Choir and Dance Full Rehearsal
- 28th: School Spectacular Choir and Dance Costume Rehearsal
- 29th-30th: School Spectacular Performance

December

- 3rd: P&C Meeting 7pm
- 4th: Year 6 Orientation Day at High School
- 6th: CBS Assembly
- 11th: Year 6 Sausage Sizzle (Canteen Closed)
- 13th: Presentation Day
- 16th: Yr 6 Farewell - Campbelltown Catholic Club - 6pm
- 18th: Students Finish Term 4
- 19-20th: Staff Development Day

January 2014

- 28th: Staff Development Day
- 29th: Students Return for Term 1 (Yrs 1-6)

Found

After the sports photos a Razorback Representative shirt was left behind in the hall. Please see Mrs Creasey in the Library if you are missing yours.

Climate Clever FUN FACT:

Week 6

Leaving your television on standby and not off at the power point will cost your family an extra \$30.66 per year and produce extra carbon dioxide. How many televisions are you leaving on in your home?



Researched by the Climate Clever Energy Savers of 4C

CANTEEN HELPERS Week Beginning 18th November

Mon: am
Tue: am Kylie, Kerrin
Wed: am Sam Jo
Thu: am Ross, Sally
Fri: am Alison, Sheena

pm
pm Kylie
pm Alysse
pm
pm



IS — Paper Snowflakes

We have been learning about procedure writing. This is a procedure we wrote to show you how to make a paper snowflake. See if you can follow our steps and make your own snowflake.

Snowflakes

How to make a Paper Snowflake

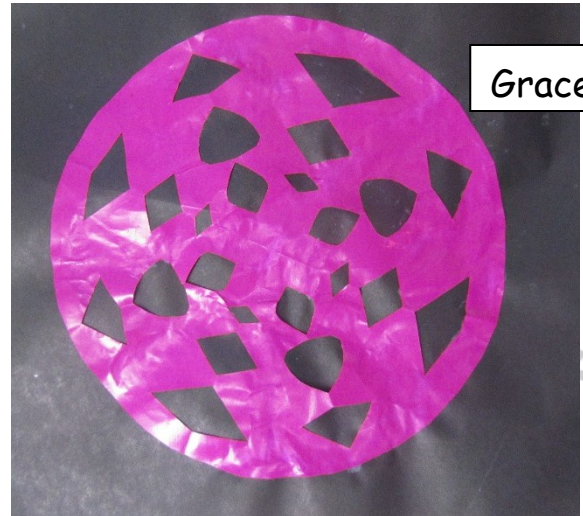
Materials

Paper plates
Coloured paper
Black paper

Scissors
Glue

Steps

1. Draw carefully around the paper plate onto the coloured paper.
2. Cut out the circle shape you have made.
3. Fold the circle shape in half.
4. Fold it in half and in half again, so it looks like a triangle.
5. Cut out small shapes along each side.
6. Unfold your paper.
7. Glue your snowflakes onto the black paper.
8. Display snowflakes in the classroom.



Grace



Haylee



Maalona



Brock

Year 6 Mini Fair

Wednesday 20th November 11am—1:00pm

Come and join the fun, which will include:

- *Monster Christmas Raffle*
- *Sausage Sizzle*
- *White Elephant Stall* - loads of crazy bargains!!
- *Sponge Throwing* - throw a sponge at your favourite Yr 6 student (or teacher!)
- *Face painting, hairspray and nail polish*
- *Badge making*
- *Plus much much more!*

Parents and pre-schoolers welcome!

Bring your money with you and see you there!

- from the students of Year 6



Jump Rope for Heart 30th Birthday

On Tuesday 12th November the Hot Peppers Skipping Team celebrated Jump Rope for Heart's 30th Birthday at Homebush Sports Centre. Ten different demonstration teams from schools as far as the Central Coast attended the day all dressed as a different theme. The Hot Peppers performed their routine dressed as clowns and participated in many skipping challenges competing against the other schools, winning one challenge and making the finals in another. The team had an enjoyable day watching performances, learning new tricks and even had the chance to meet some cheerleaders from the Sydney Kings Basketball Team.

Mrs A. Tidyman



Our New Sunscreen Booth

On Wednesday 13th November, 5B and Mrs Batty launched the new sunscreen booth for students to have access to sunscreen whilst in the playground during the Summer months. The launch was a great success with lots of students visiting the booth during the breaks and the first lucky students also received a SunSafe sticker.



The sunscreen booth will operate during the first half of lunch and recess each day (unless wet weather) for the rest of Term 4 and in Term 1 next year. Students will receive an orange 'Be Safe Be Sun Safe' token for visiting the sunscreen booth (one per day). All classrooms are also equipped with sunscreen and students will receive tokens in class for being sun safe. Thank you to Mr Martin for his help with the launch display and to Mrs Creasy for organising all of the sunscreen.

Remember to "Slip, slop, slap, seek and slide" to protect yourself from the sun.



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