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OUR WEEK

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SUCCEED through effort

Care, Believe, Succeed Awards FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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CONGRATULATIONS to the WINNERS for NOVEMBER!

CARE: Samuel P (3C) For always being a kind and helpful student. Samuel is always willing to assist others in need and represents the essence of what being kind is all about. He is a delight to teach and would be an asset to any class.
Well done, Samuel!



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 10. This is our last newsletter for this year. Tomorrow we will be having our presentation day assemblies and reports will go home.

On Monday evening we will farewell our current Year 6 students. I'm sure that there will be many excited people at this wonderful event on our school calendar.

On Wednesday of this week we had Grandparents Day. Children enjoyed having their grandparents join them for a sausage sizzle lunch and some of our performers enjoyed putting on a show for them. We hope to build on this next year.

2013 has been another year of fine achievements for our school. We have had some outstanding results academically with ICAS tests and NAPLAN.

Culturally our children have again shone in Public Speaking, Dance and Music. Our Art Exhibition attracted high levels of praise, and our children continue to excel on the sporting field with another state championship, this time for hockey.

Our grounds have received considerable attention and further major works are about to commence.

Our P&C have again provided outstanding support for our children, and we really appreciate their fantastic efforts.

I would like to thank my staff for their continued commitment to our children. We have lots of exciting new initiatives on the drawing board for next year, and 2014 promises to be a fulfilling year in many ways.

Last week the world lost a great man who had achieved many great things in his lifetime. I also lost someone who was very close to me. She wasn't famous, but lived a good life. Mother Teresa said, "We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love." As we move into this holiday period I hope that we can reflect on the peace and love that is meant to surround it.

Have a great holiday. I hope that you stay safe and enjoy the extra time together as families.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Best

DIARY



December

13th: Presentation Day Yrs 3-6 9:15am
Yrs K-2 12pm

16th: Yr 6 Farewell - Campbelltown Catholic Club - 6pm

18th: Canteen CLOSED at recess

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)

30th: Kindergarten commence

Presentation Day

Friday 13th December 2013

Primary

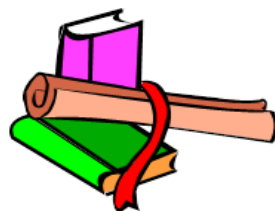
9:15am followed by
Personal Excellence
awards in classrooms.

Picnic lunch from 11 – 11:40am

Infants

12pm followed by
Personal Excellence
awards in classrooms.

All parents are welcome!





Care, Believe, Succeed Award Nominations



CARE: Esinam D, Cody D, Jackson D (K); Lily S, Annalise S, Aidan O (Yr 1); Kobi E (Yr 2); Ethan W, Jayden M, Samuel P, Kiera M (Yr 3); Emily C, Hayley G, Lauren F, Priyanka S, Hannah T, Aiden D (Yr 4); Chloe W, Cassie K, Jessica M, Tara F (Yr 5); Aurora T, Lara R, Ethan L, Jasmine U, Leonardo M, Brianna P, Christina R, Madison N, Emily S, Paris M, Emily D (Yr 6).

BELIEVE: Elyce S, Roxy H, Cindy H (K); Keeley B, Sidney F, Grace C, Simone W (Yr 1); Jade C, Natasha M (Yr 2); Keira H, Lily W, Ashley C, Kyle S, Breanna S, Savannah T, Madyson E, Mikayla C, Ireland E (Yr 3); Jessie H, Hayley G, Akirra W, Georgia M, Gabrielle P, Kirsty W, Sierra D (Yr 4); Alyssa C, Carissa W, Breanna C, Elissa W, Taylah A, Kayla F, Michael H (Yr 5); Jacinta C (Yr 6).

SUCCEED: Ethan M, Jasen P, Sienna N (K); Jackson L, Olivia B, Benjamin O, Makayla K, Cooper M, Takara F (Yr 1); Megan P, Aaron V, Savannah D, Bree B, Samuel F (Yr 2); Bethany F, Madisson C, Annalysse S, Hayden B, Isabella F (Yr 3); Benjamin N, Paris M, Lauren F, Zac R, Nicholas W, Keira M, Aahana S, Aleksia C, Lily D, Ellie D, Baedyn S (Yr 4); Paige E, Anna W, Felix M, Jackson J, Scout C, Jessica W, Chelsea L, Montanna R, Adale M, Kayla F, Olivia S, Ryan P, Hayden C, Michael H, Britney L, Jake R, Saif-Dean J, Emily T, Cody S (Yr 5); Tayla V, Jemma T, Karley M, Connor H, Courtney S, Jasmine U, Victoria M (Yr 6)



Uniform Shop Hours

The uniform shop will be open on Tuesdays from 8:30-9:30am.

In Term 1, week 1 2014, they will open on:
Tuesday 28th January 10am-2pm
Wednesday 29th January 8:30-10am
Thursday 30th January 8:30-10am

The uniform shop will reopen with their normal hours from Tuesday 4th February at 8:30-9:30am.



High School Bus Passes

An important reminder for Year 6 students who are attending Elizabeth Macarthur High School next year. Bus passes for 2014 need to be ordered by **Wednesday 18th December** (last day of school this year). Please contact the high school to organise.



Taste of High School Day

On Wednesday 4th December, Year 5 students travelled to Elizabeth Macarthur High School for a Taste of High School Day. All of the student really enjoyed getting an insight into what high school is going to be like. We participated in a variety of activities such as science, woodwork, photography, sport, drama, art and many more. All of the activities were lots of fun and we learnt a lot. We got to meet lots of new people and teachers from the school. We got to have a delicious sausage sizzle for lunch as well.

Thank you to all of our teachers for taking us on the day. We had a great time.

Olivia S and Tara F.

Girl's Cricket

Congratulations to Jorja U who was selected in the Sydney South West cricket team for 2014 at the trials last Friday. Well done Jorja!

AASC

Newsflash : our school has been nominated as a Super Site for Active After School Communities by our Regional Co-ordinator, Kurt Gagan. Terrific recognition for the coaches, teachers and students who are involved each term. Of course, a big thank you to the parents who volunteer to make a nutritious afternoon tea each session. It is a great program to be running at our school.

Future Sports : Next year we will continue to run on Monday afternoons for Year 1-2 and Thursday afternoons for Year 3-6. Put it in your diary. Our sports for Term 1 will be Martial Arts (Mondays) and Roller Skating (Thursdays). Look out for the information note at the beginning of each term.

Rhonda Creasey
AASC Co-ordinator



CANTEEN HELPERS Week Beginning 16th December

Mon: am
Tue: am Kylie, Kerrin
Wed: am Sam Jo
Thu: am Closed
Fri: am Closed

pm
pm Kylie
pm Closed
pm Closed
pm Closed



Learning the Ukulele

Class 4/5O and the Year 5 students in 5/6O have been learning to play the ukulele. The ukulele is like a small guitar but it has only 4 strings and is a higher pitch. We have been playing on Monday and Thursday afternoons since August. Learning to play the ukulele is one step closer to learning how to play the guitar.

Ukuleles are easy to learn and tune. Using a tuner, the strings, from top to bottom, are G, C, E and A. The other way to tune is to see if the pitch matches the singing of 'My dog has fleas'. When you learn the ukulele you learn the different strumming techniques and chords for your favourite songs. Some of the chords we know are C, F, G7, C7, G, Am and Dm. Learning the chords takes patience but I believe that this will help you during your lifetime.

We have played for Kindergarten, Stage 1 and Stage 2 assemblies. Some of the songs we have learnt are This Old Man, I'm a Believer, Ho Hey and Threw it Out the Window. It really is easier than it looks if you sing along, have fun and practise.

The ukulele is a very bright and cheerful instrument that can cheer you up if you're in a bad mood. Learning the ukulele has been inspiring and I hope that after reading this you feel the urge to buy one too. Go the Ukulelians!

F. Y. I. they don't handle it very well when you sit on them!!!



By Jack O, Hayley F, Paris B and Erin M

HEAT - A BIG HIT ON RADIO BLUE MOUNTAINS

On Monday, eight students representing Harrington Park Environmental Action Team were special guests of Shirley Lewis, (AKA Baglady) Radio Blue Mountains resident environmentalist. Shirley is the host of 'The Global TV Show' which celebrates the wonderful things people do to address environmental issues and live sustainably. The children spoke for two hours about their concerns for our world, what they have been able to achieve as members of HEAT and what they hope to do in the future. Shirley was very impressed with the enthusiasm and dedication of our students and our school. The students were very excited about sharing their ideas with the audience, which not only included the Blue Mountains, but also Northern Ireland. After our radio interview we spent some sight-seeing. The Three Sisters were spectacular. It's a hard life, that of a celebrity. Well done kids!



Cameron R Interviews Danny Geale

Recently our roving sports reporter, Cameron R from 6G, the home of sport, had an exclusive interview with champion boxer and Harrington Park resident, Danny Geale.

CR: What was it like when you defeated Anthony Mundine earlier this year?

DG: It was a good feeling and very satisfying. The first fight we had was very close and the lead up to this one was huge. It was great to win and win well.

CR: Why did you move to Harrington Park?

DG: It was eight years ago when I was living in Redfern and training with Jeff Fenech. I spoke with my managers and decided to move out this way and start training at Smeaton Grange. At first I was living at Cobbitty, then things started going well and we chose Harrington Park because it is a beautiful area and we like the people around here as well.

CR: When did you start boxing and what influenced you to start?

DG: I started when I was nine when my Dad suggested the idea. There wasn't any real reason why we chose boxing. I was doing other sports at the time. We lived in Tasmania so I was playing AFL in the winter, cricket in the summer and tennis as well. I used to do triathlons as well so my Dad just said why not try boxing? There was a local gym just down the road so he took me for a training session when I was nine and I loved it from the first day. For the first training session he had to drag me down there but from then on I was dragging him down there. He took me there all the time and it was the best thing.

CR: Boxing is an incredibly physical sport – how many hours per week do you train?

DG: The hours change each week but on average it is between 18 and 24 hours per week. There can be two or three sessions per day and each session can go for two or three hours. There is a lot of intensity in the training.

Thank you for the interview and good luck in your next bout!

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A free community event

Friday 10 Jan	Friday 17 Jan	Friday 24 Jan
Despicable Me 2	Night at the	Monsters
(PG)	Museum (PG)	University (G)

Harrington Park Public School

8:00pm gates open. Movie starts at dusk.

Drinks, popcorn and light refreshments available.

Come along and don't forget to bring a chair or a blanket to sit on. In the event of wet weather, the movie will be screened in the school hall.

As a family-friendly event, no alcohol is permitted.

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