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## OUR WEEK

*CARE for others*

*BELIEVE in yourself*

*SUCCEED through effort*

### Zone Cross Country Carnival



Last Friday our school cross country team competed at the Razorback Zone Cross Country Carnival. Our team performed extremely well, with 11 of our runners making the Razorback team to compete at the Sydney South West area carnival in Week 7 of this term. Another 2 of our runners qualified as reserves for the zone team.

Every one of our 31 runners did their best on the day in their event. A special mention to Ryley K who finished the race even after injuring himself early on. There were more than 80 runners in each event. Full results of the carnival (winning school and team results) will appear in next week's newsletter.

A BIG thank you to all the parents who helped out with transport on the day, supported the team and brought the sunshine. It was a wonderful day.

The first 8 finishers qualify for the zone team and 9th and 10th are reserves. Congratulations to the following students who have made the Razorback team:

<b>12/13 Years Boys</b>	Cameron C	(3rd)
<b>12/13 Years Girls</b>	Victoria G	(6th)
	Madison N	(8th)
<b>11 Years Boys</b>	Jayden S	(6th)
	Angus P	(8th)
<b>11 Years Girls</b>	Caitlin O	(4th)
	Emily P	(10th - reserve)
<b>10 Years Boys</b>	Hayden F	(2nd)
	Liam S	(5th)
<b>10 Years Girls</b>	Shae E	(2nd)
	Tara M	(8th)
<b>8/9 Years Boys</b>	Kaden M	(10th - reserve)
<b>8/9 Years Girls</b>	Bianca C	(6th)



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 3. The week began sadly with the funeral of Mrs Plummer's husband. Everyone at the funeral learnt about a life of service that was well lived. At this stage I am not sure when Mrs Plummer will be returning to work. She has sent her thanks to everyone for their kindness and support.

Last Friday our school competed at the zone cross country and had a record number of students selected in zone teams to compete at the regional cross country. Our children were very well behaved and displayed excellent sporting spirit. I was very proud of them all on the day. Thanks to those family members who came along to support the children and thanks to Miss Carter for her hard work in preparing the team.

This week Year 2 had their excursion to the Sydney Aquarium and Maritime Museum. I'm sure that they will have learnt lots in relation to the themes that they have been studying. Thanks to everyone who supported the day.

Our school parliament is coming together nicely and we are about to form ministries. It will be interesting to see who becomes treasurer and what sort of budget is formulated. Our parliament is a practical way for children to learn about the functions of parliament, and it also gives them an opportunity to make a difference in our school.

Some of you may have seen our general assistant being taken away in an ambulance on Monday and several people have asked how he is. I'm happy to report that Mr Quirk is on the mend. He will be in hospital for several days, but is expected to make a good recovery and be back with us soon. I'm sure that you will all wish him a speedy recovery.

My thought for the week is from Ralph Nichols, 'The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them.'

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

### DIARY



#### TERM 2

- 17th: NAPLAN Catch up day  
Gala Day #1
- 20th: Debate vs CHPS - 9-11am @ Currans Hill
- 21st: ICAS Computer Skills Test  
Stage 2 Public Speaking Final  
AASC Futsal Yrs 1-2
- 22nd: Maths Olympiad #1  
Yr 1 AFL skills
- 23rd: 3D Tree Planting Day  
AASC Basketball Yrs 3-6  
Yr 2 AFL skills
- 24th: Walk Safely to School Day
- 27th: State Basketball Knockout vs Birrong PS
- 28th: 4C Energy Audit Visit  
Debate vs Ruse PS 9-11am @ Ruse PS  
AASC Futsal Yrs 1-2
- 29th: Rugby League Wests Gala Day @ St Greg's  
Yr 1 AFL skills
- 30th: 3/4B Nursing Home Visit

# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

## Week 2

KF	Annabelle F	Being a fantastic listener	2C	Tommy F	Excellent work during reading groups
KF	Shanice M	Her excellent effort in literacy groups	2D	Tiara B	Working hard to improve her spelling
KF	Caiden S	A wonderful effort with his writing	2D	Hannah R	An interesting news presentation of her favourite food
KL	Cindy H	Trying hard in all her work	2D	Caitlin K	Excellent work during reading groups
KL	Cody D	Excellent work in learning his high frequency words	2MC	Bailey C	Working hard in mathematics
KL	Kody D	Great work during guided reading	2MC	Rebecca H	Excellent work in all class activities
KM	Lucas N	Excellent work with his counting	2MC	Breiamber M	Contributing confidently during class discussions
KM	Alyssa W	An excellent attitude to school	2P	Deanna C	Getting all of her spelling words correct
KM	Georgia C	Excellent counting on skills in maths	2P	Ethan B	Excellent presentation on cupcakes
KT	Annabelle L	Attempting to count on when adding dots on a dice	4/5O	Carissa W	Great problem solving skills
KT	Xander L	Looking at the first sound in words when reading	5B	Samantha P	A good exposition
KT	Amen G	Trying hard to write his name	5B	Montanna R	A good exposition
KTM	Elyce S	Excellent work during reading groups	5M	Scout C	Great multicultural speech on 'The same but different'
KTM	Tyler C	Contributing well during class discussions	5M	Isabella T	Wonderful effort in her multicultural speech on Asylum Seekers
KTM	Samuel A	Great work during maths lessons	5NT	Jordyn E	For her wonderful multicultural speech 'Many languages, one land'
1E	Anthony B	Working hard during maths groups	5NT	Ellie B	A wonderful multicultural speech on Asylum Seekers'
1E	Amelia D	Great participation in class activities	5S	Hayden C	For great mathematical problem solving work
1G	Lucas F	Improved fluency in oral reading	5S	Kayla F	For working hard to improve in all areas
1G	Fin H	Excellent use of question cards during reading	5/6O	Elodie C	Excellent effort in multicultural public speaking
1HP	Maurice W	Excellent effort in measurement activities in maths	5/6O	Gabrielle D	Wonderful response to Task 2 in her reading contract
1HP	Keira P	Excellent effort and progress with her reading	6G	Monique D	Pleasing effort in public speaking
1M	Abby P	Continuing effort in mathematics to achieve her best	6G	Hayley M	Excellent results in spelling
1M	Cruz L	Working hard to improve his recount writing	6O	Craig S	A great effort with his first public speaking at HPPS
1S	Ellie H	Working hard to improve her fluency and expression when reading aloud	6O	Connor M	Excellent work in mathematics
1S	Zackery A	An excellent start to Term 2	6W	Emily P	An interesting and well delivered speech
1/2J	Samuel S	Great work in maths	6W	Cameron C	A well researched and well presented speech
1/2J	Amanda G	Excellent work in all areas			

## SSW Basketball Star



Blake M became Harrington Park Public School's first regional basketball rep when he played in the NSW PSSA Boys State Championship for Sydney South-West last week at Condell Park.

Blake played a significant role for the team throughout the Championship as one of the team's three leading guards. Although he gave away plenty in height, his speed and skill created many scoring opportunities for his team.

Sydney South-West fielded the youngest team at the Championship with four Year 5 students and six Year 6 students. The team performed admirably to finish in 9th place from the 14 teams competing, finishing with 3 wins and 4 losses. This was a great result with four boys returning next year.

## STEWART HOUSE

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Stewart House Donation Drive. The amount raised by HPPS was \$193.00.

## Opportunity Class Placement Applications Due

This is a reminder that applications close for Opportunity Class Placement for Year 5 entry in 2014 on **Friday 17th May**.

## Boys Gala Day Soccer

There has been a change of venue for the boys Gala Day Soccer A teams. **All** boys soccer will now be held at Onslow Oval for all 3 Gala Days. Thank you.

Mrs Scherer



## GALA DAY UNIFORM

### AFL

Sports Uniform, Long Sports Socks (football style), Football boots or sneakers (boots not to be worn to school or on the bus), Mouthguard, School Hat

### SOCCER

Sports Uniform, Long Sports Socks (football style), Shin Pads, Soccer Boots or Sneakers (boots not to be worn to school or on bus), Mouthguard, School Hat

### NETBALL

Sports Uniform, Ankle Socks, School Hat

### HOCKEY

Sports Uniform, Long Sports Socks, Shin Pads, Mouthguard, School Hat



Next Friday 24th May 2013, is National Walk Safely to School Day.

National Walk Safely to School Day aims to encourage safe pedestrian behaviour and promote the health and environmental benefits of walking by asking parents and carers to walk to school with their children.



## Premier's Reading Challenge Reminder

Don't forget that the Premier's Reading Challenge has begun for 2013.

Kindergarten - Year 2 will complete the challenge in class with their classroom teacher and all books will be recorded by the teacher.

Years 3-6 need to be recording the books they read and entering the details online in their reading log on The Premier's Reading Challenge website. Years 3-6 need to read 15 books from the reading list and 5 free choice books in order to complete the challenge. If you have read at least 5 books so far then you are on track and well on your way to completing the challenge. All books need to be entered online by 31st July. If you are having any problems entering your books online please see the Teacher Librarian and they will be more than willing to lend you a hand. The Premier's Reading Challenge website can be accessed through your student portal or you can enter the web address:

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)

Let's try and increase our number of participants from last year. Happy reading!! Have fun!!

### CANTEEN HELPERS Week Beginning 20th May

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>am</b>		<b>pm</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>am</b>	Kylie, Kerrin	<b>pm</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>am</b>	Sam, Jo	<b>pm</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>am</b>	Ross, Sally	<b>pm</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>am</b>	Sheena	<b>am</b>



## Woolworths Earn & Learn

As you may be aware, the Woolworths Earn and Learn program has begun again for 2013. For every \$10 spent in a Woolworths store you will receive a sticker. These stickers can be placed on a sticker card and placed in a collection box located in the school foyer area or in the Harrington Park Public School box located in the Mt Annan store.



Last year we earned over 35,000 points and the school received valuable classroom resources. It is hoped that in 2013 we can earn even more points to receive more resources for the school.

## P&C News

### Mothers Day Stall

Our Mothers Day Stall was held last Thursday. It was a great success and it was so wonderful to see all the children so excited about buying a present for their mums. We hope all of the mums loved their presents and had a lovely Mothers Day on Sunday.

A big thank you to all of the helpers we had on Thursday. Thank you Mel C, Kim E, Symone P, Nicole H, Lucinda O, Amanda F, Megan S, Silvana B, Jo B, Jo M, Tracey W, Raelean B, Ross Z and Stephanie J. Your help was greatly appreciated.

### Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open Tues 8.30-10.30am and Thurs 2.30-4.00pm so call in and get your winter uniforms now.

We are currently out of stock of size 6 & 8 long sleeve polo shirts, we will be sure to let you know when they arrive.

## ~ CLASS KF GETTING CREATIVE ~

KF have been learning about 2 dimensional shapes. Here are some creative shape pictures they have made.



Kate



Annabelle



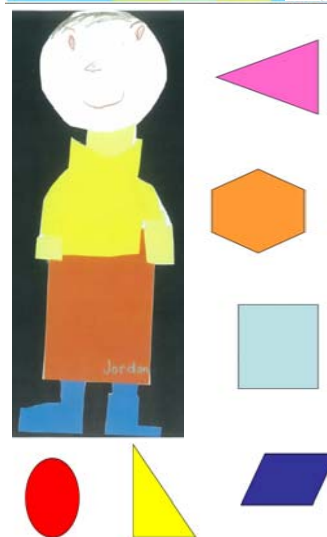
Jessica



Isaac



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## WEEKEND FAMILY FLICKS





**THEY'RE HERE TO SAVE THE WORLD**  
**GHOSTBUSTERS**  
18 & 19 MAY

**ADVENTURES IN ZAMBEZIA (2D)**  
MAY 25 - 26  
**ESCAPE TO PLANET EARTH (2D)**  
JUN 1 - 2  
**THE CROODS (2D)**  
JUN 8 - 9  
**RETURN TO NIM'S ISLAND**  
JUN 15 - 16

10.30AM EVERY SAT & SUN

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