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OUR WEEK

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NOMINEES FOR JUNE



CARE: Jessica O (1/2J) For being a caring and supportive friend to many of her classmates. Jessica takes the time to help others in their work and to encourage other students to achieve their best. She is a great role model in our class, demonstrating beautiful behaviour and manners. Well done, Jessica!



Other Nominees: Lily M, Arshiya M, Billy N, Kate N (K); Ashlyeen M, Brandon K (Yr 1); Caydn F (Yr 2); Philip S (Yr 4); Tayla B, Alvssas C, Austin A (Yr 5)



BELIEVE: Charli N (3M) For continually trying hard and never giving up. No matter what the task, whether in the classroom, the playground or when playing sport, Charli always puts one hundred percent effort into everything she does. Charli is an inspiration to those around her, showing that no matter what the challenge is you should always give it a go. Well done, Charli!

Other Nominees: Sebastian S, Jasmine S, Kynan W, Nathan S, Ella S (K); Megan B (Yr 1); Michael S (Yr 2); Concetta M (Yr 3); Alysha C (Yr 4) Aiden K, Georgia T, Anthony A (Yr 5)



SUCCEED: Owen F (5B) For always making the most of his learning time by approaching academic tasks enthusiastically and diligently. He always produces work of a very good standard in all key learning areas and has achieved some great results during the first semester.
Well done, Owen!

Other Nominees: Shelby M, Oliver C, Jessie S, Katie B, Alexis W (K); Aaron H, Ben K, Erin C (Yr 1); Olivia P, Caitlin C (Yr 2); Luke L (Yr 3); Nicholas W (Yr 4); Noah P, Ben I, Caitlin O, Saif-Dean J (Yr 5); Senior Dance Ensemble, Primary Dance Ensemble

DIARY

July **TERM 3**

26th: Gala Day #3 (Back up from Term 2)

29th: AASC - Yrs 1-2 T-Ball/Softball

29-9th Aug: Yrs 2 & 3 School Swimming Scheme - Mt Annan

29-2nd Aug: Education Week and Art Show

30th: AASC - Yrs 3-6 Athletics

31st: Maths Olympiad #3

ICAS English Test

2567 Showcase EMHS

August

1st: Open Classrooms (Infants 10am / Primary 10:30am)
Picnic Lunch 11-11:40am with parents

2nd: School Tree Planting Day

5th: State Futsal - Jnr Boys & Senior Girls @ Penrith
AASC - Yrs 1-2 T-Ball/Softball

6th: K-3 Book Week Performance - 'Herman and Rosie'
State Futsal Senior Boys @ Penrith
P&C Meeting - 7pm

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 2. It was good to see so many people coming for Parent/Teacher interviews this week. The new online booking system seems to have worked well. We will seek further feedback concerning its effectiveness in the near future. I hope that you found the interviews informative. Whilst we have these interviews set for a regular time each year it is important to remember that interviews can be arranged also throughout the year if you have concerns that you need to discuss. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teachers to arrange a suitable time if the need ever arises.

Congratulations to the debating team that had a win this week against Currans Hill PS. It was good to see you bounce back from last week.

Well done to the Hot Peppers who performed well this week also.
Mrs Tidyman was very happy with your efforts.

This week our children were involved in an Indigenous Games Program as part of our NAIDOC celebrations. The leaders from this program were very impressed with the behaviour of our children, and by the way that they engaged in the activities.

Next week is Education Week and we will officially open our art exhibition on Monday afternoon/evening. I'm sure that you will be impressed by the standard again. This is one of my favourite activities in our school calendar.

This term our school parliament has decided to support Mr Bush in his endeavours. Our staff has made a commitment to support the Beyond Borders Program in Cambodia. After the long war in that country there were hardly any teachers left alive. Beyond Borders is a program where teachers from Australia travel to Cambodia to train teachers in modern teaching methods. Mr Bush will be travelling at his own expense to Cambodia in the next holidays to do this. He needs to raise funds to support the program that he will be involved in and parliament felt that this was a great charity to get behind this term. We have requests each week from many charities for support. Parents indicated that they felt that one fund raising event for charity each term should be the limit. We all believe that this charity is a worthy cause. We will let you know what the children plan to do soon.

My thought for the week is, 'Man's actions are a picture book of his creeds.' Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Have a good week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2014



We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2014.

Enrolment forms are available from the office.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

KF	Lucas P	Improved effort during literacy groups	4EW	Sienna S	Great assistance during preparation for the art show
KF	Katie B	Fantastic writing attempts when writing about her seedling	4EW	Tara M	Excellent writing of text for 'Window'
KF	Isaac M	A great effort with his writing	4/50	Jeromy S	For demonstrating good ideas for our unit on 'Sustainability'
KF	Connor C	Great enthusiasm for our art show work	4/50	Lochi K	For an outstanding presentation using animation
KL	Imogen Y	Excellent work in reading groups	4/50	Mia C	For great descriptive writing
KL	Jessica D	Her excellent attitude to all class activities	5B	Alessandro L	A great PIP on aeroplanes
KL	Isaac R	His thoughtful contributions to class discussions	5B	Zoe E	A great PIP on feral animals
KM	Oscar L	Counting on during maths time	5B	Cooper S	A fantastic PIP on fast cars
KM	Georgia C	Using counters to count to twenty	5M	Sophie D	Great effort during reading and maths
KM	Jennifer J	Excellent work during literacy rotations	5M	Jake M	Improved confidence in his abilities
KT	Ruby C	Working hard to read her sight words	5NT	Jackson F	Excellent design in his art show activities
KT	Alyssa S	Always presenting her work beautifully with colourful pictures	5NT	Jorja U	Wonderful application across all key learning areas
KT	Alec C	Working hard with 'friends of 10' and 'friends of 20' in maths	5S	Cody S	Being an excellent listener at all times
KTM	Chloe M	Excellent concentration during reading groups	5S	Olivia S	Working diligently at all times
KTM	Alexis W	A wonderful improvement in her reading	5/60	Alex W	Excellent manners and ability to work independently in class
KTM	Lachlan S	Always trying hard with his writing	5/60	Amelia K	Fantastic work study habits in class
3C	Jacob T	Trying very hard in all aspects of his work	6G	Ethan L	No mistakes six weeks in a row in spelling
3C	Teri H	Showing such an interest in reading and encouraging others	6G	Ben N	Reaching level 10 in spelling. Well done
3C	Samuel P	His wonderfully artistic skills shown in art show preparation	60	Nathen R	Excellent listening skills at all times
			60	Trent P	Good sportsmanship during Indigenous Games activities
			6W	Emerson D	A very settled attitude in class
			6W	DJ Russell	Always completing her work well

School Safety Program

Working together to keep our kids safe...

PLEASE STAND BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE

To improve the safety of your children while they are waiting to be picked up in the Kiss and Ride/No Parking bay, Council is installing a yellow 'Pedestrian Safety Line'.

Much like the safety line on a train platform, this area will clearly show children the safe distance from the kerb to avoid conflict with vehicles.

Children should **PLEASE STAND BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE** until the vehicle has stopped. We would ask that you reinforce this message to your children and help keep them safe.



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PIZZA MEAL DAY

The Canteen will be having a Pizza Day on Tuesday, 20th August. All money raised will go towards purchasing whirly birds for the canteen. This will help keep the canteen staff and parent volunteers cooler in the hot weather. Thank you for your support.

Sorry no other lunch orders on that day.

Combo which includes Slice of Pizza, Drink and Packet of Chips will cost \$5.00 pre-ordered and paid. Additional slice of pizza will be available to buy on the day at \$2.00 a slice. Orders and money to the Canteen by 15th August 2013.

An order note will be sent out closer to the date.

Education Week at Harrington Park PS

Week 3 (Monday 29th July till Friday 2nd August)

Monday 29th July

'Art Show' Grand Opening (4:30 - 7:30pm)

'Imagine'

\$5.00 per family or gold coin donation.

P&C Sausage Sizzle at Opening of Art Show

Wednesday 31st July

Community of Schools (2567)

@ Elizabeth Macarthur HS

Matinee 12:30pm

Evening 6:30pm

Thursday 1st August

Open Classrooms

10 - 10:30am Infants

10:30 - 11am Primary

Bring your picnic basket and join your children in a picnic lunch from 11 - 11:40am

Art Show Viewing

Parents are welcome to view the art show between 11:45am and 12:45pm (gold coin donation)

Friday 2nd August

'Tree Planting Day'

CANTEEN HELPERS Week Beginning 29th July

Monday:	am	pm
Tuesday:	am Kylie	pm Kylie
Wednesday:	am Sam, Jo	pm Alysse
Thursday:	am Ross, Sally	pm Alysse
Friday:	am Alison, Sheena	pm



Girls Cricket Trials



Last Thursday 6 girls represented the Razorback Zone at the Sydney South West cricket trials. It was great to have so many girls selected in the Razorback team and they all performed very well at the trials.

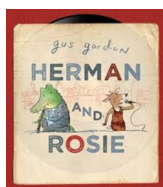
Congratulations to Helena T, Jorja U and Jasmine U who were selected in the Sydney South West squad. This group will continue training for the next few weeks before the area team is selected for the State Championships. Congratulations to all 6 girls and we are now looking forward to the Milo Cup competition in Week 5 of this term (Friday 16th August) where we will be entering at least one boys and one girls team and possibly two of each.

K-3 Book Week Performance "Herman and Rosie"

Term 3 is an exciting time in the Library when quality literature is celebrated and displays are created from children's artworks for Book Week.

In Week 3 this year we have a special performance group - Tony Bones Entertainment presenting great quality theatre inspired from the shortlisted book **"Herman and Rosie"**. The performance will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 6th August for Years K to 3 and the cost is \$9.00.

A separate note with payment details has been sent home to all K to 3 students.



Personalised Learning and Support Tool (PLASST) 2013 Trial

During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of their students.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students. Students themselves will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed as part of the trial. This trial will not impact on students' education provisions.

Further information about the PLASST trial, including the collection and use of data in the trial, will be provided by the school in a letter to parents and carers.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, please telephone the school.

Bike Education

Just a reminder that Bike Education is on this Friday, 26th July, 2013.

Regional Cross Country Carnival



The Regional Cross Country Carnival was held last Friday at Eastern Creek Raceway.

We had three students attend the carnival and they did our school proud.

Congratulations to Bianca C (finished 59th); Caitlin O (finished 54th); Shae E (finished 64th).

It was a great achievement to reach this level and they should be very proud of their performances. Well done girls.



We are still in the developmental stages but if you 'Like' us on Facebook we will utilise this when we have important messages to send out as another form of communicating with the community.

We will advise you in the newsletter when the site is fully up and running.

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GALA DAY

The wet weather make-up Gala Day for Term 2 is on tomorrow, Friday 26th July.

Wear your sports clothes and bring what is required for your chosen sport. Have fun!!

Permission Notes

Last week a permission note was sent home to all students for Walking to Fairfax Reserve for sporting activities, Publication of Photographs/Names, Child Protection and Scripture Classes. We would appreciate the return of this permission note to the school office as soon as possible. If you require another note, please see the office. Thank you.

Budding Filmmakers

Here's a project for the next school holidays: have your kids create an entry for the Trop Jr Film Festival. In the process they'll learn something about scripting, shooting, editing and copyright.



Find out more: <http://tropfest.com/tropjr/>

HOMEMADE MUESLI BARS

Here's a recipe for muesli bars that will prove popular with children of all ages, yet it contains only half the sugar and fat of their shop-bought equivalents.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes/cakes-biscuits-and-treats/nutfree-muesli-bars>

Indigenous Games Report



On Tuesday our class had our turn doing the Indigenous Games. Every class in the school did this activity on Monday or Tuesday as part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Our instructors' names were Hamish and John. John started by doing the Welcome To Country to thank the Dharwal people for letting us play these games on Dharwal land. There were three games - Burra Burra, the Adora game and a hunting game.

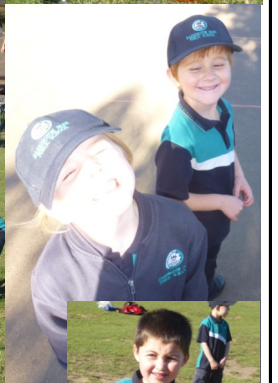
Burra Burra was originally played with a ball made of leaves wrapped in kangaroo gut but we used a slightly flat netball. There were two teams and the goal of the game was to have the ball and get it over the line. If you were tipped you had two seconds to get the ball to your teammate.

In Adora there were two teams and one person at a time would be the Adora. They would try to run to the goal line but if they were tipped they would tip a teammate who would then run the opposite way.

The final game was played by the Aboriginal people to improve their hunting skills. They played the game with rocks, sticks and clumps of mud but for safety we played with soft balls. The aim of the game was to hit the two kangaroos which were two children hopping down the middle of the lines. You had to hit them in the legs to reduce the risk of getting hurt.

We had a lot of fun playing these games and learning about Aboriginal culture and we would like to thank John and Hamish for teaching us these games.

By Angus P and Luke W - 6G



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