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# OUR WEEK

## CARE for others

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# National Tree Planting Day



Last Friday we participated in National Tree Planting Day. All classes planted an Australian ground cover, shrub or small tree in the area that leads into the teacher's car park. It won't be long before the plants provide much needed food and habitat for our native feathered friends and other small animals. A big thank you must

go to Brian Armstrong and the team at Masters, Gregory Hills for generously donating over \$450.00 worth of plants. Their continued support of our children is very much appreciated.



# DIARY

### TERM 3

## August

- 9th: School Swimming Scheme @ Mt Annan Pools  
12th: AASC - Yrs 1-2 T-Ball/Softball  
ICAS Maths Test  
13th: Primary Proms Preliminary Rehearsal  
Yr 5 My Girragundji Theatre Show @ Campbelltown  
AASC - Yrs 3-6 Athletics  
14th-16th: Yr 4 Berry Camp  
15th: Pizza Orders Close  
16th: Milo Cup @ Onslow Reserve  
19th: AASC - Yrs 1-2 T-Ball/Softball  
20th: Pizza Day  
AASC - Yrs 3-6 Athletics  
21st: Maths Olympiad #4  
23rd: Gala Day #1  
K-2 Book Parade - 11:45am to 1:30pm  
24th: ToM Tournament @ UWS Milperra  
26th: AASC - Yrs 1-2 T-Ball/Softball  
27th: AASC - Yrs 3-6 Athletics  
Cambodia Mufti Day & Sausage Sizzle  
28th: Combined Recorders Festival Jacaranda Concert  
29th: P&C Father's Day Stall  
3/4B Nursing Home visit  
30th: CBS Assembly @ 12:45pm  
**September**  
2-3rd: Razorback Zone Athletics @ Campbelltown Stadium

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 4. It was good to see a good turn up to P&C this week. Thank you to everyone who attended. It is heartening to see so many people wanting to make a contribution to our school, and I hope that we can keep working together to make a positive difference at Harrington Park.

Yesterday Paris and Priyanka represented our area as district champions in the regional finals of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Mr Woudsma attended the day and tells me that the girls did exceptionally well and should be proud of their efforts. Paris also represented our school last week in the local government Mayoral competition. What a bright future these young ladies have. I'm sure that they will continue with their successes. Congratulations to both of you.

Helena represented our school last Thursday evening as a Public Education Ambassador. She can be very proud of her achievements also and I'm sure that she will continue to represent our school and Public Education to the best of her abilities.

This week our school became part of a pilot program being conducted in our area called Eco Schools. It is a student led initiative, and I will be asking our Minister for the environment to write a briefing report for an upcoming newsletter. The student will be asking for some adult volunteers to join the Eco Committee, so if you are interested keep an eye out for a report from the children in the next couple of weeks.

Wet weather postponed the painting of the 'kiss and drop' zone today. Hopefully this will happen tomorrow. We really appreciate the support of Camden Council with this initiative to help keep our children safe.

This week's thought is from Groucho Marx, who said, "I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set I go into the other room and read a book." Not a bad idea at times.

I will be working all of next week out of school. Mr Gawthorne will be relieving as principal for the majority of the time as Mr Woodsma will be attending the leading 21st Century Schools Program.

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

# Kindergarten Enrolments for 2014

★ We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for  
★ 2014.

- ★ Enrolment forms are available from the office.

- ★ Transition Program commences
- ★ 14th October 2013.



# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

KF	Xavier G	Great work with 'friends of ten' during number groups	3/4B	Seth G	Excellent debating
KF	Hunter F	Great effort with her writing	3/4B	Kiera M	Excellent debating
KF	Ella S	Fabulous reading progress	3/4B	Tauren M	Excellent spelling
KL	Charlize W	Her excellent attitude to school and learning	4EW	Claudia B	Working hard to improve her understanding of decimal numbers
KL	Keiley S	Her wonderful effort in writing	4EW	Jamie F	Showing an excellent understanding of decimal numbers
KL	Kirra B	Creating interesting creatures for the Art Show	5B	Chloe W	Trying hard during handwriting lessons
KM	Dario C	Excellent attempt at spelling unknown words	5B	Tane M	Consistently neat handwriting in all of his books
KM	Jennifer J	An excellent picture with pattern blocks	5M	Eryn R	Improved confidence in public speaking
KM	Emalia M	Excellent counting and recognition of numbers	5M	Jackson D	Improved effort in reading activities
KT	Lily M	Trying hard to use the first sound of words when reading	5NT	Jye T	A terrific Powerpoint presentation on King Tutankhamun
KT	Zane P	Being able to instantly recognise 20 dot frames	5NT	Ellie B	A fantastic project on King Tutankhamun
KT	Lola P	Counting backwards from 20 to take numbers away	5S	Jackson S	Great effort in writing an explanation on the cat feeding machine
KTM	Elyce S	Reading aloud beautifully	5S	Jake R	Outstanding effort during fractions lessons
KTM	Rhondaleah R	Excellent concentration while making her kite	5/6O	Breanna C	Enthusiasm & application in ToM activities
KTM	Jayden T	Being a kind friend to others	5/6O	Bradley S	Outstanding effort in all mathematics activities
3C	Charlotte T	Improved bookwork presentation	6G	Jasmine C	Great work in the class spelling bee
3C	Durshi S	Demonstrating a great understanding of area	6G	Luke W	Great work in the class spelling bee
3C	Connor R	Trying hard during mathematics lessons	6G	Cooper B	Great work in the class spelling bee
3D	Jake D	Always displaying exemplary behaviour	6O	William M	Demonstrating greater independence with all his work
3D	Joseph C	Always completing his homework to a pleasing standard	6O	Lachlan S	Great improvement with neatness and setting out in all his work
3D	Tyson A	Working hard during reading group activities	6W	Joshua M	Demonstrating a sound understanding of angles
			6W	Charlie W	Being a settled and conscientious worker

## State Futsal

On Monday 5th August, both the Senior Girls and Junior Boys Futsal teams had a very early start for the State Futsal competition at Penrith. Both teams arrived at the venue ready to go at 7:30am.

The Senior Girls played three games and displayed wonderful sportsmanship throughout the day. They all played extremely well and should be very proud of their efforts. They had a must win game for game 3 and came through with a 3-1 win against Seaforth. After all the results were in they only narrowly missed out on reaching the quarter finals.

### Senior Girls Results

Game 1: Win 2-0 against Moriah  
Game 2: Loss 2-0 against Clovelly Green  
Game 3: Win 3-1 against Seaforth

The Junior Boys played three games and also displayed wonderful sportsmanship throughout the day. All of the boys put in 100% and should be very proud of the way they played. I was extremely proud of their efforts against Trinity Grammar as this was set to be a very difficult game and were the team to beat. They held them to 0-0 at half time and went down narrowly 2-1 in the last few minutes of the game.

### Junior Boys Results

Game 1: Win 4-2 against St Helen's Park  
Game 2: Loss 5-0 against Oatley Public School  
Game 3: Loss 2-1 against Trinity Grammar

A big thank you to all the parents who made the early trip to Penrith for the competition, your support was very much appreciated. A special thanks to Mr McVittie and the parents of the Senior Girls team for assisting with organising the girls on the day as their games were on at the same time as the boys. Once again congratulations to both teams you all represented the school with pride.

Mrs Bligh

### CANTEEN HELPERS Week Beginning 12th August

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



## 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 this 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 this week.



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# Cambodia Teacher-Training

Recently Mr Best mentioned my upcoming venture to Cambodia. I would like the community to feel part of this experience and will keep you updated through the newsletter.

Last weekend I attended the first of three training and orientation days. It was quite thought provoking and sad hearing of the experiences that the country has gone through and the poor state of their education system.

My role is to provide teacher-training workshops to improve Cambodian teachers' professional knowledge and teaching practice. One hundred teachers who teach the first three years of schooling have been targeted by the program. I have to pay my own airfares and all expenses for the trip. I am also responsible for fundraising \$1250. This money is used to pay for the teachers to attend the workshops, provide each teacher with a resource pack to use in their classroom and provide an in-school support program with peer mentors after the workshops. Our student parliament are organising a mufti day on Tuesday 27th August to raise money towards this fundraising target. I have also opened a fundraising page on the Everyday Hero site. Any support would be greatly appreciated and is tax deductible.

<https://give.everydayhero.com/au/paul-18>

## Context

- ◆ In the 1970's, the Khmer Rouge under control of Pol Pot killed nearly 2 million Cambodians, targeting the educated, and dismantled the education system.
- ◆ Due to poverty, children in Cambodia are forced to give up the chance of receiving education to work and supplement the family's income.
- ◆ Only 32% of children who register for school, enrol in Year 7. (Equivalent to our Year 6).
- ◆ Cambodia ranks 172 out of 182 listed countries for spending on education.
- ◆ Cambodia has nearly 15 million people with over 50% of the population under 21.
- ◆ Teachers are paid \$45 per month.
- ◆ Schools have virtually no resources, some, not even a blackboard!

Paul Bush

# Public Education Ambassador



## 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.



Tomorrow our kiss and drop zone will be painted as set out above. Please remind kids to stand behind the line.

A road and community safety initiative brought to you by



# P&C News

Thanks to everyone who supported the Movie Night last term. It was a great night!

The winner of the \$100 Rashays voucher was Lochi K 4/50. Congratulations Lochi!

## Fathers Day

We will be holding our Fathers Day Stall on Thursday 29th August. We have some fantastic presents for the children to purchase. Prices will range from \$1.00 — \$6.00.

As always we will need some helpers on this day, so if you could spare some time, it would be greatly appreciated.

## Super Fathers Day Raffle

We will be holding a Fathers Day Raffle this term. We have some very exciting prizes.

- 1st Prize - Boxing Gloves signed by Daniel Geale (IBF World Middleweight Champion)
- 2nd Prize - 16gb Apple iPad
- 3rd Prize - Voucher for Camden Golf Club. Golf for 4 Players including cart hire.
- 4th Prize - Fujitsu Racing Jacket, Shirt and Hat
- 5th Prize - Fujitsu Racing Shirt and Hat
- 6th Prize - Fujitsu Racing Shirt and Hat

Tickets will cost \$2.00 each.

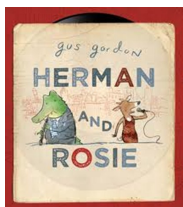
A book of tickets will be sent home to each family today with this week's newsletter. Tickets and money need to be returned by Wednesday 28th August.

## Save the date

We have organised a fundraiser night at Ryan's Toys on Tuesday 15th October. Ryan's toys is a huge toy warehouse at Glendenning. Tickets will cost \$5, which goes directly to the school. They then donate a percentage of sales on the night back to us. Great way to get your Christmas shopping done!

Watch this space for more information.





# Herman and Rosie Performance

The performance Herman and Rosie was a creative play that made everyone laugh. The costumes were really good and it wasn't just the book. They expanded it like they did in the pigs house when they didn't show it in the book. I liked the part when Herman tried to pull the map out of his pocket and started singing when he was unfolding the map and when Rosie's record player mucked up. She sang faster and then really slow. So the performance was great! I loved it!!!

Jessica O - 1/2J

*The Herman and Rosie performance was funny and interesting. The book is based in New York. The characters are a crocodile and a deer. If you have never read this book before, but you have been to New York, well I suggest that you read this book because you might see some places that you went to where the author went. The costumes are very colourful and very different. Herman wears a stripy red, blue, white and yellow shirt. Rosie wears a sparkly red dress when she sings. At home she wears anything. Rosie is a singing deer and Herman is an oboe playing crocodile. They always heard a voice or an oboe. At the end they found each other and they fell in love. So then they made up a song and there was a gigantic crowd. It would maybe be the funniest thing you have every seen before.*

Olivia P - 1/2J

## Food for the school day

Any parent of school-aged children knows how famished their kids are the minute they walk in the door from school. And the simple reason for that is learning makes you hungry. Or, to put it another way, children need to eat well if they are to learn well. Here is some advice to help feed developing brains:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/food/power-foods-for-kids>

## GETTING KIDS INTO NATURE



Does it really matter if children are spending more of their time indoors rather than climbing trees and catching cicadas? According to the experts, the answer is a resounding "yes". Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/fitness/getting-into-nature>



## I have fun with faces

Try the fun, free app that helps pre-schoolers develop their reading and numeracy skills. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/educational-games/i-have-fun-with-faces>

# ART SHOW



### THE BOX

Once upon a time there was a boy called Hex. He was asleep one night until he heard a noise. Hex jumped out of bed and ran outside to his telescope. There was a box flying at the speed of light until boom! It crash landed in his backyard. Hex ran outside to retrieve it. He picked it up and went back inside, put it on his desk and opened it and he heard a noise. Hex put his ear closer and whoosh! Something went inside his ear, and later he fell asleep. The next morning he went to wash his face and saw something in the mirror. Eight arms, six legs and a black body - what had he become? He ran down the hallway to the living room. He had tried to cover up in a jacket but it didn't work, so he put sunscreen on and it worked. Six arms shrunk and all he had to do was cover himself with the rest. That day he went to school and the class bully Joe was giving him a hard time but then crack! His shirt ripped, all six hands grabbed him and threw him at the ground. The teacher's called the police. He got knocked out then he woke up 4 hours later. He asked where he was. "You're on the moon boy, moon jail", the officer replied.

"The moon?" Hex said in shock. He tried to break the cell, but it wasn't working. He saw the officer asleep so he stretched his hand out and grabbed the key. He broke out but how was he going to get home? He took the ship and threw it at earth, with one last stretch he pulled himself onto the rocket. It was flying really fast and his little brother saw it and picked it up then smash! He dropped it on the ground and it shattered into tiny pieces. Hex had lost all his power and was falling really fast then splash! He fell into the sea. The water broke his fall so he swam back to Canada and asked a bus driver to take him home. He arrived at home. "Hey son", his father said, "where have you been?"

"At the pool", Hex replied. "Okay son". They had dinner, watched tv and went to bed.

*By Reuben W - 6G*

# The Box



## WRITING WORK BY CLASS 6G

### THE BOX

This is the story of how a small, red box changed the lives of three boys forever.

One lonely day on the outskirts of Darwin, the three boys were playing rugby league next to a dirt road that was only used by farm owners. Suddenly, a strange man wearing a suit came stumbling down the road towards the boys. "Water", he gasped, so one boy ran inside to fetch a jug of water. When he came out with the water he poured it all over the man in the suit. The man yelled with all his might "You've ruined my grand prize!", then he pulled out a small red box. So he walked inside and shocked the boys mother by yelling "Your son is a repulsive little scoundrel so in compensation can I stay because I'm lost and alone". In the night the man was sleeping in the spare room with the box close by. One boy was so obsessed with the box he walked up to the man and stole it.

The next morning the three boys gathered at the front of the house and opened the box and ZOOM! The three boys were sucked into the box and were not seen for 5 years. It's a country side mystery.

### THE BOX

Today was a kid named Geoff's birthday. His mum and dad gave him a present and so did his nan and pop.

Geoff had opened his mum and dad's present first. He got money and thanked his mum and dad. Geoff opened the one from his nan and pop. It was a key and a riddle that said; Down a path to an underground passage, there you will find the man with a rectangle piece.

Geoff then asked his pop "Why did I get a key and a riddle?". His pop then replied "You will find out". Geoff was confused. So he started to follow the riddle. He soon got lost in the sewer.

Geoff then started to hear voices that said "Come to the sound of my voice". Geoff shouted "WHY!" the voice replied "You will find the thing you are looking for". Geoff started to follow the voice. He had found it, the man with the rectangle piece was a box.

Geoff then wondered what to do. So he took the box. He said, "Mysterious voice take me home!", the voice then took Geoff home. He then asked his pop "I found a box, what do I do with it?". His pop replied, "Open it and see what's inside". So Geoff grabbed his key and opened it. Inside the box there was a dog. Its collar said Gavin. He then thanked his pop and played with his new dog Gavin.

*By Angus P - 6G*

### THE BOX

There was a box in a house with heaps of jewellery and chains that were gold, silver or shiny. The people that owned this were John and Mavis.

One night they had someone opening the door and breaking in. They had nearly everything stolen. John and Mavis were shaking all night. They woke up and went to the box of valuables and everything was gone and they rang the police.

The police found a man and he was put on bail but they couldn't find the box. He wouldn't tell the police where it was but the next morning someone rang the police and told them they found it in the bushes. They got it and found all the valuables.

This should tell you not to leave your house open with valuables to be seen. This couple John and Mavis got their valuables back and bought a new safe and it has not been broken into since.

*By Cooper B - 6G*

### THE BOX

One morning Luke walked downstairs and saw a mysterious box on the floor. It was a shiny red box. Luke immediately ran to his friends up the road.

He got his 3 friends Connor, Angus and Brooke. They asked what it was. Luke said he didn't know. Then all of a sudden they got pulled into the box.

"Where are we?", they all said. A mysterious voice said, "You are in my dimension and the only way to escape is to complete my challenges". They all said lets do this.

The mysterious voice said "Challenge one. Complete the following riddle. There is one answer. What's better than God, what is worse than the Devil, the poor have it, the rich need it and if you eat it you will die?". Everyone was thinking then Luke said "Nothing". The mysterious voice said "What? How did you get it correct". Then Luke said, "general knowledge".

They finally finished all the challenges and the voice set them free and they walked through the portal back to their dimension.

But where are we now?

*By Luke W - 6G*



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