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Yesterday we updated our anaphylaxis training. I will be contacting parents of some children today as some Epi pens and medical care plans need to now be updated.

Earlier this week I spent two days in Melbourne working with educators from Indonesia and India as part of an Aus Aid Skill-share Program. I am excited at the prospect of connecting our school with schools in these two countries. The new Australian Curriculum has three over-arching priorities, and one of these is Engaging with Asia. I am pleased to say that our school will be getting a head start in this area, and the prospect of many wonderful opportunities in learning for our children is exciting.

I am still hoping to run a parent workshop soon on Social Media and Cyber-bullying in conjunction with the police. Our school like every other is not immune from this. I will give you details of the work shop in the next few weeks.

Good luck to all of our competitors in the zone cross-country tomorrow. I’m sure that you will make us proud.

My apologies to the P&C for not being able to attend this week’s meeting. Mr Woudsma has filled me in on the meeting, and I look forward to seeing you next month.

My thought for the week is from Anthony J. D’Angelo, ‘Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

DIARY

TERM 1

10th:  Zone Cross Country
       Stewart House envelopes due
13th:  Bookclub due
14-16th:  NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3 & 5
16th:  Yr 2 Excursion to Maritime Museum & Aquarium
17th:  Gala Day #1
20th:  Debate vs CHPS
21st:  ICAS Computer Skills Test
       Stage 2 Public Speaking Final
22nd:  Maths Olympiad #1
23rd:  3D Tree Planting Day
27th:  State Basketball Knockout vs Birrong PS
28th:  4C Energy Audit Visit
30th:  3/4B Nursing Home Visit

The NAPLAN tests for students in Years 3 and 5 are in Week 3 this term.

Tues - 14th May  Language Conventions & Writing
Wed - 15th May  Reading
Thurs - 16th May  Numeracy
Fri - 17th May  Catch up day

Please ensure your child arrives on time as tests will occur in the morning session. Reassure your child to relax and just do their best. Children are reminded to bring a sharpener and an eraser, HB pencils are provided.

NB: All students should remember to walk quietly around the school.

CARE for others       BELIEVE in yourself             SUCCEED through effort

From the Principal

CARE: Emily C (Yr 4) For being thoughtful about the needs of her friends and fellow students. Emily is always thinking of others. She will care for someone who is hurt, help pack a bag or assist them with school tasks. Nothing is too much trouble. Congratulations, Emily!

Other Nominees: Georgia C, Imogen Y, Marcus S, Mia S, Ruby C (K); Charli T (Yr 1); Declan B (Yr 3); Bianca B, Kirstie W (Yr 4); Alicia M, Amelia M, Emily B, Jake R, Zoee E (Yr 5); Blake K, Paris M (Yr 6)

BELIEVE: Akirra Anne W (Yr 4) For always believing in herself and those around her. Akirra Anne is always willing to attempt all classroom tasks and school activities. She does so with 100% effort, enthusiasm and a big smile. She is encouraging and supportive of others. Congratulations, Akirra Anne!

Other Nominees: Allegra T, Jessica S, Jett T, Ryan T (K); Giuliano O (Yr 1); Hannah M (Yr 2); Adam T (Yr 3); Brayden H, Jessie H, Talon G (Yr 4); Britney L, Chelsea L, Emily T, Jye T, Sophie D, Thomas C (Yr 5); Bhagvi N (Yr 6)

SUCCEED: Jayden T (K) In just a few weeks of school Jayden has made wonderful gains in many areas. Learning and following new routines, developing cutting skills, attempting to write his name and showing a desire to read books are all skills Jayden is trying so hard to achieve. Congratulations, Jayden!

Other Nominees: Caiden S, Dario C, Georgia de R, Mikey E (K); Isabella T, Matthew B, Samuel P (Yr 1); Jake H, Jett M (Yr 2); Bri H, Samuel P, Jake D (Yr 3); Alexander C, Louis H, Robbie M, Hannah T (Yr 4); Patrick S, Jordyn E (Yr 5); Emily D, Jasmine C (Yr 6)

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CANTEEN HELPERS
Week Beginning 13th May

**Term 1 Week 11**

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1S are collecting plastic bottle lids. If you have any, please send them to Mr Smukulis’ classroom. Thank you.

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.

Pre-loved Toys

Needed for our quiet play area. They will be well-used and enjoyed by the children of our school. Any donations can be left at the office or dropped off to Mrs Murgatroyd in the PC Lab. Thank you in advance.

Voluntary School Contributions

Voluntary school contributions of $43 per child or $65 per family are now being accepted by the school office. As the money goes towards stocking our library, any contribution received will be recognised by a name plate inside one of the library’s new books.

To have your child recognised for his/her school contribution, any money received by the end of Term 2 will automatically result in a book donated in your child’s name. Your child will select the book of their choice and be given the privilege of being the first person to borrow the book from the library.

Thank you for your voluntary support of the school.
Last Thursday the Sporting House Captains and Vice Captains all went to Elizabeth Macarthur High School to participate in a workshop for the Premier’s Sporting Challenge Sport Leadership, Learning to Lead program with Mrs Batty, as well as children from Narellan Public School and Narellan Vale Public School.

When we got there we were split into grade groups with students from the other primary schools to move around 6 activity stations.

The 6 activities were hockey, football, softball, AFL, soccer and skills and were taught by students in Years 9 and 10 from Elizabeth Macarthur HS.

When we had our breaks we would get sunscreen, eat, go to the toilet and then get straight back into it. By the end of the day everyone was sweating and tried hard at all the activities. Everyone thought that it was a great day! Thank you Mrs Batty for organising this day for us.

Charlotte R (5M) & Cooper S (5B)

Bush Dance
Thanks to everyone who came along and supported this event. It was a great community night out. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and a lot of people walked away with some fantastic prizes. Thanks to all who helped out on the night. Special thanks to the canteen for providing the food. We had lots of people comment on how nice it was. We raised approximately $1300.

Thanks to the following companies and people who donated our fantastic prizes:
- Rydges, Campbeltown
- Barenz, Camden
- Connections Gym
- Plus Fitness
- Michel’s Patisserie
- Rashays, Narellan
- Harrington Grove
- Camden Golf Club
- Officeworks, Campbeltown
- Streets Ice Cream
- Macarthur Office Supplies
- Raelean Brookes
- Jo Birkenhead
- Joanne Burnett
- Amalgamated Pest Control
- Andrew Griffiths
- Event Cinemas

Easter Raffle
Thanks again for all donations and tickets sales. We raised $1115.85.

Fire Station Open Day
Kids could have their dreams come true and get to climb up on the big red truck. There will be activities, show bags and a chance for kids and their parents to meet their local fire-fighting heroes on your local station’s open day.

Find out more: www.fire.nsw.gov.au

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

See if you can find all the words. Have fun!!!
Local Businesses Supporting our School

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