Blue Mufti Day

Despite the nasty weather on Wednesday, our Blue Mufti Day was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who wore something blue to support the mufti day and everyone who made a donation. Well done also to the members of our school parliament who came up with the idea for this day.

As a result of everyone's efforts, we raised $1,400.00 for the Plummer family. A special thank you to the Nguyen family and the Donaldson family and everyone at Plus Fitness Narellan for their very generous donations.

Thank You

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

3C Bailey G  Always giving his best during maths lessons  4/5O Aiden W  For consistent effort in maths and project work
3C Bethany F  Always being a wonderful class helper  5B Alessandro L  A great project on the pyramids of Giza
3C Bailey C  Always asking thoughtful questions in class  5B Ella T  An improved effort during weekly spelling activities
3M Breanna S  Impeccable manners  5M Jackson J  Improvement in spelling work
3M Lucas R  Excellent news presentation about his holiday to Bali  5M Joel V  Improvement in explanation writing
3M Paige F  Being an industrious worker  5NT Mia C  Great research skills in computer lessons
3/4B Noah O  For excellent rebuttals during debating  5S Ryan P  Excellent weekly spelling results
3/4B Bri H  For a great effort with debating  5S Jackson S  Great mathematical thinking working with tangrams
4B Brendan F  Being a considerate class member  5S Jackson S  Settling in well back at school in Year 5
4B Akirra W  For making excellent contributions to class discussions  5/6O Emily D  Her beautiful oil painting and reading contract poem
4B Maddison P  For demonstrating enthusiasm for learning  5/6O Blake M  Enthusiasm towards our class Ancient Egyptian play
4C Aleks K  Making excellent contributions to class discussions  6G Monique D  Improved knowledge of multiplication tables
4C Nicholas R  Beautiful presentation in all of his work  6G Rhys C  Improved knowledge of multiplication tables
4EW Keira M  For an excellent recount of Stage 2 mathematics day  6O George A  Great design work on his ‘Lost Thing’ artwork
4EW Jamie F  For an excellent recount of Stage 2 mathematics day  6O Jordan F  Excellent listening and displaying independent work study habits
4EW Tomas B  For an outstanding effort in all class activities  6W Jacob E  Developing a more mature approach to learning
4/5O Jamie C  For great thinking and contributions in class  6W Jayden S  Being a settled and conscientious class member
4/5O Paris B  For great thinking and contributions in class

On Monday 24th June, it was ‘Maths Day’ for Stage 2 at HPPS. We had to go to six rotations with six teachers.

Firstly, we went to Miss Camenzuli’s room and it was cool because we had to look around the room to find treasure.

We sat down on the floor and we played a game called Compass. This is where we pointed around the room to the points of the compass to find where the treasure was located.

Once we located the treasure we had to go to the next station to Mr Edwards. We began making shapes and we had questions to answer about the shapes that were made.

After we finished with Mr Edwards we had to go to Mrs McAlister’s room to do lines of symmetry. It was fun because we made cool graphics.

The fourth rotation we went to Mrs Bush’s classroom and we had to make shapes out of playdoh. We made shapes like hexagonal prisms, squares, circles and rectangle shapes.

We then made our way to Mrs O’Gorman’s room to do puzzles. The type of puzzles we completed were made up of 7 hexagonal prisms, squares, circles and rectangle shapes.

The sixth rotation was with Miss Carter where we had to fold a square piece of paper into half and cut out a shape. I cut out a love heart and a cross.

Conclusion: I loved the activities at each station. My favourite was Miss Carter and Mrs Bush’s activities that they set for us. Making shapes out of playdoh and cutting shapes out of folded paper was a lot of fun. It was good to see how my activity turned out.

Written by: Sienna S (4EW)
Friday 21st June was a sunny, winter’s day for our annual Athletics Carnival. It was terrific to share the day with so many parents and family members. We hope you enjoyed watching the students compete and have fun.

We wish to acknowledge the assistance received from students from our local high schools for the Primary carnival including: Luke W, Liam P, Tim P, Tim R, Claudia B, Mackenzie R, Kirrily S, Lauren C, Brad W and Kristina C. We were also fortunate to have 8 student teachers from the University of Wollongong ably assisting us on the day. Thank you also to Veronique J (from Camden Athletics) who assisted on the 200m track and Guy C (a HPPS parent) who ran the timekeeping on the 100m track. Your help contributed to making the carnival a success. Thank you.

Early next term students will receive place ribbons for coming 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th in their event at this carnival. These will be presented at Stage Assemblies during the week.

### School records Broken

- **100m**
  - 12yrs Girls - Elodie C, 11yrs Boys - Tane M, 11yrs Girls - Candice M (equalled record), 9yrs Boys - Jack K, 9yrs Girls - Bianca C

- **Shot Put**
  - 12yrs Girls - Elodie C

- **Discus**
  - 12yrs Girls - Elodie C

- **Long Jump**
  - 12yrs Girls - Elodie C, 11yrs Girls - Hayley F

- **High Jump**
  - Junior Girls - Shae E

### House Points

We are awaiting the running of our 800m event and 4 x 100m Relays to finalise the points for our winning house. To date the points are:

- **Macarthur** 4th,
- **Freeman** 3rd,
- **Fairfax** 2nd,
- **Bradman** 1st

This could all change next term when we run the final carnivals events.

### STOP PRESS:

Our 800m and 4 x 100 Relay will be run on Friday 19th July from 1:30pm.

### Representing at Zone

Our Zone Carnival will be held on the 2nd and 3rd September at the Campbelltown Athletics Stadium. Students will be notified during Week 1 of next term if they are to represent our school at this event.

Achieving a place in the School Carnival does not necessarily mean you will be representing at Zone. There are qualifying distances and heights for the field events that students must meet to participate at Zone.

For all events other than 100m, there are 3 categories - Juniors (8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs), 11 years and Seniors (12yrs, 13yrs).

In the 100m event the first two times for each age group will compete.

We hope this helps you understand how representative selection occurs.

*Mr Edwards and Mrs Creasey*
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.

This year NAIDOC Week will be celebrated from the 7th to the 14th of July. All classes will be participating in some Aboriginal education activities before and after the holidays to observe NAIDOC Week.

All classes will again participate in the Indigenous Games program in Week 2 of next term and Year 5 will be attending a stage performance of My Girragundji. More information about these activities will be sent home soon.

For more information about NAIDOC Week go to: www.naidoc.org.au

This term, 1M have been learning about the lifecycles of various animals using books, videos and the internet. We tested our knowledge through games on the internet and making lifecycles. When we looked at the butterfly we got to make the lifecycle using rice and pasta. It was fun!
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