Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 9. The end of term is approaching quickly, and we still have many important events before commencing the holidays.

Next week Year 6 go on camp to Wooglemai and Jervis Bay. I am looking forward to spending time with each of the groups at both camps. I’m sure that many happy memories will be made.

It has been good to get some rain over the last week and our grounds are certainly in better shape because of it. Mr Quirk our general assistant has been working hard to maintain the grounds and with our grounds committee he is working through a grounds improvement program. The wet weather can throw his routines into a spin, especially with mowing and edge trimming. We are asking your assistance in staying clear of areas where he is mowing or using other machinery. He doesn't use such equipment during children’s playtimes and he is limited to times when they are in class. For your safety please keep clear of areas being mowed or trimmed. We try to avoid areas where parents congregate at the beginning and end of the day, but when our routines are interrupted by wet weather we really appreciate your support and cooperation.

Wayne our crossing attendant is on leave this week after surgery. I know that you will join with me in wishing him a speedy recovery. We hope to have him back next week. The RTA has provided a substitute attendant for the week.

I have included a flyer about the cyber smart night held in conjunction with our partner high school Elizabeth Macarthur HS. I urge you to attend if you possibly can. It will be a very informative evening.

Next week the parliament is holding a mufti day for Kids of Macarthur. This charity is supported by many public schools, and in the past has provided equipment such as ‘Hot Cots’ for Campbelltown hospital. Our parliament has a flyer in this newsletter, and we ask each child to pay a gold coin donation to come out of school uniform.

Don’t forget Earth Hour which we celebrated today at school. My thought for the week is, ‘We only have one planet. If we ignore it, it will go away.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully

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

KA
Ellie C
Fantastic effort during reading groups
Zachary C
Showing great listening skills
Lincoln P
Always trying his best
Ellise B
Her excellent attitude towards learning
Sarah L
Being a keen and enthusiastic student
Jaxon S
Always being a hard worker. Well done!
Lachlan J
Using initial sounds to work out words when reading
Annabelle P
Visualising numbers when adding
Xavier R
Illustrating his work beautifully
Adrienna F
Being a kind and caring class member
Elisha S
Her wonderful effort at completing her homework
Joshua K
Making a terrific effort to stay on task in class
Jessica S
Trying to do her best and complete her work independently
Katarina M
Being an efficient worker
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Working hard in TENS and showing a great improvement
Oscar C
His excellent knowledge of his sight words
Brayden P
His excellent knowledge of his sight words

KL
Sarah L
Always being a hard worker. Well done!
Ellise B
Her excellent attitude towards learning
Sarah L
Being a keen and enthusiastic student
Jaxon S
Always being a hard worker. Well done!

KT
Lachlan J
Using initial sounds to work out words when reading
Annabelle P
Visualising numbers when adding
Xavier R
Always putting his hand up to answer questions
Charlie J
Working hard in persuasive writing
Charlie T
Working hard in persuasive writing

KV
Oscar C
Illustrating his work beautifully
Brayden P
His excellent knowledge of his sight words
Adrienna F
Being a kind and caring class member
Elisha S
Her wonderful effort at completing her homework
Joshua K
Making a terrific effort to stay on task in class
Jessica S
Trying to do her best and complete her work independently
Katarina M
Being an efficient worker

1/KM
Elisha S
Her wonderful effort at completing her homework
Joshua K
Making a terrific effort to stay on task in class
Jessica S
Trying to do her best and complete her work independently
Katarina M
Being an efficient worker

1E
Jemma W
Great work during maths lessons
Lucas N
Excellent work during writing tasks

1G
Alexis E
Excellent Harmony Day invitation
Dario C
Excellent Harmony Day invitation
Cody D
Improved writing
Rahul S
Improved reading

1J
Cody D
Improved writing
Rahul S
Improved reading

1S
Xander L
For greater effort during writing lessons
Jaxon S
Always being a hard worker. Well done!

2C
Catherine F
Her commitment to learning, especially during spelling lessons

2K
Brock G
Working hard in science
Tahila M
Excellent participation in Reading Groups

2MC
Brock G
Working hard in science

2S
Alyssa S
For working hard in all areas

1/G
Alexis E
Excellent Harmony Day invitation
Dario C
Excellent Harmony Day invitation

2T
Flynn C
Making valuable contributions in writing
Jack D
Outstanding work in number

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**Little bikies wheely rule!**

On Wednesday 19th March, the unthinkable happened. When the children and parents stared at the road, they were shocked. As on this fateful day, somebody did the most appalling thing. On Ride 2 School day 2014 somebody drove to school. The parents shielded the helpless children’s eyes as the toxic fumes bashed the life out of everything living nearby.

On a more serious note, Ride 2 School day was a major success. Over 65% rode, 23% walked and 12% drove. (*sigh*) There were 211 bikes, 256 scooters and 167 walkers. We had a competition for all the classes to see which class had everyone riding to school. The winning classes were: 1G, 4B, 1S and 1E. The day was promoted by 6B.

The purpose of Ride 2 School day is to make sure we don’t pollute the air with cars and have healthier children. I am sure everyone noticed the lack of traffic congestion around the school. Next year we hope we can get more riders. Just remember; be cool and ride to school.

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**Earth Hour**

Not long now until millions of people around the world will be demonstrating their commitment to the planet by participating in Earth Hour. Saturday, 29th March at 8.30pm will see the lights go out for one hour in homes, businesses and major landmarks around the world, including the Sydney Opera House, The Great Pyramids and the Eiffel Tower. Why not make history and be part of the largest voluntary action for the environment and turn off your lights for one hour. This year, our friends at Masters, Gregory Hills are supporting Harrington Park and giving gifts to the classes that go a day without using non-essential electricity. Also C91.3FM will be broadcasting from the Masters’ car park and have invited our students to talk about Earth Hour and what they are doing to raise awareness of environmental issues. Masters will also have face painting, ‘Build and Grow’ kids classes, a sausage sizzle and other fun activities for all. Come on down and enjoy the day and celebrate Earth Hour.

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**Easter Raffle**

Tickets have been sent home this week. Please return any unsold tickets and money by Friday 4th April.

Also, the canteen is now accepting donations of eggs for the baskets. Any donations would be appreciated and due in by Friday 4th April.

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**Snakes**

Please be careful when walking around our local neighbourhood as there has been many sightings of brown snakes.
Harmony Day

March 21st was Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home - from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. (Taken from Australian Government Harmony Day website). To celebrate Harmony Day, the students in 5B celebrated by making flags from the different countries that they are researching for their Personal Interest Projects. These flags were then used for our class Mini Maths Olympic Opening Ceremony.

Girls Cricket State Knockout

Our girls cricket team played their first game in this year’s state knockout on Wednesday against Ingleburn Public School. For most of the team this was their first game of cricket, with only three players remaining from last year’s team.

With dark clouds overhead and rain threatening, we won the toss and decided to bat first. Our batting showed lots of promise, and we posted a very good score of 165 from our 25 overs. Top score was Jorgia U with 17 not out, but several other girls showed great potential with the bat.

We then went out to field, and some excellent bowling, especially from Paige, Jorja, Abby (2 wickets) and Shae (2 wickets), kept the Ingleburn score down to 87, giving us a win by 78 runs. Ryley, Claire (1 wicket) and Emily B also bowled well and Briannan saved several runs with good fielding. Our wicketkeeper Hayley also performed very well in her first game behind the stumps.

Overall it was a very promising performance for our first game. A big thank you to all the parents who drove to the game and supported the team. Our next game will be against Camden South – more information will be sent home soon.

School Cross Country Postponed

Due to current weather conditions, the state of school grounds and tomorrow’s forecast, the Cross Country Carnival will be postponed until next term. We have tentatively chosen Week 1, Friday 2nd May 2014 as the new date for the carnival, but will confirm this before the end of term.

Please note: the sausage sizzle that has been organised for tomorrow will still go ahead as planned.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

FAMILY NAME: ____________________________________________

Please find enclosed: (please circle)

$43 - single child  /  $65 - family as my voluntary 2014 school contributions for my child/ren listed below. I request these funds be deposited into the Harrington Park PS Library Fund. Please provide me with a tax receipt.

Signed: ________________________________________________ (Parent / Caregiver)  Date: __________

STUDENT: ______________________________________________ CLASS: ______

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Dear Parents,
Your are cordially invited to attend a Parent Forum
presented by
On

Social Media

Where:   Elizabeth Macarthur High School, Dharawall Hall
         Waterworth Drive, Narellan
When:    Wednesday 9th April, 2014 at 6.15 p.m.
Topic:   Information on all Social Media —
         Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
         as well as
         the Latest Statistics and Strategies for dealing
         with Cyber-Bullying

At the conclusion of this Presentation, both the Cybersmart Representative
and the Police Liaison Officer the Macarthur District will be in attendance to
answer all your questions.
As of Term 2 Week 1, our School Newsletter will be ‘PAPERLESS’.

Each Thursday the Newsletter will be uploaded onto our website for viewing:

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If you wish to have the Newsletter emailed to you directly, please complete the slip below and return it to the office. If you already receive the Newsletter via email, please complete the form again to ensure all our details collated are up to date and correct.

If however you do not have access to the internet and are unable to view our Newsletter online, please complete the slip below so we can ensure that your child takes home a paper copy.

Thank you.

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Student Class/es: ______________________________________________
Parent Name: _________________________________________________
I would like the school newsletter emailed to the following address:
___________________________________________________________________
(Please print clearly)

Signed: _________________________________ Date: _______________

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Student Name/s: ______________________________________________
Student Class/es: ______________________________________________
I do not have access to the internet and would like to receive a paper copy of the Newsletter.

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