Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Education Week. It was wonderful to see so many of you here for our Open Day. The children really enjoyed having you in their classrooms and it was great to see so many of you enjoying the performances in the hall.

Last night I was thoroughly entertained at the 2567 Showcase. This is a great advertisement for Public Education. The children across our community of schools put on an excellent show at our partner High School, Elizabeth Macarthur. I was really proud of our students. Their commitment and excellence really shone through, but most of all their enjoyment in performing was the thing that impressed me most. Well done to everyone involved. You can be really proud of your efforts.

The World Cup has just finished in Brazil, but soccer skills are very much on the agenda at Harrington Park PS. Our girl’s Futsal team performed well on Tuesday in the State Final rounds of the competition, and whilst they didn’t come away as the victors, Mrs Bligh tells me that they played well and were worthy ambassadors of our school. Karly C in Year 6 has returned from her own World Cup in the USA as a gold medallist. Karly is the goalkeeper in Tim Cahill’s Kicking Koalas. She only let two goals be scored against her in five matches and her team won the competition. Watch out for her in the Matildas in years to come. I’d say she has a good chance.

Good luck to our basketball team today, our hockey and soccer teams next week and also to our Tournament of Minds Team that are busy preparing for their competition. Our children are lucky to have so many extra curricular activities available to them.

I am really looking forward to seeing our choir perform at the Opera House on Tuesday night and must apologise for missing the P&C meeting. Mr Green will deputise for me on Tuesday night.

I had a call this week from a parent who was seeking clarity on some diary dates. If you are unsure of something in the newsletter please contact the school and we will try to clear it up for you. I will address some of the concerns raised in next week’s newsletter.

Please be mindful of road safety. Some children have been coming to school without helmets when riding bikes and scooters. Please don’t allow them to do this, as it is against school rules. We are reminding children of their obligations as road users. Please help us to keep them safe.

My thought for the week is from Melody Beattie, ‘Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

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CARE for others
BELIEVE in yourself
SUCCEED through effort

August
1st: Gala Day No.2
5th: Opera House Choir Performance @ 7pm
6th: Boys and Girls State Hockey KO @ Narellan
8th: Athletics Carnival
12th: ICAS Mathematics
Stage 2 Performance Dress Rehearsal @ 12pm
14th: Stage 2 Performance ‘Rock Through The Ages’
Matinee: 12-1pm
Evening: 7-8pm
15th: Milo Cup Cricket @ Kirkham Park
18th: Years 2-6 800m and Relay 1:30pm
18-22nd: Science Week
25-27th: Year 4 Berry Camp
28th: Stage 3 Dress Rehearsal
29th: Stage 3 Performance
Matinee: 12pm
Evening: 6pm

September
1-2nd: Zone Athletics
4th: Father’s Day Stall

Year 4 Camp Reminder
This is a reminder for all students in Year 4 who are attending camp that your medical notes are now due.

Flu Season is Here
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.

Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

CANTEEN HELPERS
Week Beginning 4th August

Mon: am Kylie, Kerrin pm Kylie
Tue: am Kylie, Kerrin pm Alyssa
Wed: am Jo pm Alyssa
Thu: am Ross, Sally pm Alyssa
Fri: am pm
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

KA  Amelia L  Writing an interesting and creative sentence
KA  Mia D  Always trying her best
KA  Jacob S  A fantastic effort during independent writing
KL  Riley C  Being a wonderful classroom helper
KL  Jessica S  Wonderful improvement in all her work
KT  Capri G  The fantastic effort she has made in her writing
KT  Xavier R  Putting numbers in his head and adding on
KT  Alex C  A great improvement in his reading
KV  Anisa G  A wonderful effort in telling news
KV  Aiden A  Working well in class
KV  Bailey M  Always being a quiet, hard working student
1/KM  Kaviish S  Working cooperatively with a partner to find out about frogs
1/KM  Kai W  His great research on frogs
1/KM  Katarina M  Her excellent listening skills and sharing of knowledge
1/KM  Isaac M  His excellent research on frogs
1E  Billy N  Great effort during Literacy lessons

Jordis M  Working hard in class and being kind
Kaylee W  Quick recall of number facts
Emily E  For being a sensible class member
Charlize W  Fantastic creative writing
Cody D  Improvement in writing
Lucinda G  Fantastic role play during shared reading
Kiarna H  Great dancing during performance practice
Tia E  Being a great listener and contributing to class discussions
Karla P  Excellent work in mathematics on Place Value
Isabella W  An excellent holiday recount
Simone W  Excellent work in class
Logan S  Excellent reading in class
Brandon K  For fantastic effort in all mathematics and literacy activities. Well done
Kai B  Excellent contributions during mathematics lessons
Flynn C  Excellence in spelling
Haylee M  A beautifully detailed recount

Gala Day No. 2 will be held tomorrow. Good luck to all teams.

ROCK THROUGH THE AGES

Years 3 and 4 students and teachers are looking forward to our Stage 2 Performance in Term 3. Details are as follows so keep this date clear in your diary!

Date:  Thursday 14th August
Times:  Matinee Performance 12:00pm
        Evening Performance 7:00pm
Where:  At school
Tickets:  $5.00

CLAUDE EATON
AUSTRALIA’S POSITIVE VOICE FOR TEENS
“ROC” SEMINAR FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

What “ROC” stands for - Resilience, Optimism and Confidence.
JOIN us to hear Claire Eaton, from “ROC Team”, speak about what parents can do to nurture these strengths in their teens. This session is for adults only. Young people can ROCK TO attend one of the teen workshops on Sat 13 or Sun 14 September for Free.

WHEN:  FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER, 2014
TIME:  6:00PM - APPROX 8:00PM
(The library will be closed at this time)
COST:  FREE
VENUE:  IRON BARK ROOM - NARELLAN LIBRARY
Cnr Queen and Elyard Street
Narellan, NSW 2567

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FREE PARENT WORKSHOP
FOR PARENTS & CARERS ONLY
FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
6:00PM - 7:30PM
NUMBERS ARE LIMITED

“ROC” TEEN WORKSHOPS
“ROC” STANDS FOR RESILIENCE, OPTIMISM AND CONFIDENCE

Join Claire Eaton from “ROC Team” to learn ways to build these qualities into your life. A fun, informative workshop for young people.

BOOK FOR the teen guys or girls session that is perfect for your age group.

FREE EVENT
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These workshops will be held in THE SPACE at Narellan Library. Find out more about “ROC” visit http://www.claireeaton.com.au/

WHEN:  SATURDAY 13 AND SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER - CHECK SUITABLE SESSION FOR YOU.
VENUE:  “THE SPACE” - NARELLAN LIBRARY
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FREE PARENT WORKSHOP
SESSIONS TIMES
PLEASE SELECT THE SESSION THAT YOU WISH TO BOOK
SESSIONS FOR GIRLS
SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2014
Girls 11-13 years, 9:30-11:30am
SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2014
Girls 14-17 years, 12-2pm

SESSIONS FOR GUYS
SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2014
Guys 15-17 years, 9:30-11:30am
SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2014
Guys 15-17 years, 12-2pm

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The uniform shop is now open 9am to 10:30am on Tuesdays and 9am to 10am on Fridays. Due to proposed changes in the uniform shop we are not able to supply some sizes in s/s polo shirts until September/October. These sizes specifically include 8 and 12. Don’t leave it until the last minute. Come and get your house colour t-shirt now. Still only $6.00.

Orders are due to the office this Monday, 4th August. Remember to place the correct money with order form and your child’s name and class in the envelope. Extra flyers are available in the Library. Happy selecting.

The Book Club Team
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