September
2-11th: Gala Day #2
14th: Yr 1 Belgenny Farm Excursion (1S & 1G)
15th: Canteen Pizza Day (no other lunch orders)
16th: ‘The Way We Were’ Games Day (Stage 1)
17th: Mufti Day
18th: Gala Day #3
Last Day of Term 3

October
5th: Public Holiday
6th: Staff & Students return for Term 4
9th: CBS Assembly
13th: Kindergarten Transition
20th: Kindergarten Transition
27th: Kindergarten Transition
28-29th: Sports Photos
30th: CBS Assembly

November
5-6th: Year 6 Canberra Excursion
13th: Year 6 Mini Fair
16-27th: Year 6 In-School High School Transition
27th: CBS Assembly

December
3rd: Year 6 High School Orientation Day
8th: EMHS Elements Tour 2-3pm in Hall (Stage 3)
14th: Year 6 Formal
16th: Last day of Term 4 for Students

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 9. It is no secret that in the last couple of weeks that I’ve been raving about how amazing our children are. I will mention some of their great achievements later in this message, but I want to mention firstly how proud I was of some of our students who approached me on Monday afternoon after school. It is obvious that they have really embraced our school motto, ‘Care, Believe, Succeed.’ A group of children approached me concerned about the refugee crisis which is currently gripping the world. They were very concerned and wanted to do something to help. Their suggestion is a fundraising event. Whilst we have tried to limit charity fundraising to one event per term, and the school Parliament decides which charity to support I believe that an exception can be made in this situation. We will have a Mufti Day on Thursday, 17th September. Children can wear their favourite colour on that day. A gold coin donation is requested, but you can donate more.

We live in a very comfortable environment by world standards. We have approximately 750 students at our school. If each child was to raise $10 then we would very quickly be able to send $7500 to a relief fund. I’m suggesting that that should be our initial target. It would be great if we could exceed that amount. I remember how generous this community was in 2009 just after I arrived at this school, when we had the Victorian bushfires. I think we raised over $8000. Let’s see if we can beat that.

On Tuesday our valiant hockey team played in the semi-final of the State Knockout, and after more than half an hour of extra time they sadly lost 1-nil. The girls played their hearts out and were great ambassadors for our school. We are very proud of them. A full report is included in the newsletter.

Our Milo Cup teams also played on Tuesday and had a great day with the boys and girls teams both playing well. The boys were runner up and the girls were placed third in their competition. Congratulations on a great effort.

We are receiving feedback on several issues through the new Skoolbag app. The issues are not addressed through the app but are referred in for consideration by the relevant parties such as the P&C. Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas and I’m glad that you are finding the app useful.

Tomorrow I will be attending the Campbelltown and Macarthur Parent Conference. Five parents from our school will be accompanying me. The theme is Happy Child! Happy World! Several guest speakers will be presenting on child well-being and mental health. It should be a very worthwhile day.

My thought for the week is from Dr Stephen Covey, ‘Adopt an abundance mentality. An abundance mentality flows out of a deep sense of personal worth and security. It stems from the paradigm that there’s plenty out there, and enough to spare for everybody. It opens possibilities, options, alternatives and creativity.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best
CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

KA Bree H  Fantastic reading during literacy groups  1G Hayley M  Excellent work during writing
KA Isla J  Working hard to write interesting sentences  1J Damien D  Writing great creative stories
KA Arham A  Great contributions to discussions about dinosaurs  1J Sieller R  Great improvement in reading
KL Noah P  Wonderful improvement in his neatness  2A Bailey J  Showing excellent commitment to class work
KL Jayden F  Excellent work during TEN time  2A Mia S  Wonderful creative skills in string art
KL Holly C  Wonderful improvement during writing lessons  2C Lachlan S  Excellent behaviour on our excursion to Belgenny Farm
KL Jayden F  Excellent work during TEN time  2C Lachlan S  Excellent behaviour on our excursion to Belgenny Farm
KL Holly C  Wonderful improvement during writing lessons  2C Lachlan S  Excellent behaviour on our excursion to Belgenny Farm
KS Capri G  Working hard to improve her writing  2C Bianca H  Excellent behaviour on our excursion to Belgenny Farm
KS Michelle L  Excellent addition and subtraction work  2M Tyler R  Lovely fluent reading and great comprehension
KS Paul K  Great work during reading groups  2M Alec C  Well prepared and interesting news presentations
KV Daniella P  Trying hard during handwriting lessons  2M Alexa C  Well prepared and interesting news presentations
KV Eda T  A wonderful improvement in her reading and writing  2W Charlize W  Developing wonderful characters in imaginative texts
KV Sophie C  Fantastic addition work during TEN time  2W Katarina M  Developing wonderful characters in imaginative texts
1E Kaviish S  Outstanding effort during science and maths lessons  2W Katarina M  Developing wonderful characters in imaginative texts
1E Jaxon S  Excellent effort during literacy and mathematics lessons  2/3T Cooper E  His enthusiastic involvement and insightful questions at Belgenny Farm
1G Matthew A  Working hard during class lessons and improved listening

On the 8th of September the Girls State Knockout Hockey Team played their semi final at the Narellan Hockey Fields. Our opposition was Ben Venue Public School, unfortunately we lost 1-0. It was a tough game and we tried our best, the game went into extra time for 34mins. Our goalkeeper Georgia made us all proud. In our 2nd game we lost 4-1. We were all very tired from the 1st game.

A BIG THANK YOU to the H.P.P.S. students that came to support us. We would also like to give a big THANK YOU to Mr Bush and Mrs Creasey for all their hard work training us this year.

By Amanda C and Olivia P
Belgenny Farm

Last Thursday 2C, 2M and 2T went to Belgenny Farm to learn about the past history of the Macarthur area. The children were actively involved in all the activities which included learning about Aboriginal handmade tools, decorating boomerangs to tell a story using Aboriginal symbols, locating the miserable bark hut and convict jail, shepherding sheep over a bridge and into their pen, checking the sheep were healthy and working out how old they were, making butter from cream and eating it on bread, throwing their boomerangs, making tent pegs in the blacksmiths shed while keeping the fire going with the bellow, erecting their own tents, going for a tractor ride to visit the cemetery and walking through Macarthur House which is now a museum. Phew! The children were able to relate learning that had taken place this term at school with real life examples from the farm. Thanks to Mr Trench and Mr Matthews for a fantastic day.
Treble going to the Opera House
The 6th August was the day we went to the Opera House. It was really amazing to be there and to perform on the Opera House stage. The songs we played were “Rondo”, “Dance of the Tumblers” and my favourite “Swans of Lir”. It was a big opportunity to be there and to perform in front of lots of people. From this experience I now have more confidence to do it again next year. I also want to try new things, I now want to play the flute. If any of you get the opportunity to do what I did then take it because it can change your life for the better!

Catlin S. 5J

About Recorder
Recorder is a fun activity. I would know as I am a member of the treble recorder group. Now I am not the master of all recorders or anything, but I was good enough to make it to the Opera House and believe me that was fun. My experience: I was never a recorder player till this year. I was able to keep pace with my best friend Imani. I had learned all the songs by the time we went to the Opera House. On the way in the bus Imani and I sat next to each other and drew pictures. After we arrived we practiced playing then we got to spend three hours together in the city with my Mum. We returned to the Opera House when it was dark. We played our 3 songs and everyone loved “Swans of Lir” and they cheered wildly.

Victoria E. 5J

Treble at the Opera
On the 6th August the amazing Thursday treble group went to such a fascinating place, it was an experience of a life time. We left school at 10.30 and had our lunch when we had arrived. The concert started at 7.30pm. Our conductor Susan was great. Before the performance I went out with my family and Savannah’s to the Opera Bar. I enjoyed delicious meatballs. It was fun playing our songs.

Chloe C. 5H

Recorders
On 6th August the Recorder group went to the Sydney Opera House. It was an excellent experience for those who had not been to see all the singers and musicians play and sing. At the Sydney Opera House there were about 80 schools and when we all played together it was amazing. The songs we played including “Dance of the Tumblers” “Rondo” and Swans of Lir. I have been in the Recorder group for three years now (1 year in Descant and 2 years in Treble). I love recorder even though my friend isn’t doing it anymore. Some people ask me “Why are you in recorder? Isn’t it boring?” “No! Believe me it is fantastic!”

Isabella S. 6D

At the Opera House
It was an amazing experience to be there because of all the different sounds we could make. I would definitely recommend the day to anyone who is thinking about going. I hope next year’s recorder group will enjoy it just as much as we have.

Isaac S. 6D

The Day at the Opera
On the 6th August the treble recorders went to the Opera House. We had to be at school by 8.30am, then we left around 10.30am. When we got into the city we had lunch first. After that we walked to the Opera House and I though it looked amazing. It was my first time seeing the Opera House. When we started practicing it sounded really great. I felt so proud of my Treble group. Then it was time for our parents to pick us up and have some dinner together. When they took us back it was time to play in front of an audience. After we played every song the audience cheered. When my mum got me from the box office she was so proud of me.

Victoria E. 5H
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Log onto our school site at:  
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