Bilpin Bush Run

This Saturday is the Bilpin Bush Run and our P&C will be raising money for the school by running the BBQ. As always we are looking for volunteers to help out for a short time during the day. We will be setting up from 8am and serving between 9am and 1pm. As we are serving hot food, we are unable to have children in the serving area as this causes a danger to both the volunteers and the children as minors are not covered by our insurance.

PULSE Choir Performance

Last Thursday 9 students went to the Sydney Opera House to perform in the PULSE concert. Ariam performed with the Year 2 and 3 combined choir and Heidi, Mali, Kylie

Cyber Bullying Talk

On Tuesday 18th August, students in Years 3 - 6 will attend a cyber bullying talk conducted in the library by Constable Haynes, the Police Youth Liaison Officer from Hawkesbury Local Area Command.

The talk will provide students with information about cyber safety, social media and cyber bullying. In current times where the internet is readily accessible and where information is accessed instantaneously, it is important for our students to be aware of the risks associated with the web. A permission note went home last week.

A reminder that a Parent Information session will be held at Kurmond Public School at 6pm on Tuesday 18th August. Any interested parents are welcome to attend.

Kindergarten 2016 Transition Days

For parents who are considering enrolling their children in our 2016 Kindergarten class we are offering some extra opportunities for the children to become familiar with our school environment with some transition to school days.

The first of these will be held on Wednesday 9th September. Parents will receive an invitation pack which outlines details of the planned activities, dates and times. These will be made available to our current parents and we will also be visiting the preschool to distribute them this week.

We are also currently planning some additional days early in Term 4, culminating in our Kindergarten Orientation Day on Tuesday 10th November 2015.
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2015 Athletic Champions

Congratulations to the students who received their trophies at our assembly on Wednesday 5th August. Well done to our Athletic Champions for this year.

Good luck to Jack H and Jack I at the District Athletics Carnival on Wednesday.

Spring Garden Competition Working Bee

Once again our school will be entering into the Hawkesbury City Council Spring Garden Competition.

We will be holding a Working Bee on Sunday 13th September from 9:30am, in preparation for the judging of the ‘Best School Gardens’.

We would love to see any volunteers who might be able to assist on the day, particularly if you have a keen green thumb! Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Refreshments and morning tea will be provided. If you are able to assist, please let Mrs Chapman know by Thursday 10th September for catering purposes.

Library News - Mrs Carroll

What a great day we had last Thursday at the Book Fair. Everyone looked wonderful in their costumes and we had a huge variety of different sea related outfits. Well done everyone!

We did great business at the Book Fair and as a result of the sales we have received over $500 worth of books for the library. Thank you to everyone who bought books at the Fair. Thank you also to the Vigurs family who donated a book to the school from the Book Fair.

Congratulations to our colouring in competition winners.

K/1 - Mia and Billie
Class 2/3 - Joel B and Nikola
Class 4/5/6 - Kaid and Laura

Congratulations also to Clara the winner of the bookworm guessing competition. There were 345 bookworms in the jar!

Finally, don’t forget that the Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes on 21st August so keep up the reading as we are into the final countdown!

Commonwealth Banking

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer with the current competition running with the student’s School Banking. Students who are currently banking have the opportunity to activate the Prize Portal and by simply making three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3, they will be automatically entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. To find out more just visit commbank.com.au/prizeportal

If your child is not taking part in the Student Banking, and you would like an application to join, please contact Mrs Chapman in the school office for an application form.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box situated outside the school office. Don’t forget to ask your extended family and neighbours to support our school too.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Life Education Van

Healthy Harold Life Education Van will be visiting our school on Monday 7th September and Tuesday 8th September, 2015. A permission note is attached to the newsletter and should be returned before Friday 4th September.

Each grade will be attending the van for a grade appropriate lesson. The lessons cover many aspects of the Drug Education component of the PD/H/PE syllabus. The Life Education Van uses puppets and videos to talk about health issues. The timetable will be in the next newsletter for each of the grades.

I would like to thank the P & C for generously covering the cost of this program for all students.

Canteen News

Parents rostered on for Canteen are as follows:

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We have 4 vacant Thursdays available for Canteen. If you are able to assist, please phone Angie Pirie on 4567 7469. If we do not have any volunteers for these dates, the Canteen will be closed on those dates.

Party pies are now available for lunches and they will be $1 each. If your child finds the normal pies too large then these will be most suitable especially for the younger children.

Kind regards,

Mrs Melanie Mackie

Principal
CLASS NEWS

Kindergarten/Year 1 News - Mrs Oram & Mrs McCloy

What an awesome effort everyone put into their book week costumes! Everyone looked fantastic!

For our Literacy unit, we are studying Corduroy and Wombat Divine. We will be starting our child protection lessons on a Tuesday afternoon, so please make sure you have returned the permission note for your child to attend. In science this week, we are studying spaghetti and how it changes when it is cooked.

We currently don’t have any helpers on a Monday morning for reading groups, so if anyone can spare an extra 45 mins on a Monday morning at 9.45am, we would love to see you!

Homework—Everyone is continuing to swap their home readers on a regular basis, which is fantastic. Year 1 Maths homework is Unit 20 this week and Unit 21 next week.

Class 2/3 News - Mrs Mackie

The students will be presenting their speeches this week on a famous Australian Landmark. I am looking forward to hearing about the various natural and man made landmarks they have chosen.

The students will receive a mini assignment next week linked to our HSIE unit ‘Australia You Are Standing In It’. A detailed explanation will be sent home at the beginning of next week.

The Mentals unit for homework this week is Unit 26.

We have nearly finished reading ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’ and the students have been producing excellent pieces of writing and art related to concepts in the book. A permission note will be sent home later this week seeking permission to watch the movie adaptations of the book as a concluding activity to the unit.

Thank you to the students who have been vigilantly returning their home readers on time. Home readers were due for return on Friday of last week. If they have not yet been returned, please ensure they are returned tomorrow.

Have a great week!

Class 4/5/6 News - Mr Hynds

We have completed our descriptive writing publishing and each student will now write a short description of a mystery object from home. They will then be presenting this to the class for students to guess. The object needs to be small enough to conceal in a small box or bag to show at the end of their talk.

In Writing we will be looking at how to write an explanation text. This will be linked to the many aspects of our units we are completing in Science and HSIE.

In our Science unit ‘Earth’s Place in Space’ we have been discussing and researching how humans have sought to explore and understand the make up and the workings of Earth and the surrounding solar system. We will be researching where Earth is in relation to other things in our universe and record observable movements of the Sun and Moon in our sky.

In HSIE we have been looking at how gold was first discovered in Australia and the effects it had on the development of our country. In this unit we will be completing research webquests to gather information and complete related literacy tasks on many aspects of gold in preparation for our excursion to the Bathurst/Dubbo.