2013 House Captains

Last week students at Dora Creek elected their sport captains for 2013. These captains have the responsibility to lead the respective houses of Waratah and Wattle at our carnivals in the sports of Aquatics, Athletics and Cross-Country. These reliable leaders will also care for and organise all sporting equipment at the school and assist Miss Blakemore at our school carnivals. Congratulations to Levi and Kaela from Wattle house and Liam and Renee from Waratah house.

Home Reading - Volunteers needed

Home Reading is a valuable resource at Dora Creek Public School. P&C fund-raising efforts have regularly supported the ongoing purchase of books. For this resource to work effectively we need volunteers to collect and change books each day. The changeover process is quite easy and straightforward. If you would like to volunteer please contact the school office.

EFTPOS

We have EFTPOS. EFTPOS can be used to make most payments at the school office - including uniforms, text books, excursions and general contributions.

Mrs M Warham
Principal

Creating a Climate for Growth and Harmony
Whole School Gymnastics Program
A component of the PDHPE (Personal Development Health Physical Education) is Gymnastics. This term all students K – 6 will participate in a 40 minute Gymnastic session every Tuesday for eight weeks commencing 12 February. The program is conducted by fully qualified staff from the Activated Group (still under the supervision of their classroom teacher). Students will not need to wear any special clothing.

If you have any questions regarding the sessions, or do not want your child(ren) to participate, please contact the school office.

A BIG thank you to P&C who are financially supporting this program in conjunction with school funds.

Interrelate—Moving into the Teen Years (Years 5 and 6)
A pamphlet has been sent home regarding the above program that will be running at the school. The educational program is very worthwhile, with fully trained and experienced educators exploring a range of adolescent issues.

Cost is $36.00 per student for four 90 minute sessions during school hours, to be held Wednesday 27 February, 6, 13 and 20 March 2013.

If you would like your child to attend, please send payment and permission note to school before 20 February.

Lost Property
Clothing items currently in lost property will be on display at the top COLA on Thursday 14 February before school. Unclaimed items will be washed and put in the second-hand clothing store.

ANAPHYLAXIS PRECAUTIONS - REMINDER
Please DO NOT send peanut butter sandwiches or peanut products to school.

NSW Government Health - New smoke-free reforms have been put into place as of 7 January, 2013. Smoke-free areas include:
- In public playgrounds within 10 metres of children's play equipment;
- In open areas of public swimming pools;
- In major sporting facilities and at public sports grounds;
- At public transport stops and stations;
- Within 4 metres of the pedestrian access point to a public building; and
- From 2015, commercial outdoor dining areas.

A copy of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012 can be downloaded from the NSW Parliament website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au

Swimming Carnival - 13 February 2013
The 2013 Swimming Carnival is for ALL students from Year 3 to Year 6. Students from year 2 who are turning eight this year are also required to attend the Carnival. There will be swimming events for students who can swim one length of the pool and novelty events for all students. Students will require a swimming costume and towel, sunscreen, rash shirt or covering t shirt, hat, as well as a plastic bag for wet items. Enclosed shoes, school hat, house colours or sports uniform are to be worn to and from the pool. All items should be clearly marked. Singlet tops are NOT permitted and thongs can be worn at the pool only. Permission note and payment to be returned to the school office by Monday 11 February.

COMMUNITY NEWS

South Lakes United Football Club registration dates for 2013 competition
9 and 16/2  9am - 12pm    Douglas Street Oval
12 and 14/2  5.30pm - 7pm    Douglas Street Oval
Online rego www.myfootballclub.com.au
Development clinics for boys and girls to start in March. Check web for details of this and fees at www.southernlakesunitedfc.org.au

Lake Macquarie Docker AFL Club 2013 Rego Dates at Tulkaba Oval
10th and 24th February 10.00am - 1.00pm
Further information Terri 0409 458 725

Lakers Baseball Club is holding Come Try Baseball & Rego Days - 9/2 10am - 12pm (Juniors free Snag sanger and drink)/ 15/2 4.30pm - 6pm/ 24/2 10am - 2pm (BBQ and drinks after). Pendlebury Oval, Bolton Point. More info: Chris 0408 015 897

CANTEEN NEWS

NEW MENU OUT NOW!!
CANTEEN OPEN FRIDAYS ONLY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

P & C NEWS

Eftpos facilities are available for all uniform purchases.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 5 March 2013 at 7.00pm. All executive positions will be declared vacant. Nomination forms can be picked up from the school office.