Newcastle Herald Primary School Newspaper Competition

Our senior writing team has selected a variety of stories to be written and published in the 2013 Newcastle Herald Primary School Newspaper competition. These include stories about the lack of banking facilities in Dora Creek, the concern of recreational shooters being allowed into the Watagan Mountains, the problem of snakes in our school playground, an historical piece on the intergenerational contribution of the Deaves family to our school, the dangerous intersection and the possibility of a major accident on Wangi Wangi Road, the dumping of rubbish in the local area and the increased sighting of sharks in Lake Macquarie. These stories should be fascinating and once again publicise the fact we have some talented writers among our students. Our publication date at this stage is June 6.

National Young Leaders Day 2013

Last week our school leaders and other excited students in Year 6 travelled to the Sydney Entertainment Centre to attend this annual event with over ten thousand other primary aged students. The National Young Leaders Day aims to inspire and motivate the future leaders of our society by listening to motivational speakers who have achieved great things in their own lives. Some of the speakers included Brett Lee, who is an Internet and Cyber Bullying safety expert. Brett spoke at length about the need for children and adolescents to protect themselves while engaging in social media and using the internet. Former Parramatta Eels National Rugby League Player, Nathan Hindmarsh spoke about his achievements. Zoe from Year 6 has written a report and this appears on page 2 of the newsletter.

Headlice

There have been cases of headlice reported in several classes at the school. Please check your child/children’s hair on a regular basis and take appropriate measures if headlice are found. Department of Health information on treatment is available at www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice/treatment

Mrs M Warham
Principal
General Permission Note
There are still outstanding permission notes. If you have not completed the note for this year, please return it to the school office as soon as possible. Extra copies are available from the school office.

Woolworths Earn and Learn - starting April 8th
It's back and easier than ever to get great stuff for our school. Dora Creek Public school has registered to be part of this program that commences on April 8th and closes June 9th. From April 8th, we encourage parents to collect "Earn & Learn" stickers when they shop at Woolworths. Simply start collecting the stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket to place on your child’s sticker card when it is sent home with the newsletter next week. There is one sticker for every $10.00 spent, excluding purchases of liquor, smoking/tobacco products and gift cards. Once the sheet is completed, simply drop it into the collection box at the school office.

Anzac Day March - April 25th 2013
All students interested in marching under the school banner are to meet Mr McGaw or Mrs Green at the top railway carpark at 9.30am. The parade will commence at 10.00am marching down Dora Street to the Morisset Country Club where the main service will be held. Students are to wear full school uniform, bring their hat and a water bottle.

National Young Leaders Day
On the 25th of March 13 year six students went to National Young Leaders Day in Sydney. We all had to get up early so we could get to the train station by six o’clock. All of us were there before Mr Borrow. After a long train trip we arrived at Central station. From there we walked through some of China Town to get to Sydney Entertainment Centre. There were many schools there and about 5 to 6 thousand students. After getting a picture taken and finding our seats, it started. Our host was Megan Dredge. The first speaker was Mike Martin who mainly talked about food. The next speaker was Creel Price who became a millionaire before the age of thirty and had many businesses as a child including picking and delivering strawberries. After Creel was a detective and policeman called Brett Lee (who we all thought was going to be the cricketer) who spoke about his experiences and next was silver medallist in kayaking Jess Fox. Jess showed us her medal. The final speaker was former eels captain Nathan Hindmarsh. During the day we also got to do a partner activity, play with giant inflatable balls and dance and do the Mexican wave. Mr Borrow even got a video of Kayla, Shayna and I doing the Macarena. We all had an enjoyable day.

By Zoe

Morisset High Report
Hello everyone, and welcome back after our Easter Break. I am sure that four days are longer than just two, but gee it went quick! Last week we had our school Cross Country Carnival and a number of students qualified for the Zone competition. We actually won the Zone Carnival last year so I am looking forward to another successful day this year. Incidentally, Mr Bennett ran the circuit with the students and promised to buy an ice block for every student who beat him....it did cost him a bit.....but he did win his age division! Our girls open soccer team competed last week and has a great carnival but unfortunately were not successful on the day. This week Australian poet Steven Herrick came to Morisset High School and spoke to senior students about his work that is on both the Standard and Advanced Higher School Certificate lists for this year. Students were really engaged with what he had to say and enjoyed the workshop. Finally, over Easter one of our students Tyler Walkey won the Pirtek Fishing Challenge for 2013. This is a state wide competition and he won in his age division, catching a 4.6 kilo flathead at Dora Creek. Well done Tyler!!!

Mark Snedden
Principal Morisset High School

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Parenting Program – Triple P Group.
For families with a child or children 2-12 years.
DATES: Commencing Tuesday 7 May (Duration 8 weeks).
TIME: 6.30-8.30pm weekly.
VENUE: Hillview Adventist Church Hall, 2 Gimberts Road Morisset.
Bookings necessary. Phone 4977 2485 (Bev) or 0425 297675 (Rodney)

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

CANTEEN NEWS

There will be no Canteen operating in term 2 - we need volunteers to keep the canteen open.

Canteen Roster

| 05/04 | Marinka/Mandy |
| 12/04 | Angela/Cheryl |

P & C NEWS

The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday April 9 2013 at 7.00pm in the school library. Meetings are now held on the second Tuesday of the month.
Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} April 2013 (last day of term 1)

Out of Uniform

Sun safe clothes – covered shoulders, closed in shoes (no midriff tops)

Crazy Hair – wear a wig, funny hat, fancy hair bands…

Gold Coin donation

proceeds going to Leukaemia foundation

Mrs Dickason has received hair bands and chalk from the Leukaemia foundation to help decorate hair.
If you would like to have your child/children’s hair decorated at school, please complete and return the permission slip below.

I give permission for my child, ........................................
to have their hair decorated at school on Friday 12th April.

Parent Signature .................................................................