Clean Up Australia Day

Last Friday our students participated in the annual Clean Up Australia Day initiative which resulted in our playground and surrounding area looking the way it should; free of rubbish. Our students cleaned our fence lines, found litter hiding in our gardens and cleaned other more isolated parts of the school. Year 5 and Year 6 students left the school grounds to clean the shoreline of Dora Creek itself. Thank you Mrs Green for organising this event once again.

Mrs M Warham
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

20/03 Athletics Carnival
25/03 K-3 Transport Excursion
27/03 School photos
04/04 Newcastle Writers Excursion
11/04 Last day of term 1
29/04 Students return for term 2

NOTES SENT HOME

05/02 Canteen Volunteer Request
05/03 K - 3 Transport Excursion
07/03 Athletics Carnival
13/03 Yr 3 - 5 Newcastle Writers
13/03 Hot Dog Pre-order
13/03 Photo Envelopes

THE HOT DOG LUNCH PREORDER FORM FOR THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL IS ATTACHED. Lollies, chips, cakes, water and soft drinks (no Coke) will also be on sale on the day.

P&C are holding a MONSTER Easter raffle as their next fundraising activity and are asking for donations of eggs, chocolates, lollies, soft toys, baskets, etc.

If you are able to assist in any way, please leave donations at the school office by Friday, March 28.

HOME READING

Bodhi          Good 25
Zoey           Good 25
Jessica        Good 25
Milan          Good 25
Jacob          Good 25
Shaylie        Good 25
Mia            Good 25
Bailey         Great 50
Meika          Silver 175
Bayden         Gold 200

Creating a Climate for Growth and Harmony
**Dora Creek Landcare**

On Monday, students in K/1G along with their Year 6 Buddies, and 2/3Mc walked down to the new artificial wetland that Lake Macquarie City Council built near the Minnie Street intersection to plant a range of native plants and grasses to support the regeneration of this area. The council have removed all weeds, constructed the wetland and provided the plants for Dora Creek Landcare to plant and maintain. This wetland will catch runoff from our streets and slow the water down as well as clean it before it enters Dora Creek. Our students were fortunate to be invited and really enjoyed their afternoon of environmental work for our community.

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**School Photos - Thursday March 27**

The photo envelopes have been sent home today. **These are to be returned to your child’s class teacher on photo day.** Photos will be taken from 9.00am and students need to wear full summer uniform.

If you did not receive an envelope and would like to order photos, additional envelopes are available from the school office. **Family photo envelopes can be collected from the office as well.**

**School Contributions**

Government funds provide the basic framework for our resources. However, we rely on parent contributions to provide additional items. School contributions at our school are $10.00 per child per term. **Payment of school contributions is greatly appreciated.**

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**“Kids with Cancer” Charity Day**

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To be held at Dora Creek Workers Club on March 16th 2014
Charity Lawn bowls Game at 9am followed by a Sausage Sizzle
Children’s Fun/Dance Party with gold coin donation entry fee
All children will receive a soft drink and bag of lollies on entry. Plus Colouring in competition, best dancer and fun games. **Start 2.00 pm - Finish 4.30 pm**

**MAJOR RAFFLE DRAWN AT 4.30pm.**
**ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO “KIDS WITH CANCER”**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Toronto Netball Club urgently needs players**

turning 8 and 12 years in 2014, to join their club based at Ron Hill Oval courts. No experience needed. Contact Tracey on 0402 507 121

**Singlewith Children** is a non profit group operated by the Single Parent Family Association. Every week this group provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children. To find out more contact 1300 300 496 or the website, www.singlewithchildren.com.au

**Saver Plus** is a matched savings and financial education program delivered by the Smith Family. Families may be eligible to receive up to $500 by participating in the “Saver Plus” matched savings program. This money can be used to pay for educational items. You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pension Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income and a child at school, or study yourself. For further information, contact Cynthia Culhane on 4927 8385/0418699646