Yesterday at the Dora Creek Workers Club, our school held its annual Athletics Carnival on a warm sunny day with a large crowd of supportive parents and community members with a record level of student participation from Kindergarten to Year 6. After the 800 metre races tested the endurance of our long distance runners, the age races were held over 50, 70 and 100 metres.
After lunch, the field events were held with every student in our school given the opportunity to participate in shot-put, high jump and long jump, using the great equipment and facilities from the Southlakes Little Athletics and Dora Creek Workers Club. The final events held were the much anticipated relays which were close and very exciting to witness. The carnival was superbly organised by Miss Bretreger and the colours of Waratah and Wattle were everywhere along with the cheering and barracking crowd. Those students fortunate enough to be selected to go to the Westlakes PSSA Zone Carnival will be notified as soon as possible.
Mr Wilson’s Construction Crew
Some of our students who are lucky enough to be selected are helping Mr Wilson with minor works in our playground including gardening and small construction activities. The grounds of our school are very pleasant and take constant maintenance to keep them in tip top condition. Our students are assisting with maintaining our grounds under the guidance of our talented Mr Wilson. Students wear appropriate clothing to help them feel like they are part of our school maintenance program.

Liam and Grace on the job

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.

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

Single with 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 our 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

Eraring Public School will be holding their 90th Birthday Fair on Saturday March 29 from 11.30am - 3pm. There will be lots of stalls, a jumping castle, an historical display and the Eraring School book launch. There will also be a Bush Dance from 5.30pm - 9pm. Entry to both events is free and food and drinks are available for purchase. For more information contact 4973 1196.

The Hunter branch of the RSPCA run educational programs during the school holidays. If you would like your child to learn interesting facts and also find out how to care for their pets or be involved with domestic animals, contact 97824460 or education@rspcansw.org.au

Canteen Roster
March 26 - Nikki/Barbara C
March 28 - Therese
April 2 - Nikki/Debbie E
April 4 - Therese
April 9 - Nikki
April 11 - Therese

Mr Wilson's Construction Crew

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Creative Learning
Whoever said “learning isn’t fun”, needs to go for a walk around Dora Creek Public School. Captured here, is Mrs Soni and the “J team” writing their sounds in shaving cream. What a fun way to learn. Who is having the most fun?

Eraring 90th Birthday Celebrations
Senior students painted a representation of our school on a pole to be “planted” in a garden as part of the upcoming birthday celebrations. Each public school in our local area, has painted a pole to represent the connection between all our schools. The poles will be unveiled at Eraring Public School on Saturday March 29 at 11.30am. Come along and enjoy a day of fun activities. More information on the back page.

School Crossing Reminder
Please be aware of the crossing, parking zones, bus zones and parking restriction times at the front of the school. I know we have 5 buses and many parents needing to park in Coorumbung Road for the afternoon pickup. Please do not park, drop off or pickup in the crossing area. Fines are large and include demerit points. The Lake Macquarie City Council Ranger conducts regular monitoring of school zones. He will be monitoring our school zone in the next few weeks. Please adhere to the correct procedures for dropping off, picking up and in particular staying off the pedestrian crossing area. The safety of our students is paramount.

Mrs M Warham
Principal

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.

Raffle tickets are included with this newsletter. More ticket books are available from the school office.

HOME READING
Jett        Good 25
Blake       Good 25
Anna Lee    Good 25
Bailey      Terrific 75

Creating a Climate for Growth and Harmony