COMMUNITY NEWS

NSW Parks & Wildlife will hold walks, talks and tours in the Shortland Wetlands, Awabakal Reserve, Minmi, and Merewether Baths areas during the school holidays for children and families. The program is available from the school office or contact NPWS on 49464112.

Westpac Rescue Helicopter is holding a High Tea on May 4 from 2pm - 5pm to raise funds. The afternoon will include guest speakers, Nail painting, tarot card reading, massages, tastings etc. Carly and Tresne from MKR will also be special guests. For information or books contact 4952000 or www.rescuehelicopter.com.au

A fun and non-competitive rugby league clinic for children aged 8 - 12 years with special needs is being held at Kevin Thompson Oval, Dora Creek on May 18th 2014. The day is being organised by the NRL and Newcastle Knights. For further information, contact Lyndon Sheppard on 0411 159430

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April Holiday Programs 2014

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The program includes: all meals, accommodation and activities. Activities could include anything from high and low ropes challenge course, abseiling, rock climbing, archery, giant swing, canoeing, kayaking, flying fox and much more.

CANTEEN NEWS

The updated canteen menu will be sent home first week of term two as well as the canteen roster for volunteers to complete where they are available to work.

Lakemac parkrun

On Saturday, a large contingent of our students totalling 22 willing participants, made history. Our school became the first to complete a parkrun on the shoreline of beautiful Lake Macquarie. Our group including parents and staff made up 40 of the 260 runners on the day. Our students have been training hard to get ready for the big event and accomplished the five kilometres in fine style, with all of our students finishing the course. Most of all, the publicity and goodwill that our school received was very pleasing, as we have now set the benchmark for other schools in the area to come to parkrun. A reminder to all of our families is that parkrun takes place every Saturday at 8:00am at Booragul and you are most welcome to attend anytime to start your weekend with a free, timed five kilometre run/walk. Well done to all of our Dora Creek parkrunners.

Whole School Photo

The School Photographer will be back at school on May 9 at 8.40am to take the whole school photo. Students are to wear full summer school uniform.

Family Occupation and Education Details

Family detail forms were sent home to parents/carers where information was missing from their child’s enrolment form. As the Department of Education & Communities requires this information to determine some of the funding our school receives, it is important the forms are completed and returned to the school quickly. If you received a form, but require a replacement please contact the school office.
Newcastle Writers Festival

Last Friday 40 Dora Creek students went on an adventure to the city. We caught the train to Newcastle to attend the Writers Festival. After walking from Civic Station to the Newcastle Regional Library, we attended a writer’s workshop based on the fantastic book by Shaun Tan; *The Lost Thing*. This included looking at the many drawings and images that make up the incredible story which thousands of school children across Australia have enjoyed. This display will continue at the Regional Library throughout the school holidays.

Families are encouraged to visit Newcastle and explore the world of Shaun Tan. After enjoying lunch in Civic Park, we walked across to Newcastle City Hall to listen to acclaimed children’s author, Oliver Phommavanh, who entertained a large crowd of students with jokes and stories related to his books. Ebony and Bayden joined Oliver on stage and played a part in his show which we all enjoyed. After seeing Oliver, we returned to Civic Park for some free time before catching our train. A big thank you to Dr Hanks for organising this great excursion.

Anzac Day March Friday April 25 2014

All students interested in marching under the school banner are to meet Mr McGaw 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 including a hat and carry a water bottle.

*Mrs M Warham*
Principal