Aboriginal Education Pathway Agreement
Last Thursday, Mrs Warham and Mr Borrow attended a very significant ceremony at Morisset High School. The day was a celebration of Aboriginal education and a partnership agreement was signed by each Principal of the eight local public schools. This agreement is a commitment that ensures the ongoing achievements of Aboriginal students attending our schools. This was a great occasion with Aboriginal students attending from Bonnells Bay, Cooranbong, Dora Creek, Eraring, Morisset, Wangi Wangi and Wyee. Local Aboriginal elders from the Awabakal and Darkinjung communities were present with cultural activities and music, making the day a memorable occasion.

‘Big Samba’
Yesterday, Steve Schulz came to Dora Creek with his colourful, exciting and inspiring musical show. Every student in the school was able to play at least one musical instrument, as all 113 students created a unique Dora Creek ensemble we will never forget. Students played sudo drums, bongos, tambourines, clapping sticks and other unique instruments. Our students were very excited about this performance. Makayla said; “Steve was very enthusiastic and told his musical story really well”. Saxon thought; “The drumming was fantastic and Steve was pretty funny, entertaining all of the students”. Danielle said; “It was loud, but lots of fun and we learnt how to make music together”. We look forward to the day that the ‘Big Samba’ returns to Dora Creek.

Hunter Central Coast Public Speaking
After an exhilarating afternoon of public speaking with many parents present in the audience; our representatives to attend the Zone Finals next week at Toronto Public School, have been selected. Stage 1: Tara and Sophie Stage 2: Natalie and Jorja, and Stage 3: Courtney-Anne and India. We wish these students all the best next week and congratulate every student who prepared and presented a speech for this competition.

Rhino on the loose at Dora Creek Public school
Everyone is asked to keep their eyes on a bright Rhinoceros that will soon be visiting our classrooms, as part of a new initiative encouraging students to attend school every day. Stay tuned for more in the coming weeks.
Assembly Awards
On Monday we held our first assembly for Term 3 and it was great to see our students receiving their merit awards.

Wear Your Beanie for Brain Cancer Awareness Day - July 30
Students (and staff) at Dora Creek School can wear a beanie to school next Wednesday July 30 for a gold coin donation. The money raised will be donated to the Mark Hughes Foundation, with all funds raised going directly to further Brain Cancer Research at the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI). The school will also be in the draw to win a Rugby League Coaching Clinic with Mark Hughes and Danny Buderus and a signed 2014 Knights Jersey. Please support this very worthwhile cause by encouraging your child to wear a beanie and bring a coin to donate.

Dora Creek Public School Top 5 Finalist in the Fish For Good Competition
Dora Creek Public School is coming second in the competition to have Taronga Zoomobile come to our school and also have a seafood barbecue.
We have been given an extension to add some more photos. You need to purchase seafood with the blue label and cook it with your parent or guardian. Next you need to set it out beautifully on a plate and take a photo with the label to upload to the website:
(No faces in the photos please – only food and label).
If you have any problems then please see Mrs Green or contact the school.
Thank you to all those students who have uploaded their photos so far.
There is also a prize for the student who uploads the most photos of different fish meals.
Good luck.
Mrs Green

School and House Captains Photographs
The School Captains and House Captains photographs are on display in the school office foyer. The photos can be ordered at a cost of $14.00 each. Closing date for orders is August 18, 2014.

School Banking New rewards released in term 3.
The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.
To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. Rewards available in term 3 are:
- Handball (whilst stock lasts)
- Scented Pencils (whilst stock lasts)
- Shark or Penguin Keyring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Moneybox (new release)
- Swimming Bag (new release)

If you wish for your child to participate in the program Youthsaver accounts can be opened at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, or by calling 132221. Existing customers with NetBank access can open accounts online.
**Westlakes PSSA Netball Gala Day**
Mrs Dilley will be taking a squad to the 2014 Westlakes PSSA Junior Netball Gala Day next Friday, August 1. The girls are currently training hard for this event to be held at Wangi Wangi. A senior girls netball gala will be held on Friday, August 22 and again Mrs Dilley will be coaching our team(s).

**Newcastle Herald Primary Writing Competition**
Dora Creek are entering this prestigious writing competition for the fourth year and our senior journalists are working hard to complete the seven stories as well as take photographs and draw cartoons that will be printed in the Newcastle Herald. Stories cover a range of topics from environmental sustainability in the Southlakes area to music and Aboriginal education. Our publication date is Tuesday, August 12. Our stories will be read by over 200,000 readers across the Hunter Region. The team of journalists include Olivia, Makayla, Rhaine, Liana, Kody, Reshmi, Hayden, Liam, Beccy, Courtney-Anne, Summer and Taeya. Below are photographs that represent some of the upcoming articles. Soon you can read all about it!

**Advance Notice - Book Week Raffle**
P & C are organising a raffle to be drawn at the Book Week Parade on Wednesday August 20.
First Prize - Nutrimetics Basket + Book - value over $100
Second Prize - Lifestyle Coaching + Book - value over $80
Third Prize - Gift Basket + Book
Tickets will be $1.00 each and will be sent home next week.
All proceeds are going towards buying ipads for classroom use.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**
A Noah’s Ark Concert will be held at the Avondale College Church on August 2, 2014 from 4.30pm. The concert is free and will feature Arnie, PJ and crew from Arnie’s Shack, sand art performance, and Balloon Kaboom. There will be fundraising for re-roofing the Medical Clinic in the Solomon Islands. For more information visit www.abide.com.au.
Welcome Miss Gearside
Staff and students at Dora Creek would like to welcome Miss Kristie Gearside to our school. Miss Gearside is undertaking the final step towards completing her pre-service teacher education through the University of Newcastle, spending ten weeks working with 4/5B. She will also visit other classrooms within the school throughout Term 3. We hope Miss Gearside enjoys her time at Dora Creek Public School.

Our Library receives a makeover
During the recent school holidays, a dedicated team of master painters, namely Mrs Kay, Mrs Close and Dr Hanks volunteered their time to give our library a makeover with some bright paint and reorganisation of our large collection of beautiful books. If you haven’t seen the library yet, call in and be inspired.

Premiers Debating Challenge
Our debating team of Courtney-Anne, Liana, Makayla and Olivia travelled to Fennell Bay last week to debate the challenging topic; ‘The media should stop reporting on the lives of celebrities’. Our girls were the affirmative team and despite some great contributions from the whole team, lost the debate narrowly. The whole team delivered quality presentations and were commended by the Fennell Bay Principal, Mr Colin Scully and adjudicator, Mrs Sue Hudson. Our final two debates are against Edgeworth and Biddabah, with the Biddabah debate taking place on Wednesday, July 30 in our school library at 1:00pm.

Education Week
Next week is Education Week. Our group of public schools will be showcasing public education all week in the Morisset Shopping Centre (Target end). Ms Bretreger will be taking the choir group on Friday at 9am (August 1) to perform for shoppers and parents. Please come along and listen to them sing and play a few maths games with them.

Mrs M Warham
Principal

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