Read all about it!!!

**Newcastle Herald Primary Newspaper Competition**

Tuesday was a great day for our senior students when our entry into this prestigious competition was published in one of Australia’s largest regional newspapers. Over 200,000 readers from the Central Coast to the Mid North Coast and west to the Upper Hunter Valley viewed two pages of editorial stories, photographs, interviews and other interesting news from the Dora Creek community. Congratulations Courtney-Anne, Makayla, Becky, Liana, Hayden, Tom, Matthew, Rhaine, Olivia, Summer, Reshmi, Kody and Liam for your efforts. The Dora Creek Explorer will return for its fifth edition in 2015.

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**Aboriginal Education**

On Monday, K/1G and our students who identify as Aboriginal, had a special visitor. Mrs Hodges, a proud Wiradjuri woman, and Blake’s grandmother, shared her incredible cultural knowledge with our Students. Mrs Hodges told Dreaming stories, showed our students how to create sand artwork, displayed fascinating cultural artefacts including tools and weapons and generally filled the room with her wonderful knowledge. We hope Mrs Hodges will return to Dora Creek again in the future.
Science investigations by 4/5B
Year 4/5B is currently investigating micro-organisms and creepy crawlies that live in our garden. The whole class got their hands dirty when they visited our vegetable patch and started digging for what lies beneath.

Assembly
Congratulations to our students who received awards at the school assembly on Monday. Our SPOT Award recipients were Alyssa; Smile, be safe, Becky; Participate, learn well, Matthew; Ownership, you are responsible and Rhys; Teamwork, show respect. Merit award recipients were Blake, Rhaine, Alyssa, Jordan, Keller, Sienna, Cameron and Lexi. Year 2/3Mc presented their artwork, with Tara and Nevaeh telling the whole school what they have been doing in visual arts. Well done to all of these students.

Book Week Parade/ Book Fair/ Sausage Sizzle
Continue thinking about characters and costumes for the Book Week parade on Wednesday August 20. Please use what you have - no need to buy expensive costumes. We will be holding a Book Fair where books can be either purchased for home or donated to the school Library. P&C will be cooking a sausage sizzle and Mr Bennett from Morisset High will be visiting for the day and assisting on the barbecue.

P&C NEWS
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 are $1.00 each - please return ticket butts and money to school when sold.
All proceeds are going towards buying ipads for classroom use.

COMMUNITY NEWS
MACQUARIE SHORES SWIMMING CLUB INC. at Toronto Indoor Swim Centre – is now taking registrations for 2014/15.
We are a family friendly club where your children can improve their swimming skills and fitness levels in a competitive, yet FUN environment.
We will help your children to develop good sportsmanship with their friends, motivate them to achieve personal best times, and maybe even find that swimming star within!!
We race each Friday night during school term, at 6pm. Summer season begins Friday 17th October 2014. First two nights are FREE!!
For more information contact Kirstin on 0437 140 775 or email kirstinstreet@bigpond.com

Low income families, pensioners and Centrelink recipients are invited to get bargains on food and frozen foods every Thursday 9am - 11.30am at Southlake Marketplace, 41 Yambo Street, Morisset. Free bread, fruit and vegetables are also available.