

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM SURVEYS

Fantastic! The return rate on these important surveys is approaching 97%. Thank you so much to all parents and carers who took the time to complete the surveys. They are now off to Sydney to be 'number crunched' to see if we are eligible to join the program. In addition, I would like to acknowledge the work Dee Neale, Bob Williams, Kerry Dibb and staff did here in ensuring that all surveys were accounted for, collated and kept secure.

Outstanding! Thank you.

MATHLETICS

I have watched with interest as this program has been 'rolled out' to all students K-6. Mathletics is a computer based program, where every student has their own password to access the site. It revolves around increasing the numeracy skills of all students at their own level, in a very fast and interactive way.

It is also highly engaging for students, judging by the way so many kids are looking for opportunities to 'get back' onto a computer and continue.

It is also accessible from home.

TULLY McCOOL – SWIMMING

What a success story! Tully, one of our Woolgoolga Public School year 6 students has been successful in being chosen to represent the Nth Coast region at the State swimming carnival on April 7 at Homebush. We are all immensely proud of this achievement and wish him all the best at this swim meet.

Cheers, Graeme Ross, Principal

NEWS ARTICLE FROM 1H

This year 1H has 24 students, 12 girls and 12 boys (a very rare occurrence). It makes it so much easier when pairing them. In HSIE we have been learning some amazing things about our topic 'Celebrations', especially about how different cultures *celebrate* e.g. Aborigines, Chinese, Japanese, Lebanese and Indian. This has also been incorporated into library groups with 1B. Within the next week or so we will also have some guest speakers coming to visit our class about this.

Our classroom is beginning to look very colourful now with all our related craft activities.

In fitness we also combine with 1B and do tabloids (a gross motor program) and sport which is skipping until the end of term.

Computer is proving to be really astounding with so many young students being able to log on themselves. The Mathletics program is also a great motivator for kids to learn their Maths.

In Maths we have been doing lots of practical group work, especially in Measurement and Number with the guidance of Mrs Eipper, our practice teaching student. She will be at our school until next Monday after completing a four week practicum. Mrs Eipper has added lots of enthusiasm to our lessons and 1H would like to thank her for her great contribution to the student's learning.



Students from 1H proudly displaying some of their 'Celebrations' artwork

It's wonderful to see all the students bringing healthier food for lunch and recess. Their bodies and minds will definitely benefit. Our reading groups are progressing well. Thanks to all the parent helpers who come in and assist. With their help the children can be offered more varied and practical learning experiences in all subject areas.

Miss Kerrieanne Holani (Class Teacher)

EASTER RAFFLE REMINDER

We are still asking for donations of Easter eggs or anything else suitable for our annual Easter Raffle. Thank you to those parents who have already donated. This fundraiser is always an exciting one! Donations can be left at the school office. Our Easter raffle will be drawn Weds 19th March and prize winners will be contacted to collect their winnings on the day.

Good luck to everyone!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

P & C Meeting 7.00pm AGM	18th March
Easter Hat Parade 2.15pm	19th March
Students return to school	25th March

CONGRATULATIONS!

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Kea Murray - KD
- ◆ Sophy Simson - KK
- ◆ Sangam Singh - KK
- ◆ Adam Hill - 1B
- ◆ Dana Gregson - 1H
- ◆ Sherydan Simson - 2R
- ◆ Monique Tinson - 2R
- ◆ Bryce Nicolson - 3/4E
- ◆ Floyd Baskett - 4/5C
- ◆ Tumma Murray - 4/5C

Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Natalie McIntosh - 1B
- ◆ Macy Stewart - 1H
- ◆ Chloe Irwin - 3-4C
- ◆ Anjanveer Bhasin - 5/6M
- ◆ Brenden Downton - 5/6R

Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Zara Saxby - KF
- ◆ Jake Rovere - 4/5C
- ◆ Brock Sankey - 4/5C

HARMONY DAY 2008 ~ AT THE BOTANIC GARDENS



Harmony Day provides young Australians with the opportunity to think about the people who share their community and consider the values of mutual respect, participation, opportunity

and a fair go for all. Council's Multicultural Reference Group in partnership with the Friends of the Botanic Gardens are hoping for a big turn out to this year's Harmony Day event to be held at the Gardens on **Easter Sunday 23 March from 1:30pm to 6:30pm.**

An exciting event is being planned with an Aussie BBQ, multicultural foods for sale, or bring your own picnic. There will be music, entertainment, exhibitions and performances show casing the community's cultural diversity creating a colourful vibrant atmosphere. Some of the spectacular activities include music and dance from various cultural groups including the Liberian Dance Group, Rafiki Connection, Ashembe Drums and Mirage Dancers, the Indigenous group Koomurri Dance, Harbour Square Dancers, Scottish Country Dancers, Medieval Guild's re-enactments and village, kids competitions and an Easter egg hunt and much more. It's a day not to be missed!

Entrance is free, everyone is welcome. Enjoy the atmosphere in the beautiful surroundings of the Botanic Gardens.

More details: Susan Clarke, CHCC Ph: 6648 4833

KIDCYBER IS WORTH A VISIT!

<http://www.kidcyber.com.au> ~ provides:



- easy to understand text for student research, including material for primary school students in Years 3-6;
- easy to navigate format;
- a variety of topics in key learning areas;
- links to information sites for research, project ideas, evaluation, and
- advice to parents about helping with school homework assignments and projects.

TIPS FOR ENCOURAGING GOOD BEHAVIOUR

WHINING: BE STRONG

Kids don't want to be annoying. By giving in to their annoying persistence we are unintentionally training them to do it more. 'No' means 'no', not maybe, so don't say it unless you mean it. If you say 'No' and then give in, they will be even more persistent with whining the next time, hoping to get lucky again.

<http://raisingchildren.net.au>

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CANTEEN ROSTER

Maree Hartin Raelee Wright	Fri 14 Mar
CLOSED MONDAY	
Maree Hartin Dot Falzon	Tue 18 Mar
Maree Hartin Sandy Butler	Wed 19 Mar
Maree Hartin Dot Falzon	Thur 20 Mar



ACCESS 'KIDSPACE' FROM HOME

COOL WEBSITES

'Kidspage', (NSW Department of Education & Training) can be accessed by all students who have parental permission, and internet available at home. More information will be included in next weeks newsletter. All they need to do is:

- go to <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/>
- click on 'DET internet access and email'
- click on 'Student Portals'
- then enter their user ID and password

Once they are logged into their very own 'Kidspage Portal', (the same one they use at school), they can visit Cool Websites approved by the department, such as the Online Dictionary, Cybersmart Kids, Premier's Reading Challenge and lots more!

MY LIBRARY



Is also just a 'click-away' at the 'Kidspage Portal'. When students visit "My Library" they can access sites currently being used by the school library. At the moment students can gain access to sites such as Aboriginal Culture, Bush Food and Medicine, Puppy Days Story Builder and more.

At 'My Library' students can also browse all subjects, authors, reading lists etc by accessing the school library database. This is a great way to find out what books are available for borrowing.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

For more information about 'After School Care', please contact the program coordinator on Ph: 6654 8554. Vacation Care is also available each school holiday. Venue ~ Short St, Woolgoolga

Monday
to
Friday