Principal's Report

District Cross Country

Congratulations to both Liam and Sky who both competed at the District Cross Country carnival. Liam came 14th and Sky came 8th. Sky will now go onto the Regional Carnival. We wish her all the best. Well done Sky and Liam.

Weekly Events

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School Reports

Student reports will be sent home in Week 9 this term with Parent Interviews to take place in early Term 3. A booking form for these interviews will be sent home week 8. Please complete the form and return it to your child’s class teacher before the end of term. Interview times will be allocated on a ‘first come - first served’ basis, so it pays to return your form early to secure your time. Confirmations will be sent home with children once times are allocated.

School Fees

Outstanding school fees for Terms 1 and 2 will be sent home next week. Items on the fee schedule such as textbooks, workbooks and reading diaries have already been paid for out of school funds. The school relies on payment for these items to cover these costs. When these items are not paid for, the school must cover the cost - resulting in less money for items such as teaching resources, library books etc. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that these items are paid for. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the school so that some arrangement can be made.

Thank You Mr Bessell

Mr Bessell has settled in extremely well and the children are busy at work in the 5/6 room.
P&C News

School Fundraising Golf & Family Fun Day
The school will be having its fundraising Golf Day at Del Rio Resort on Sunday, 20th July.

The day includes breakfast, an 18 hole game of golf and lunch.

Cost is $35.00 for a full day (Breakfast, Golf and Lunch) or $30 Adults, $15.00 Child (Lunch only).
Tickets will be available soon.

To help us raise money, we need donations for our chocolate wheel….big or small. Donations can be left at the front office of the school.

We hope you can all attend as this is a great day out for the family and there will be lots of prizes up for grabs!!

There will be more fun for the kids with a bike race and mini putt putt golf activities which include prizes. Further details will be in the next newsletter.

Our next P&C meeting will be held Thursday, 5th June at 3pm in the annexe.

Principal’s Report (cont’d)

Food Day
Thank you to Heidi and Kristy for a very successful soup day. The children and staff enjoyed their yummy lunch.

Senior Camp Update
Only seven sleeps left. Students from 4/5/6 will be departing on Tuesday 10 June for our Sydney Excursion. A note has gone home with the children with the final drop off, pick up arrangements. Please check your “What to Bring” list.

Fantastic Ferry Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received awards during the past fortnight.

K/1/2  
Isaac  
Breanna  
Kyla  
Regan  
Jasmine  
Maddison  
Tess  
3/4  
Sierra  
Gabby  
Spencer  
Dayne  
Alyssa  
Sky  
Ella  
Duke  
5/6  
Mykaela  
Liam  
George  
Alexander  
Zeke  
Karl

Students are reminded that when they have collected 5 Ferry Awards then they qualify for their BRONZE award. If they have collected 10 Ferry Awards this year then they qualify for their SILVER award. These Ferry Awards are handed in at the school office.

Bronze/Silver/Gold awards are presented at our fortnightly assemblies. Please note that parents are always welcome to attend these assemblies.

Students are responsible for looking after their Ferry awards and lost Ferries are not usually replaced. If students are away on the day their Ferry award is presented, it will be held over to the next assembly.

Wisemans Ferry & district Sports Inc (WF&DSI)
4/6/14 Indoor Rock climbing The Edge Castle Hill (Only for children 5yrs +) (extra cost involved) If you would like your child to attend Rock Climbing and you are not a regular at After School Sports inc. contact Jenny on 0425 248 586 for permission note.

This will be our last sports day for this term.

FURTHER INFORMATION:
If you require further information Phone 4566 4212 (Chris) or 0425 248 586 (Jenny)
Or email: wfsportsinc@gmail.com

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ASTRONOMY NIGHT
Saturday, 7 June (7pm – 9pm)
WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH A RADIO DISH OR TWO
Radio astronomy involves looking at light from the weakest part of the electromagnetic spectrum, which has such little energy that giant radio dishes are needed to collect it. We’ll look at what you can do with a dish or two (or a few thousand), including historic discoveries, the space program, pulsars, radio dishes in space, future massive radio telescopes, and so on.

The night will also include a 3D astronomy movie that will run for 15-20 minutes, a tour of the dome area and stargazing through various computerised telescopes. Our program will run regardless of the weather.

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On

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ADMISSION: Adults $15 (includes up to three children under 16 free with paying adult)
Concession $10 (excludes free child entry)

OPEN TO HEAVY COMMERCIAL & SPECIALISED VEHICLES OVER 30 YEARS
(FREE ENTRY REQUIRED)

EXHIBITORS ONLY: Saturday arrival and setup, club run and night func on. More details available with entry form. FREE overnight camping facilities, breakfast, tea & coffee, hospitality tent

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PUBLIC SHOW DAY
Sunday 15th June, 2014
8am to 3pm
VENUE:
Museum of Fire
Penrith, NSW
(CHARTITY EVENT)

Hawkesbury JobShop

Where:
Windsor RSL,
Cnr Malham Street & Argyle Street 8th Windsor

When:
Wednesday 11 June 2014

Time:
5:15 pm for 5:45 pm start. Finish by 7:30pm

- Find out about and APPLY for current jobs, apprenticeships and traineeships
- Get tips from experts about which jobs are in demand and how to find them
- Discover jobs available in Hawkesbury and surrounding areas
- Learn how to market yourself to employers
- Build your skills through training to create a career pathway
- Talk with employers, training organisations and employment service providers

Friends and parents are encouraged to come.
Get a free USB with heaps of info to help you get a job.
No need to register—just come!
12 friendship skills every child needs

**Friendship skills are generally developmental. That is, kids grow into these skills given exposure to different situations and with adult help.**

Kids can be picky about who they play and mix with. Popularity should not be confused with sociability. A number of studies in recent decades have shown that appearance, personality type and ability impact on a child’s popularity at school.

Good-looking, easy-going, talented kids usually win peer popularity polls but that doesn’t necessarily guarantee they will have friends.

**Those children and young people who develop strong friendships have a definite set of skills that help make them easy to like, easy to relate to and easy to play with.**

Here are twelve essential skills that children have identified as being important for making and keeping friends:

1. Ability to share possessions and space
2. Keeping confidences and secrets
3. Offering to help
4. Accepting other’s mistakes
5. Being positive and enthusiastic
6. Starting a conversation
7. Winning and losing well
8. Listening to others
9. Starting and maintaining a conversation
10. Ignoring someone who is annoying you
11. Cooperating with others
12. Giving and receiving compliments

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In past generations ‘exposure to different situations’ meant opportunities to play with each other, with siblings and with older and younger friends.

They were reminded by parents about how they should act around others. They were also ‘taught’ from a very young age.

**Arrested development**

The NEW CHILD grows up with fewer siblings, fewer opportunities for unstructured play and less freedom to explore friendships than children of even ten years ago.

A parenting style that promotes a high sense of individual entitlement rather than the notion of fitting in appears to be popular at the moment.

These factors can lead to delayed or arrested development in these essential friendship skills, resulting in very unhappy, self-centred children.

Here are some ideas if you think your child experiences developmental delay in any of these essential skills or just needs some help to acquire them:

1. Encourage or insist that kids play and work with each other: Allowing kids the freedom to be kids is part of the message here but parents have to be cunning with the NEW CHILD and construct situations where kids have to get on with each other. For some kids “Go outside and play” is a good place to start!
2. Play with your kids: Interact with your kids through games and other means so you can help kids learn directly from you how to get on with others.
3. Talk about these skills: If you notice your kids need to develop some of these skills then talk about them, point out when they show them and give them some implementation ideas.

Kids are quite ego-centric and need to develop a sense of ‘other’ so they can successfully negotiate the many social situations that they find themselves in.

As parents we often focus on the development of children’s academic skills and can quite easily neglect the development of these vitally important social skills, which contribute so much to children’s happiness and well-being.

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