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School Athletics Carnival

Our School Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 23rd June and Wednesday 25th June. On the Monday, we will be conducting the field events at school. On the Wednesday, we will be conducting our track events at Clarrie Watkins Reserve (Hornsby Oval). A note is being sent home with this newsletter.

Rotary Club Public Speaking Championship

Congratulations to Harley who will participate in the Richmond Rotary Club public speaking championship today after his return from camp to be held at the Richmond Club. He will deliver a speech about “Bizarre & Historical Customs & Rituals”. Good luck Harley.

Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Sky who participated in the Regional Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday. She came 52nd out of 100. Well done.

Senior Camp

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students have been having a fantastic time on their Sydney excursion according to reports from Mrs Harris and Mrs Longhurst. Despite the inclement weather on the first day, the children have shown lots of enthusiasm, enjoying the activities and gained a lot from their Sydney experience. We are sure all the parents have missed their sons and daughters though and will be glad to have them bake safe and sound. A big thank you to Mrs Harris, Mrs Longhurst, Mrs Clissold and Mr Ireland for leaving their own families to take care of our children. It is a big commitment and they did an amazing job.

Music Festival Rehearsal

On Tuesday 17th June, students in our school choir will be travelling to Hawkesbury High for our first Music Festival rehearsal. Mrs Harris and Mrs Walker will accompany the group. A reminder that permission notes are to be returned if you haven’t already done so.

Wisemans Ferry Public School P & C Committee are as follows

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**Gifted and Talented Courses**
Twenty eight of our students have been accepted into various Gifted and Talented Courses being run across Hawkesbury Schools. Some of the courses our students have been accepted into include - Mini Masterchef, Story Telling with iPads, Science Fun , Creative Maths and Ancient Egypt. It is fantastic to see so many of our students have the opportunity to extend and develop their talents. Each course runs over one school day and will commence next week and run until the end of Term 2.

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

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Karl and Jessica will be presented with their Bronze award at our next assembly (Week 8) and Harley will be presented with his Silver award. 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.

**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.

Our next P&C meeting will be held Thursday, 26th June at 3pm in the annexe.

**Food Day**
The next Food Day will be Monday, 23rd June. The menu will be Sausage Sizzle and a poppa juice. Cost will be $5.00. If you wish to order, please bring money in by Thursday 19th June.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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**ASTRONOMY NIGHT**
Saturday, 21 June (7pm – 9pm)
The evening will include a presentation, 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:

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Term 2 Week 7

Friday 13th June 2014
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 this freedom to be kids is part of the message here but parents have to be running 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: Integrate 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 vital important social skills, which contribute so much to children’s happiness and well-being.

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