Monday 25th March 2013

Hello everyone!

Congratulations to Mackenzie Darcy who is our Star of the Week this week.

THE OVERVIEW....

It was an action charged week this week. Mrs Stevenson found her day in Port Macquarie to be very informative. I was pleased I attended the North Coast Principal's Conference....there are many changes looming and I think everyone is experiencing this feeling of ‘how are we going to do all this’? Mrs Jones enjoyed her day with those who were not Cross-Country competitors! On Thursday we celebrated Harmony Day, with a ChalkTheWalk, and on Friday Hannam Vale Public School hosted a Collegial Leadership Network meeting - with ten local Principals attending.

CROSS COUNTRY SENSATIONS !!!

Student performances at the Cross Country event were sensational! Elen brought home a 2nd Place Medal! Top effort Elen! Connor, who came fifth in his division - another terrific effort - will represent our school, with Elen at the Zone Event, on 5th April.

HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Harmony Day is an annual event where all Australians celebrate the nation's diversity and share what we have in common. Students wore orange clothes (the colour of the day), and donated a gold coin to the Red Cross for the privilege! Yummy orange foods were on the menu! Thanks everyone!

Students wrote messages to friends and hung these onto the Peace Tree. (More Harmony Day pics on page 3)

More Fun to come....

Manning Regional Art Gallery Visit, 27th March.
Bus provided. 10:45am – 1:15pm (travel time included).
This exciting event will definitely keep us thinking creatively! Thanks to the Gallery for providing the bus to and from the venue, and a guide whilst we are there!

Easter Hat Parade and Assembly - 28th March.
Those Easter Raffle Goodies look exciting!

Thanks for your continued support and friendship!
Pam Everingham
Teaching Principal

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

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COLLECTION REMINDERS

1. Art Gallery visit Permission note.
2. Voluntary Parent Drivers Forms
3. Subject Fees: $20 Kinder, $30 Years 1 – 6
4. P&C Student Injury Insurance - $5.00 each
5. School Voluntary Contribution - $20 per family
6. P&C Easter Raffle Tickets
**STAR OF THE WEEK !!!**

**Mackenzie Darcy**

**Year 6**

1. **School Voluntary Contribution**
   - $20 per family

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**So, Mackenzie, how do you feel about being chosen Star of the Week?**

Special!

**Why were you chosen for this award?**

For great leadership qualities on Harmony Day and for homework excellence.

**Who are your best friends?**

Elen and Kieran

**What is your favourite subject?**

Art

**What is your favourite home activity?**

Riding my pony

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

I would like a career working with horses.

OK Mackenzie, thank you for being interviewed by HV Press.

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**P & C NEWS**

**Lucky P&C Pick**

Congratulations to Cain Northey who was our Lucky P&C Pick winner for last week!

**HARMONY DAY**

Thank you to the staff and students for a great day last Thursday. Your ‘Chalk-The-Walk’ drawings were fantastic!

**EASTER RAFFLE**

Thanks again for donations and for tickets that have been returned so far. Our hampers are looking great and the raffle will be drawn this Thursday at the Easter Assembly. Could all tickets (sold or unsold) please be returned by Wednesday. Thanks for your support.

The P&C would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter break !!!

Michelle Dennis

P&C President

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**P.S. DON’T FORGET TO RETURN THOSE P&C EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Laurieton Public School P&C

**STREET MARKETS**

Easter Saturday 30th March 8am-1pm

Bold & Seymour Streets Laurieton

NOTE: Road Closure of Bold Street between Laurie and Seymour Streets, and Seymour Street between Bold Street and Lake Street.

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**HANNAM VALE P&C TENNIS CLUB**

We welcome new members and invite you to come along, enjoy a friendly game of tennis in a relaxed atmosphere and help support our local club.

Membership fees are $25 adults, $18 juniors and $20 associate members.

For more information please contact Glenda Cross (6556 7627) or Robyn Wigman (6556 7707)
After lunch everyone in attendance had 3 counters given to them in order to vote for the best works of Art. In the spirit of the day, no student could vote for their own work!

Our Chalk the Walk Competition winners were Year 2 in the K-2 Section and Year 3 in the 3-6 Section.

Respect and understanding of cultural diversity is what Harmony Day is all about! The theme of Harmony Day this year was **Many Stories - One Australia**

and on the day we participated in a class ‘Chalk-the-Walk’ Competition.

And here we have Oliver, Jasmine, Emily and Laura, all looking very **ORANGE-ish** with the Peace Tree and its messages in the background!

To wrap up, an Assembly in the Hall saw Kieran and Mackenzie, School Captains, speak about the day. They reminded us that Harmony Day is a day to reflect on where Australia has come from, while recognising the traditional owners of the land. We heard that around seven million people have migrated to Australia since 1945 and today 45% of Australians were either born overseas or have parents who were. We are one of the most multicultural countries in the world, with 300 languages spoken at home. This cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths.

We raised $40.00 for the Red Cross.

Our **Peace Radio broadcast**, prepared by (left to right) Elen, Ben and Connor, kept us amused at lunchtime ..... also there were numerous interesting Classroom Activities completed.

**Harmony Day for us was a very happy one !!!**
AN INVITATION

EASTER ASSEMBLY AND MORNING TEA!

Come along all! - Parents, Family and Friends!

**When?** 10:00 am ‘til 11:30 am   Thursday 28\textsuperscript{th} March.

**Where?** Celebration Assembly first in the School Hall beginning at 10:00 am.

Students please wear SPORTS UNIFORM!

The Easter Hat Parade will take place after the Easter Assembly, in the Playground area.

This will be followed by Morning Tea.
Please bring a plate of goodies if you are able.

**Other activities – at Recess:**
Easter Colouring Competition judging;

Easter Egg Hunt;

P&C Easter Raffle to be drawn !

After Recess normal lessons will resume for the students.
In this time they will be presenting their Egg-Drop Experiment in groups.

**Lunch will be as normal.**

Sport will take place from 2-3 pm

Thanks for your continued support and friendship!

Pam Everingham, Principal.