

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Our first full week is now behind us and we are very excited about how well the students have started the year. We have been working really hard in our new classes and all the students seem really settled.

Our class structure for this year includes the naming of each class using a local indigenous name of a particular animal. Using this strategy we hope to give the entire student population a greater understanding of our local indigenous heritage and it is a good way to try and build knowledge and understanding

The class names are;

Mrs Raymond's class is called Burrang. The English translation for the word Burrang is magpie. Mrs Hook's class is called Guparr. The English translation for the word Guparr is dolphin. Mr Crowe's class is called Gukandi. The English translation for the word Gukandi is kookaburra. Ms Littler's class is called Miriki. The English translation for the word Miriki is echidna. Over the next few weeks each class will be doing some research on their animal.

A reminder about the two up-coming events happening next week (Healthy Harold) and the week after (Swimming carnival on Monday 18th Feb). It is vital that each child have a signed permission note in order to attend each activity. Payment for each activity is also expected as this affects the long term viability of running extra curricula activities. If any family is experiencing difficulties paying for school related expenses they can apply to the school for some assistance. The school is given a small amount of money by the Education Department to assist families and each request will be looked at on a case by case basis.

A big thankyou to Guparr class, especially Kiralee and Joshua, for hosting our weekly assembly on Friday. Each Friday will see a different class host the assembly and present some work or an item. All parents / caregivers, aunts, uncles & grandparents are more than welcome to come along and enjoy our assemblies. They run on Fridays at 12.45pm. Hope to see you there.

Maths questions

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It's aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

Helping your child with homework

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

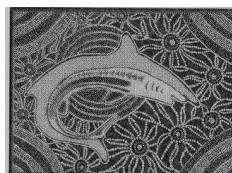


DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT	COST
12/2/2013	Happy Harold	\$5.00
13/2/2013	Happy Harold	\$5.00
18/2/2013	Swimming 8-12 years	\$3.00
20/4/2013	"Excuse Me I Was Here First"	\$9.00 p/p

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Biripi people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Biripi Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginals.



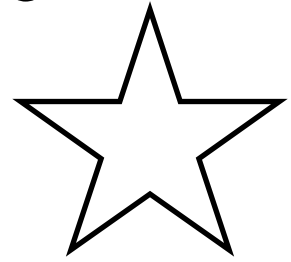


We will be visiting Healthy Harold with our classes.



CONGRATULATIONS

Star of the Week



One of our school leaders for 2013 is Tiana. Tiana has had a wonderful start to the year and we are looking forward to her being a great role model for our school.



Peer Reading



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- Difficulty Concentrating in Class
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- Dyspraxia / Co-ordination / Gross Motor Skills

Assessments, screeners and ongoing therapy now available, currently no waiting list.

Workshops

Tool Kit for Kids – Club Forster

One day workshop focusing on Sensory Processing, what is it and how is it affecting your child, open to parents teachers and therapist this workshop can be used across the board to help children that struggle with daily tasks such as concentrating, learning difficulties, co-ordination and much more

Mini-workshops - Forster, Wellness Centre

Handwriting, Helping Children Concentrate & Apps for learning. Open to all parents and teachers, these workshops are designed to help you learn and understand how you can best assist children to get the most out of the curriculum.

Funding – available through GP Care Plans, Better Start Funding and Helping Children with Autism (FaHCSIA)

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