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‘WORKING TOGETHER’

NEWSLETTER

2015 Term 3 Week 8

TERM 3 IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 31st August- 11th September
Thursday 3rd September

Sunday 6th September
Wednesday 9th September
Thursday 10th September
Friday 11th September
Thursday 17th September

Life Education Van
Father's Day Stall, 9-11am
Clubs, 1.45pm
Father's Day!
Regional Spelling Bee – Farmborough Road PS
You Can Do It assembly, 2pm
Mid South District PSSA Relay Day
Clubs Open Day
P&C Meeting, 6pm

Dear parents, carers, students and community members,

Lights, Camera, Action! School Performance

THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to every student who performed so beautifully last Thursday night at our school "Lights, Camera, Action!" concert. As a proud audience member, I certainly went home with aching cheeks from laughing and smiling at our talented kids! Special mention must go to the three fabulous hosts Poppi-Rose R, Samara W and Gideon B. You were excellent! Thank you to all the parents who went to the effort to personally thank our hardworking school staff via email or in person – your appreciation of our commitment to your children is encouraging and welcomed!

Again, to Mrs Harris and her team, including members of the Parsons family, Harris family and Chapman family – we thank you! A total of \$2300 was raised (in profit) and will begin our hall curtain fund.

NAIDOC Public Speaking and Debating Final

On Wednesday, two of our students Poppi-Rose R(Yr 6) and Samara W(Yr 3) will compete together as our representatives in the NSW Public Schools Regional NAIDOC Public Speaking Final at Minnamurra Public School. Schools they will compete against include Waniora Public School, Bomaderry Public School, Ulladulla Public School, Oak Flats Public School, Bungendore Public School, Wollondilly Public School. Both girls are confident that they are prepared and ready to give their best effort. Go for it girls - we are all standing behind you, cheering!

School Administration and Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week

Every year schools recognise and acknowledge the vital role SASS play in schools across NSW. SASS are the backbone of the great work being done as modern schools step up to the challenges of educating students in this century and meeting the demands of an ever-changing world. Recognition Week is an opportunity for the school community to show their appreciation to SASS members who play an important part in ensuring the smooth running of our schools.

These important people include: administrative managers, administrative officers, school learning support officers, aboriginal education officers and general assistants. This year's theme is: "Our jobs - Your children - Their future". Please join me in thanking the SASS in our school!

Life Education – Healthy Harold is here during the next 2 weeks!

Once again, all students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate in the Life Education program. Our school has been lucky enough to be sponsored, so that the usual fee for participating has been paid by Wollongong University. The K-6 program consists of [13 curriculum based modules](#) focusing on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cyber safety, safety with medicine and legal drugs; tobacco, alcohol and caffeine. By taking a comprehensive approach to drug and health education our modules help children to develop relationship skills, positive communication (both face to face and

online), problem solving and decision making skills. The Life Education van provide students the opportunity to [develop strategies, and practice the skills](#) required to avoid the harms associated with an unhealthy lifestyle.

Classes will attend at the following times:

Day/Date	Monday 31 st August	Tuesday 1 st Sept	Wednesday 2 nd Sept	Thursday 3 rd Sept	Friday 4 th Sept	Monday 7 th Sept	Tuesday 8 th Sept
9.25-10.55am	ASPECT	3/6D&3/6H (Yr5&6)	KP	K/6W	-	-	5/6W
11.50- 1.20pm	ASPECT	3/4P	3/6D&3/6H (Yr3&4)	-	-	3/4B	5/6S
1.55-2.55pm	2H	1/2M	KB	-	-	-	1G

Tell Them From Me – parent survey

Our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October 2015. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

To access the survey, go to: www.tellthemfromme.com

with the following log in details:

Username: parent17743

Password: Bar4501

More information is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Interschool Chess Competition

On the 19th of August 2015, Barrack Heights Public School chess team participated in a chess tournament at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School. We competed with four other schools. They were Kiama, Thirroul, Fairy Meadow and Austinmer. Once we arrived, the rules were explained to us by a Chess coordinator from the Sydney Academy of Chess. There were seven rounds with 15 minute games and breaks in-between. There were forty-eight competitors all together from the participating schools. Our highest scoring player was Cvete Bi -16th on the leader board with four wins out of seven. Our school was positioned in 4th place. Even though our school didn't win we all still had fun.

Written by: Noah S (Yr 6)

Sarah Rudling
Principal

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Crimestoppers 1800 333 000

Father's Day Stall

The P&C are holding a Father's Day stall on Thursday 3 September. Kids can buy a lovely gift that they have chosen themselves. The gifts range in price from \$2 to \$10 and include screw driver and tool kits, stubbie holders, mug and coaster sets, travel mugs, caps, photo frames, pens, desk caddy, key rings, car care and more.


Buy for Dad, Pop or Grandpa, or for anyone special. Kindergarten parents, please place money in an envelope with child's name, class and amount enclosed. **Do not put any money for this stall in the black money box.** Students should keep it with them until their class is called to purchase gifts. If any parents are available to help with the stall on the day for a couple of hours, it would be greatly appreciated. Meet in the hall at 8.45am.

Earn and Learn

Please put Earn and Learn stickers straight in the green collection box outside the school canteen, even if they haven't been stuck on to the Woollies Earn and Learn sheet. All you have to do is collect the Earn and Learn stickers every time you shop at Woolworths and you can help earn awesome sports equipment for our school! For more information you can go to their website: www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service

Get set for school! Kids health check month- September 2015. For 3-5 year olds who will be transitioning into 'big' school in 2016. Bring your child in for a healthy kids check during the month of September and get them set for school. Complete the health check and receive a free school readiness gift pack, plus go in the draw to win fantastic prizes! Go to the Aboriginal Medical Service in Wollongong or dapto throughout September. Wollongong- 4229 9495/ Dapto- 4262 8777



For parents and carers of children with a disability aged from Birth to 6 years

FREE

ECIC Parent Information Day

Run by qualified and experienced practitioners

The day will cover the following:


- Goal setting and planning towards NDIS
- Behaviours and supports
- Inclusion in the early childhood setting
- Communication
- Speaker presenting from NDIA
- Parent speakers

Date: September 1st 2015
Time: 9 am – Registration, 9.30 starts –to 2.30pm
Where: Salvation Army, 11-13 Burelli St Wollongong.
Cost: **NIL**


Register at: <https://ecicpillawarra.eventbrite.com.au>
Or Contact 42839936

LIMITED PLACES RSVP by

Free Morning tea and Lunch provided



Presented by the Illawarra Early Childhood Intervention Coordination



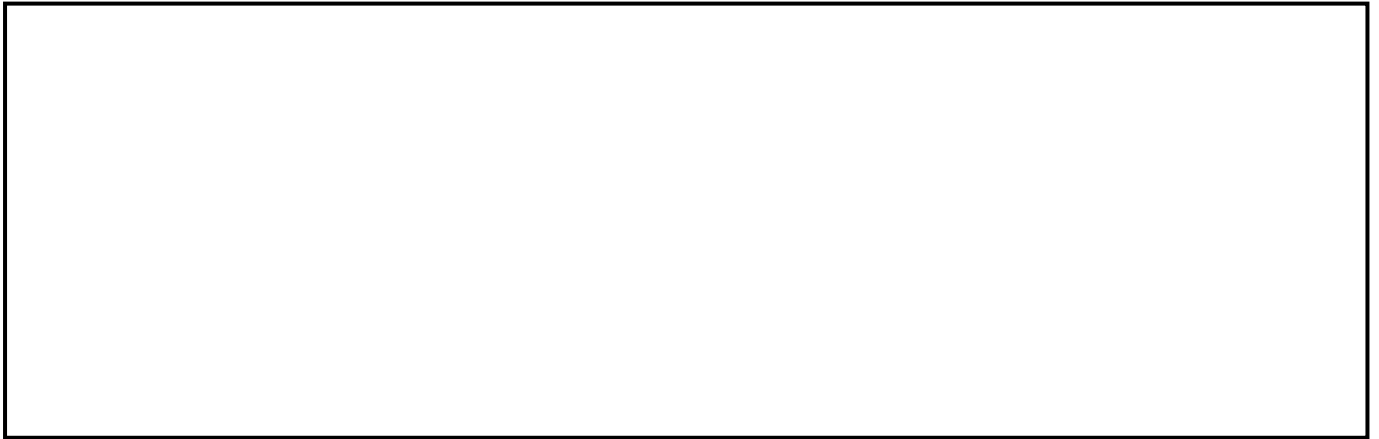


SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Council's Community Connections will continue to promote school holiday activities, but instead of using a printed program, they will now be published on our Shellharbour Kids Website.

To find out what's on in Shellharbour these school holidays, visit the Event Calendar <http://shellharbourkids.com.au/event-calendar>

or the School Holidays page <http://shellharbourkids.com.au/fun-play-page/school-holidays>



Smith's Hill High School
Gipps Street, Wollongong, 2500
EXPO NIGHT
Wednesday 7th October, 2015
6.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Smith's Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for gifted and talented students.

Applications for Year 7 2017 close on November 16th 2015

Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2017. Year 6 students who sat the entrance test for 2016 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and programs. Phone enquiries directed to the school on 42294266.