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From the Principal’s Desk...

It has certainly been another busy week at Kurrajong North Public School and thankfully we have had some sunny skies to work under. Last week marked the launch of the DEC framework, Wellbeing For Schools. Wellbeing For Schools sets out to enable students to be healthy, happy, engaged and successful. This is an integrated approach from the department that covers the broad yet core business of helping to develop the whole child – a belief that we at Kurrajong North have espoused for some time. Our staff will be further familiarising themselves with the key directions of this initiative to help strengthen our students for the road ahead, not just the next assessment task but as lifelong learners.

I am really excited for what this means for our students in the coming months and years. I look forward to sharing these new policies and directions with our students and the community in the future. I think that if we all have a common understanding and commitment to this goal, we can expect even greater success for our students – success in all its forms.

First Library Award Winner

This week saw the introduction of a Library Award at our fortnightly assemblies. I am very proud to announce the first winner was Emily. Mrs Robinson selected Emily for the amazing work she has been doing on the Premiers Reading Challenge. On Wednesday our school took part in the National Simultaneous Storytime event hosted by SBS. Many schools from all over Australia stopped to listen to the story ‘The Brothers Quibby’ read by its author Aaron Babley. Many thanks to Miss Malcom for the organisation of this event. I know everyone enjoyed it – especially kindergarten!
The Crossing

Today we were all very lucky to be audience members for our incursion ‘The Crossing’. This was a valuable learning experience for our students who were able to watch a troupe of actors perform Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson’s crossing of the Blue Mountains. The students showed outstanding active listening skills whilst watching this performance and I thank Mrs Robinson once again for her outstanding organisation of this event.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016

We have started taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. If you have a child who will be enrolling in Kindergarten for 2016, please assist us by completing an enrolment form. Forms are available from the office. Please bring your child’s birth certificate/passport, immunisation documents and proof of address with you.

Your assistance in this matter helps with planning for 2016. If you are aware of a family in the area who has a child who will be enrolling in Kindergarten for 2016, please ask them to contact the school office.

Hawkesbury District Cross Country

Congratulations to Kate who represented Small Schools at the District Carnival last Friday. In wet and miserable conditions she ran her heart out and helped the Small Schools’ Team have a very successful day. Special congratulations to Kate who was placed 2nd in her age group and will now represent Hawkesbury at the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival. Good Luck Kate!
Anti-Bullying Forums

By now your children will hopefully have told you about the anti-bullying forums we are conducting in every classroom. These forums are based on restorative justice practices. Restorative practice is a strategy that seeks to repair relationships that have been damaged, including those damaged through bullying. It does this by bringing about a sense of remorse and restorative action on the part of the offender and forgiveness by the victim.

The rationale behind this approach is that when offenders reflect upon their harm to victims:

- They become remorseful and act restoratively.
- Practitioners can focus on the unacceptable behaviour of offenders rather than their moral character.
- This can lead to healthier interpersonal relations among members of the school community and more effective learning.

The forums take place every two weeks and are led by me. The classroom teacher takes on the role of observer and records issues that arise as a part of the forum.

They key points to remember about these forums are that:

1. They provide a safe, respectful environment in which all parties have a voice.
2. They provide a common language across the school making all parties aware of their individual obligations as members of our school community.

We reinforce at each forum, exactly what bullying is and what it is not.

**Bullying is** repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological aggressive behaviour by a person or group directed towards a less powerful person or group that is intended to cause harm, distress or fear.

**What is not bullying?**

There are also some behaviours, which, although they might be unpleasant or distressing, are not bullying:

- mutual conflict - which involves a disagreement, but not an imbalance of power. Unresolved mutual conflict can develop into bullying if one of the parties targets the other repeatedly in retaliation.
- single-episode acts of nastiness or physical aggression, or aggression directed towards many different people, is not bullying.
- social rejection or dislike is not bullying unless it involves deliberate and repeated attempts to cause distress, exclude or create dislike by others.

Please help us by reinforcing these concepts. Copies of our Anti Bullying Policy are available at the front office.
Award Winners From Assembly Week 6

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| KR | Cooper M, Matilda K, Daniel F  
| 1/2B | Arianna B, Oliver W, Ben S  
| 3/4M | Lachlan W, Matilda B, Ava Mc  
| 4/5/6H | Grace D, Kyan T, Zachary S  
| Captain Awards | Ava M & Ben S  
| Library Award | Emily F  

Have a great fortnight Kurrajong North!

Kind regards,

Miss Rosemary Richardson
Principal

P & C News

Next Meeting June 15!
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COMMUNITY MEETING

COLO HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3
6 PM SCHOOL THEATRETTE

All members of the Colo High School community are invited to attend a community meeting to:

- Hear detail of a proposal to vary school lesson times (from the commencement of the 2016 school year) forward one hour - so that the regular school day commences at 8.05 a.m. and concludes at 2.20 p.m. The purpose of this change is to allow for an improved bus service, particularly in the afternoon.
- Provide opportunity to raise questions/issues regarding the proposal and its implications
- Explain the process of consultation and how individuals can make submission regarding the proposal.

It will not be necessary to RSVP for the meeting and all interested parties are most welcome to attend.

M.Sargeant
Principal