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You are invited to

Education Week Open Day Celebrations

Book Fair

& Lapathon

Thursday, 28 May

*A love of learning
NSW public schools leading the way*

10.00 a.m. Stage-based activities and open classrooms

11.15 a.m. Recess

11.35 a.m. School Lapathon

12.55 p.m. Picnic Lunch

The Book Fair will be in the Library all day

Everyone is invited to attend!

Dear Parents and Friends,

The NAP tests went well for Year 3 and 5 last week. We were able to work around the painting so that the students had complete peace and quiet. So far, 1 room has been painted and they are now working on the weatherboard building.

We wish our 64 students, who are competing in the District Cross Country on Friday, all the best. We know they will try their hardest.

Education Week

Next week we celebrate Education Week and highlight the quality of our students and teachers work. The theme is *"Leading the way"*

Our school leads the way in many areas as will be demonstrated next week.

We start with our 3 dance groups performing at Windsor Riverview on Wednesday at 12 noon. It will be the debut public performance for each group.

On Thursday, we have our Open Day, starting at 10.00a.m, moving into the Lapathon after Recess and featuring the Book Fair all day. It would be great to see everyone here to enjoy the students' work.

Thursday is also Public Education Day, where public education is celebrated around Australia.

Students bringing their favourite toys to school

All students enjoy bringing their favourite toys to school for news. However, these toys and belongings are appearing in the playground and causing arguments and disputed ownership.

Toys that come to school for news should be handed to the teacher and kept in the classroom. This will keep them safe.

We ask that students do not bring toys, or items such as bakogan and footy cards to school as school is not the place for trading or swapping. This only leads to arguments.

Waste Education Program

Today and tomorrow, our students are participating in a Waste Education Program organised by Hawkesbury City Council. The Waste Education Program provides students with lifelong skills that will assist them to reduce the amount of waste they generate. The program is free to schools and covers the following topics:

- Recycling Rules
- Being Resourceful
- It's a Wormy World
- The Three Rs

Head Lice

These pesky bugs are back again. Please check your child's hair and take the necessary steps to eradicate this recurring problem.

Whooping Cough

We have had several cases of whooping cough reported. Please be aware of this and if your child presents with a persistent cough, please see your doctor.

Gary Condon, Principal

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 21 May	2.30pm School Assembly
Fri 22 May	District Cross Country
Mon 25 May	Education Week begins
Wed 27 May	ICAS Computer Competition Dance Performances at Windsor Riverview
Thurs 28 May	Open Day, Lapathon & Book Fair
Week starting 1 June	Sydney West Dance Festival
Tues 2 June	Stage 2 Excursion
Wed 3 June	7:30pm P&C Meeting
Thurs 4 June	2.30pm School Assembly
Tues 16 June	S1 Excursion to Zoo

Our Annual Book Fair

The Library will be having our Book Fair on Thursday, 28 May. We will be open all day during Open Day. Parents are welcome to purchase a much needed book to donate to our Library. The books are priced between \$2 and \$8.

Mrs Robertson, Librarian

ES1 are off to the Zoo

All early stage one children have been invited to attend our excursion to Taronga Zoo on Tuesday 16 June. Permission notes went home last week. Please return the note and \$30 payment to school by Tuesday, 9 June. Thank you to parents who have offered to help out on this day. We will let you know shortly if you have been selected to join us. For any questions you need answered, please see your child's class teacher.

Miss Woodbury, Excursion Coordinator

Interrelate

Notes have gone home to students in Years 3 – 6 regarding the Interrelate family based program for sex education and puberty. We are offering two seminars on the evening of **Wednesday 10 June**. One is aimed mainly at our Stage 2 students covering "Where did I come from?" and the other at Stage 3 covering "Preparing for Puberty." The cost is per family and includes parents and children.

If you wish to attend remember to have the participation note back into the school with payment by **Friday May 29**.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the content or appropriateness of the program please contact Miss Downie for an overview and session outline.

S3 Camp Payments

Please make sure final payments are made by Friday, 19 June, 2009. If you are having any difficulties meeting this deadline, please contact the school.

Miss Downie, Assistant Principal

Zone Cross Country

The Ridges Zone Cross Country will be held this Friday, 22 May at Paterson Reserve, Quakers Hill. Children are required to return their permission note before this Wednesday. It is important that **all** students are at school on time for the **9:00am departure**. Parents are not permitted to take their children directly to the event as they must report for roll call at school so that we can ensure all students are catered for.

Parents wishing to take children after races must see Miss Parkinson to have their child signed out, otherwise we will all return in time for the afternoon buses.

PSSA

Notes for PSSA were distributed to students yesterday, with a code of conduct that must be signed by students and parents. Please read and discuss these codes with your child prior to signing and then return these with permission notes as soon as possible.

Maths Challenge Awards: Brendan, Luke, Tymika, Harrison, Jesse, Jack, Clayton, Hayden, Katie, Dylan, Sophie, Ebony, Jessica, Sarah.

ICAS Computer Competition

On **Wednesday 27 May** the first of the ICAS competitions takes place. If your child entered into the Year 3 – 6 Competition for **computers** they should come to school prepared to sit this test. Notes went home to all children who entered any of these competitions. A brief reminder will be included in next week's bulletin and the children will be reminded regularly at school assemblies, but it is their responsibility to turn up on time and ready to start. A starting time and classroom venue will be indicated in next week's bulletin.

Mr B Kenna, ICAS Competition Contact Person

P&C Association

CANTEEN ROSTER

We have a few new items to try:

- Yummy Drummies (crumbed chicken) 80c
- Twirls (pasta & bolognaise) \$2.60
- Hot Cakes & Maple Syrup \$3.50

We are still looking for volunteers. Please call Leanne or Su if you are able to assist.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

No credit is to be extended on lunch orders. If there is insufficient money on lunch order bags, then the order will have to be reduced or something else chosen. If a child has no money for lunch or recess they must go to the office.

Leanne Stevens, Canteen Coordinator

Lap-a-thon ~ Thursday 28 May 2009

With just over a week until the Lap-a-thon it's now time to chase those final sponsors! Funds raised will be used to purchase some new resources for our children.

The Lap-a-thon will be held between recess and lunch next **Thursday 28 May** as part of Open Day. We hope that many parents and friends will be there to cheer on the students as they participate.

Each child will be given a free Zooper Dooper upon completion of the Lap-a-thon. Please remember to bring water bottles too.

Melissa Smith & Joanna Wassens

Uniform Shop Makeover

The uniform shop will be closed until further notice due to the renovations taking place. Orders may still be left with the office and these will be filled, depending on availability of stock, and sent to your child's classroom.

Keep your eye on this space for an update of when we will be able to reopen.

Sandra Woodward, Uniform Shop Coordinator

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Thursday, 21 May 2:30pm in the Hall
Hosted by CLUSTERS