FAR OUT! Treasures to the Bush.

Last week we were lucky to have a visit from the State Library of NSW as part of their FAR OUT! Treasures to the Bush tour. Together with students from Carrathool & Whitton/Murrami Public Schools our stage 2 and 3 students listened to some very interesting stories from our nation’s history including the story of the First Fleet and Captain James Cook. Some of the artefacts on display were a shoe buckle used by Captain James Cook; an indigenous word list from the local area; drawings done in 1855 by a Johnny Kangatong an Aboriginal man and a letter written by Mary Reibey (woman on $20 note) in 1792. Overall, this was a great learning opportunity for our students and it was fantastic to see our students interacting so well with the visiting students.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
We’re uniting in the fight against Cancer this Friday, 28th August. Wear your favourite team colours and don’t forget to bring a gold coin donation. All proceeds go towards the Fight Cancer Foundation.

Hay Road, Darlington Point, NSW, 2706
Phone: 6968 4114   Fax: 6968 4269
Website: www.darlingtpt-p.schoos.nsw.edu.au
Homework Centre
The Homework Centre will continue this Wednesday 26th Aug 2015 (Term 3 Week 7). Parent volunteers are very welcome.

Interest Electives
Last Friday students in years 3 to 6 began their second round of Interest Electives for the year. Students are involved in seven different groups including Paddle-pop Stick Craft, Science Experiments, Comic Life (computer program), Lawn Bowls (at the club) Golf, Cooking and Woodwork (at the Men’s Shed).
By all reports the students were very engaged in all of their activities and had a very enjoyable time. Interest Electives will continue for the next 3 weeks.

Father’s Day Stall
The P&C will be having a Father’s Day Stall on Wed 2nd, Thur 3rd and Fri 4th Sep at lunch time in the school hall. Students can have the option of pre-ordering gifts.

FOR RENT
2 Bedroom Unit in Darlington Point
Reverse Cycle AC
Bond & Reference required
No Pets
$155 per week
Phone: 0428 684 318 or 0429 684 318
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 28/08/2015. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school will also 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 will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

Parents and carers access the survey via this direct link:


*Link may not work with some internet browsers.

Bidgee Bonus Awards

Term 8 Week 6

Kinder – Amarni, Liam, Scott & Tyler
1/2 – Kaileigh, Colita -, Ashley, Katie’Lee & Jayden
2/3 – Stella, Coopah, Issac & Michael
3/4 – Nil
4/5 – Kyle, Harrison & Billy -
5/6 – Tamsin, Chloe, Laura, Tanieka, Meg, Madelyn, Maddison, Aisha & Rohan
**MERIT AWARDS**
**TERM 3 WEEK 6**

**Kinder**
- **Emily**– improvement in her independent writing.
- **Oliver**– using a range of writing strategies to read unfamiliar books.
- **Cody**– effort during this week’s addition activities.

**1/2**
- **Jack**– his creativity in Journal Writing.
- **Toby**– his insightful contributions to all class discussions.
- **Dylan**– his persistence and application to his work in Mathematics.

**2/3**

**3/4**
- **Jewel**– great research when finding and summarising facts about Mercury.
- **Izabella**– outstanding improvements in all independent writing tasks in all areas of English.
- **Ky**– excellent work with 3-digit subtraction this week in Maths.
- **Noah**– excellent work with writing and ordering decimals.

**4/5**
- **Tom**– displaying great sportsmanship in Fitness activities.
- **Kyle**– a fabulous effort with Journal writing this week.
- **Harrison**– a consistent effort and a positive attitude in Mathematics.

**5/6**
- **Oliver**– a determined effort during our patterns work this week.
- **Meg**– a fantastic story Map about the book Guji Guji.
- **Aisha**– her creativity and style during our art lesson this week.

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**Star of the Week**

Nadeen Curphey

This week’s Star of the Week from class 4/5 is Nadeen. Nadeen displays a positive attitude towards her schooling. She works quietly and pays attention to instructions. Nadeen is a very kind hearted, caring friend and is considerate of the feelings of others. She is willing to help in the classroom or help other students with their work. Nadeen is becoming more confident within herself and has developed a more independent attitude. Congratulations Nadeen on your great efforts.

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**COLEAMBALLY DARLINGTON POINT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB IS HOSTING**

**THE GROUP 20 JUNIOR LEAGUE GRAND FINAL**

**ON SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST 2015 AT DARLINGTON POINT SPORTS OVAL**

Boys and Girls Mini League Games played from 9am – 12.30pm

Boys and Girls Mod and Inter Games also commence at 9am

**COME ON DOWN TO WATCH SOME GREAT LOCAL FOOTBALL TALENT.**