This Week’s Virtue is: Friendliness
Friendliness means going out of your way to make strangers feel welcome or to make those who seem to be left out part of the group. It is sharing yourself, your time, your thoughts and belongings with others, so they feel cared for and wanted.

This Week’s Road Safety Tip:
Wait till the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross the road.

Principal’s Report
Welcome to Week 4 where we are approaching the half way point of the term!
I mentioned in the last newsletter that NITV (the National Indigenous Television Service), would be filming for a children’s program on Monday. The day was extremely busy but highly successful. Thanks to the students who managed the day of major change so well, parents for bringing their child in when not their normal day, staff for their organisation and the Year 6 students who helped out- great job!
Again a special thanks to Ms Carter for her effort and patience in teaching the pre-schoolers the songs.

Programs and activities
At a recent staff meeting we examined the activities that the school is involved in and came to realise why we are so busy. The following list is definitive but gives an example of what we are up to.
We are running numerous programs in class to address literacy and numeracy and including- Early Action for Success, Language, Learning and Literacy (L3), Focus on Reading (FOR), Reading Recovery, Taking off with Numeracy (TOWN), Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN), Targeted Numeracy Teaching (TNT), Quiksmart, Multilit and Norta Norta.

In the arts area we have choir, Aboriginal dance, dance, debating, public speaking and Starstruck.
Sport is well covered in a number of areas. A big thanks to Luke, John and Mel for all their efforts with our football and netball teams.

In the wellbeing area we have Peer Support, Little Waves, Shine, Seasons for Growth and PCYC programs. In this area we are also a Positive Behaviour for Learning school.

Milabah facilitates and runs a wide range of activities and services such as breakfast club, Jarjums, gardening group, solicitor and the list goes on.

The school has strong ties with a large number of external organisations including the AECG, Biralee nurses, the Smith Family and the Waiyarang Community of Schools.

Sista Speak and Stronger Smarter supports Indigenous students.

Having a speech Pathologist attached to the school is a great bonus to support student development in the early years.

Rick Budden
Principal

Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.
Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.
Term 2 Week 4

Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

Last year for NAIIDOC Day you may have noticed the staff wearing NAIIDOC 2013 Shirts. This year I will be ordering them again at a cost of $16 per shirt with the sizes ranging from Small to XXXL in adult sizes. (Children’s sizes unavailable). Also available will be small pencil sets for $3. Please see front office or Vanessa for an order form. A small amount will be purchased for sale on our NAIIDOC Day but there will be limited numbers.

All moneys raised will be used to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Programs and shows within our school.

Important Dates to Remember
Term 2

Week 5
27th Yr 5/6 Transition Event 9.15 to 10.15am at H.S.H.S
28th Matter of Seconds—Life Saving
29th Junior Knight Knockout

Week 6
4th Primary Athletics Carnival

NETBALL NEWS!

On Wednesday, 7 May our PSSA netball team played Wirri-paang PS here at school. Our girls had a fantastic win, 17-2. Well done to all players, who were outstanding on the day and to Mel Wilson for doing a wonderful job of coaching the team. Thank you to Mrs Crockett and Miss Brokenshire for umpiring. We now move on to the next round, playing either Hillsborough PS or Dudley PS.

Our Friday competition has started at the Charlestown Netball Courts. In our first round, we had a win, a draw and a loss. Very well done to all players.

A big thank you to Mrs Crockett for spending so much of her own time altering our new netball dresses – the girls look fantastic! Also thanks to Mrs Crockett for taking on the coaching of our Junior netball team again and umpiring a Senior team on Fridays.

We look forward to a great season of netball!

Mrs Tonge

Well, FRIDAY FOOTBALL is back and our senior team played with fire in their bellies! Lead by Jarrod H, our boys showed courage and determination against Floraville Public School in Round 1 and 2. Outstanding in attack was Cade H, William W, Jayden K.B, Blake R, Harry K, Riley S, Britney S and Dane B. Our points were scored by Lachlan S and Jarrad H. Our backs, Jye C, Brian B, Ethan H, Sam W, Jayden G, Zane G and Brock M also performed at their best. Our boys and girls displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout both games. Particular mention goes to Cade H for showing excellent sportsmanship. Well done team! Keep training hard and it will pay off!

John Kennedy.
Crazy Hair Day
Thank you to all the students and teachers who supported the Year six Crazy hair day fundraiser on Friday. We raised $78 to go towards our end of year gift to the school.

NAPLAN
Students from Year three and five did a terrific job during NAPLAN testing, students worked extremely hard in the numeracy, reading and writing tests. At the end of the three days we celebrated by having a treat of ice cream.

Debating
This year will be a new and exciting time for our debaters.
In the past we have entered competitions where we had the opportunity to prepare our speeches in advance and were totally prepared and practised before we competed. We were proven to be very successful and competent in these competitions.
In 2014, however, we have accepted the challenge of “unprepared” debates where the students are presented with their topic one hour before the debate begins and have only that hour to prepare their speeches. There is no assistance given on the day by the teams’ coaches.
Good luck to Jack G-F, Kalleb P, Jasmin W and Jasmin E when they compete in their first debate in a couple of weeks’ time.
Mrs Richards

PSSA Netball Team Winners 7th May

Notes to return
Leadership Training Conference—Upper Primary
Great Aussie Bush Camp
**Community BBQ at Bunnings Glendale**

Does your ‘Not for Profit’ group want to hold a Bunning’s Community BBQ?

Now is the time to send your letter of request to:

(Please include a current copy of your Public Liability ‘Certificate of Currency’)

Bunnings Glendale
Att: Activities Organiser
15 Stockland Drive, Glendale NSW 2285

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**Milabah – Place of Fun**

**Stories in the Street**

Every Thursday at Windale Library,
SITS is a free story time for you and your child, under 5 years. Stories, songs, puppets and felt boards are some activities you might enjoy.

**Jarjums Playgroup**

Lots of fun activities are planned for this year and we hope to see some new faces as well as those we already know and love. We ask for a gold coin donation for craft items and morning tea is provided. Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am

**Helping Kids Grow Strong**

A Samaritans supported playgroup with a nutrition focus.
Every Wednesday from 10am – 12pm. Come along and have some fun, learn new skills and try some yummy new recipes.

**Hunter Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service**

Representatives from HTAAS will be holding Outreach services at Milabah from 9 – 11am, They will be here this Thursday, 8thth. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your tenancy, no matter who you rent from, come and talk to one of the friendly reps from HTAAS.

**Free Legal Services**

Our outreach solicitor, Pat, is at Milabah Tuesday mornings from 9.45. No appointment needed, just call in for any legal advice and referrals.
Have you thought of making a Will, Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship, we are hoping to have a day for you to do this here at Milabah. Please call 49487786 if you are interested, as soon as I have names we’ll book the day.

Roselea
49487786
KS
Tyrell N  Trying very hard with his reading and writing.
Izack H-K  Being a fabulous KS class leader!
Declan H  Excellent effort in all areas!
Nadia B  Excellent work in Math’s group.

1/2A
Katelyn D  Excellent use of the appropriate homophones; their, there & they’re.
Morgan D-K  Outstanding effort & application in writing.
Joel S  Outstanding effort in Maths group.
Brodie S  Trying hard in Maths.
Jasmine K-B  Consistent effort & improvement in all writing tasks.

1/2H
Kiesha M  Working hard during guided reading lessons.
Joshua M-P  Always enjoying maths activities & sharing his knowledge.
Rael S  Consistent effort in literacy this week.
Emilia J  Always showing her virtue of respect.

1/2R
Kayden H  Outstanding effort in all areas & improvement in reading.
Kyte S  A fantastic start on her Power Point presentation.
Tenasy L  A fantastic start on her Power Point presentation.

3/4 D
Ben T  Great Reading.
Kali H  Consistent effort in Reading Groups.
Matilda C  Listening & working well in class.
Kiara D  Being focused & ready to learn.

3/4 M
Sabbath S  Enthusiasm & participation in P.E.
Lucy E  Always producing high quality work.

3/4 M cont
Ryan W  Enthusiasm when rehearsing our George’s Marvellous Medicine Rap.
Brayden H  Enthusiasm in preparation our George’s Marvellous Medicine Rap.

3/4R
Candace H  Fantastic Effort in Narrative Writing.
Lachlan R-W  Becoming more independent with his work. Well Done!
Robert B  Excellent Effort & Improved Attitude & Work Ethic.
Kaleb D  The longest ‘plank’ exercise in all of Stage 2! Awesome Effort!

5/6SF
Samantha G  Always being a bright & bubbly class member.
Harry K  Great effort in persuasive writing tasks.
Demi H  Always Completing quality work.
Jack G-F  Being a terrific Peer Support Leader.

5/6T
Jasmin E  Excellent ideas in writing.
Olivia P  Excellent expressing during reading.

Assembly Roster 2014
(Thursdays each week)

Term 2
Week 4  -  3/4 M
Week 5  -  5/6 FS