

## CREEKSIDE NEWS

March 15, 2021

### Busy, Busy!

As we make our way towards the Easter break, things continue to speed along at beautiful Dora Creek. In the coming weeks, pending some very tricky upcoming weather patterns, our school has the Athletics carnival this coming Wednesday; we will be acknowledging Harmony Day this Friday, March 19; the SRC have arranged a Fundraising Day on Thursday of Week 9 (information will follow in the next few days); school photos are to be done on Wednesday 31st March and, finally, the school will be holding a classroom open day, Decorative Hat Parade and sausage sizzle lunch on Thursday, 1st April, the final day of Term 1. Combined with all of this, our students are still working very hard within the classrooms and participating in some tremendous learning experiences. Those of you who have been viewing *School Stream* and the school's Facebook page will have seen lots of smiling, happy and engaged students undertaking some interesting, hands-on learning in Mathematics, STEM and HSIE, as they investigate a range interesting new concepts and also re-visit some old ones. Thank you for your ongoing support in sending your children to school prepared and ready for the school day. We are so proud of the way our students are attacking their learning and doing their utmost to get the absolute best from themselves while at school.

### School Athletics Carnival and Zone Cross Country

As you're aware, our Athletics Carnival is on NEXT WEDNESDAY, 17th March, at Dora Creek Workers Club. As part of this carnival, students 8 years and above have been invited to participate in the 800m event and, to do so, require parent permission. We wish to advise that the Zone Cross Country is also on later in the term and that any child who wishes to be considered for zone cross country representation must run in their 800m event at the Athletics carnival. The school will not be holding a separate school-level Cross Country event; rather, runners who finish their 800m event with a suitable time will be given the opportunity to represent our school at the Westlakes Zone Cross Country Carnival. Please return 800m permission notes ASAP if your child is one of those wishing to be considered for Zone Cross-Country.

While on the subject of the carnival, we wish to advise that, due to difficulties in acquiring volunteers, there will not be a canteen operating on the day. Therefore, it is imperative that students attending the carnival bring food that is rich in energy to eat for recess, lunch and for light snacks; as well as sufficient fluids to get them through the day.

**Parents and family members are permitted to attend the carnival, providing they sign-in using the QR Code and COVID declaration.**

### All the Best, Molly and Saxon

Huge congratulations to Molly and Saxon, who travelled to Lambton Pool on Tuesday March 2 to represent Dora Creek Public School and Westlakes Zone PSSA at the Hunter Swimming Championships. On what was a fantastic day for each of these competitors, we are incredibly proud to announce, after the NSW championships were cancelled in 2020, that both Molly and Saxon will be the first students in a long time- if not for the first time ever- to represent Dora Creek Public School and the



Hunter Region in the multi-category events at the PSSA State Swimming Championships, to be held at Homebush on March 31 and April 1. In what are two perfect examples of what sheer will power, determination and persistence can achieve, these two swimmers have worked hard to do themselves, their families and our school proud to progress to this level. Saxon will compete in 50m Breaststroke, while Molly will compete in the 50m Freestyle. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing of their achievements when they return from the carnival. Good luck Molly and Saxon, and well done! We are very pleased for you and wish you all the best :-).

## Easter Hat/ Decorative Hat Parade and Sausage Sizzle Lunch



Due to an easing of restrictions, Dora Creek Public School is incredibly excited to announce that our **Easter Hat/ Decorative Hat Parade** will be

held on the final day of Term One, Thursday April 1. Parents and carers are invited to attend as audience members, providing they complete a COVID-safe sign-in (including QR Code and Declaration) and maintain a distance of at least 1.5m between themselves and other adults. As a special treat for siblings, as in the past, we also invite the younger brothers and/ or sisters of our students to participate in a mini parade, either accompanying their older brother or sister, or as part of a pre-school group. Please be advised that our students will be completing their hats within classrooms and that these hats will be supplied by the school. Whilst you are welcome to purchase a hat from elsewhere for younger siblings, we ask that you do not purchase a separate hat for your school-aged child. What we do ask, please, is that you help out our classes, and send some hat decorations in with your child so that they can be shared with other class members; this allows our students the opportunity to collaborate, share ideas and work together. Our hat parade is not a competition and there will be no judging, or prizes awarded.

In addition to our parade, parents are invited to visit their child's classroom to have a peek, prior to the parade, and are also welcome to sit down with their child and share some goals for 2021. Following the parade, a FREE sausage sizzle lunch will be offered to students and families (please complete the slip below so that we can gauge numbers and dietary requirements). Parents/ carers are welcome to take their child/ren home at the conclusion of the hat parade/ sausage sizzle. Please ensure that you sign your child/ren out if you intend to take them home early.



**DATE:** Thursday 1st April (Final Day of Term 1)

**TIME:** 11.45am- Classroom Visits/ Goal Chat

12.10pm- Hat Parade

1.00pm- FREE Sausage Sizzle Lunch

(Sausages are Gluten Free)

# P & C News

\*\*\*\* **IMPORTANT** \*\*\*\*

**Next P and C Meeting**– 6.30pm, Monday 22nd March, in the School Library

## HARMONY DAY- Friday 19th March

This Friday, 19th March, our school will celebrate **Harmony Day**. On this day, students are invited to dress in orange and will be provided with the opportunity to participate in a range of sporting activities that are enjoyed around the world. Teachers are busy preparing for this event and we look forward to sharing this special day with our amazing students.

### SAY CHEESE- School Photo Day is Wednesday 31st March

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Envelopes for school photos were sent home with students last week. Some useful information is set out below:

**Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points from MSP:**

- Please do not seal envelopes inside each other.
- You can pay for all children in one envelope; however, **each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day**
- Once they are available, **Family** envelopes can be supplied to your child, after you have either made a phone call to, or emailed, the school office **to notify us that your child requires a family envelope.**
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given
- Credit card payments are available online- **you will need your personalised shoot key** located on your child's envelope to place your order online.
- You may also contact the MSP Photography office on 49668292, if you wish to make payment by phone; again, you will need the shoot key to make payment via this method.

## Playgroup is Back at Dora Creek

Last Thursday, we were excited to see playgroup back at Dora Creek Public School for the first time in over a year. Thank you to Mrs Rutherford and Mrs Fatches for their skills in organisation and preparation and thanks, also, to all of those who attended. Playgroup operates each Thursday from 9.30am–10.30am. Please contact the school on 49731261 if interested in attending. Check out some photos of kids enjoying themselves, overleaf.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

17/ 03 Athletics Carnival

19/ 03 Harmony Day

25/ 03 SRC Fundraiser– Crazy Hair and Ice Creams

30/ 03 3\_4H Reverse Garbage incursion

31/ 03 School Photos

01/ 04 Open Classrooms

Hat Parade

Sausage Sizzle

Final Day of Term 1

### NOTES HOME

Reverse Garbage Incursion (3\_4H)

Athletics Carnival

Upcoming Events

School Photo Envelopes

General Permission Note/ Permission to Publish

## The Big Veggie Crunch THIS Thursday 18th March.



Did you know that only around 6% of Australian children eat enough vegetables? To help our community do their bit to improve this number, our school will be taking part in The Big Veggie Crunch (part of Vegetable Week) at 10am on Thursday 18 March.

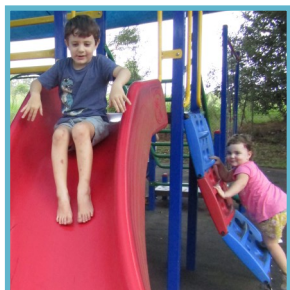
Primary schools across NSW will be joining together to break the record for the most students crunching vegetables:

- 50,260 students crunching simultaneously (2018 record)
- 14,991 students crunching at other times over Vegetable Week (2019 record)

### What can you do to help?

- Pack a container of vegetables (not fruit this time) for your child to eat on Thursday 18 March
- Remember to keep serving up the vegetables at home and in your children's lunchboxes. Check out the **UP THE VEG at Home** resource for ideas to increase your child's vegetable intake

Welcome, Playgroup



### PLAY AFL WITH THE LAKE MACQUARIE DOCKERS

#### Come join in the excitement of AFL footy

It's a fun, safe and inclusive environment for all boys and girls. AFL is a fast paced sport and a great way to be active. Make new friends at this great community club.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
on [Lmafc@hotmail.com](mailto:Lmafc@hotmail.com) or on 0402 494 737



Looking for boys and girls of all ages!  
We're based at Tulkaba Park, Teralba.

## Environment Group

Our environment group and Green Team, under the capable guidance of our admin manager, Mrs Clark, and Mrs Green, have some amazing things planned for our school in terms of the environment and sustainability. This team have been very committed to ensuring our chickens are very well looked after and are also in the process of preparing our garden beds for a kitchen garden. We would like to extend our deepest thanks to Morisset Bunnings, who have helped Mrs Clark in procuring a range of useful items, such as mulch, hoses, wheelbarrow and a worm farm, to help make this project a success. Stay tuned for more environmental news in the coming weeks.



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ANNIVERSARY

Australian  
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NSW Group

JOIN NOW

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IS NOW ENROLLING

Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON PLEASE CONTACT

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