A Surprise Honour for Darcy Clifton

Last Friday morning was just another regular day at school ... or so we thought!

At around 10:30am our school was honoured with a visit from the Honourable Kevin Humphries, State Member for Barwon and Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, and Minister for Western NSW.

Mr Humphries dropped by to present Darcy Clifton with a Premier’s Award!

This award is an acknowledgment of Darcy’s achievements and representation for New South Wales at the 2013 School Sport Australian Athletics Championships.

Darcy went on to win the national competition in Discus.

Darcy’s parents and grandparents were able to attend the presentation along with Darcy’s peers in Years 5 and 6.

Willoughby’s Weekly Words

I had the opportunity to watch some of our students at last week’s Zone Cross Country in Coolah. The competitive spirit and good sportsmanship displayed by all those involved was great to see. I want to extend my personal congratulations to Marcus, Kayla Smith, Tom Bennell, Amarlee Vallette, Harry Willoughby, Morgan Keys and Hayley Duncan who won their events on the day, an excellent achievement.

Well done to those people and the other 19 who have earned the right to compete against the best runners in north-west N.S.W. at the Regional Carnival in June. If you keep training hard I’m sure you’ll give a great account of yourselves on that day.
Early Stage 1 & Stage 1, 2 & 3 Assembly Awards

KH: Stirling Hipplestey
   - Trying hard in Reading groups.
KH: Sunny Nothenagel
   - Having five-star manners.
KS: Randall Rumbel
   - Being an organised class member.
KS: Zane Regan
   - Trying hard with his writing.

1A: Elana Tuaoi
   - For fantastic spelling results.
1A: Hannah Evans
   - For consistent five-star work and fantastic spelling results.
1E: Jolyon Somervaille
   - For fantastic reading results.
1E: Travis Varty
   - For wonderful reading results.

2l: Paul Clarke
   - Great work during reading activities.
2l: Emily Hoffman
   - Wonderful work in reading.
2N: Callum Wharm
   - Trying harder to improve his work habits.
2N: Brodie Regan
   - Making a big effort to improve his behaviour.

3R/H: Tully Andrews
   - Being a well mannered student for all teachers.
3R/H: Ryan Gaard
   - Being a well mannered student in all classes.
3R/H: Torelo Watters
   - Always showing great resilience.

3/4H: Neo Imrie
   - Showing resilience in the playground.
3/4H: Fred Kearney
   - Always following class rules.
3/4H: Hayley Pettiford
   - Always being kind and respectful to others.

4M: Clover Hipplestey
   - For always being resilient and smiling, even when it hard.
4M: Amali Edmondstone
   - For always smiling and being willing to try.
4M: Charley Issadale
   - For fantastic art work.
4M: Matthew Wood
   - For his beautifully detailed map of Australia.

4/5A: Johno Evans
   - Being a great helpful friend to Alex when he broke his arm.
4/5A: Alex Harris
   - Being a resilient worker when working with a broken arm.
4/5A: Briana Tighe
   - A creative hat design.
4/5A: Graeme Bell
   - Confidently spelling his spellathon words.

5/6A: Byron Ritchie
   - Showing resilience in the playground, making friends and playing happily.
5/6A: Rya Cain
   - Continually working hard and staying focused.
5/6A: Anikan Evans
   - Always performing at his best in 5/6A.
5/6A: Hannah Bennell
   - Making an effort to focus and complete work.
5/6C: Evan Sutter
   - His efforts in completing homework tasks.
5/6C: Cordy Lloyd
   - Managing her hobbies and schooling so well.
5/6W: Amanda Cherry
   - Being a wonderful helper.
5/6W: Jayde Sim
   - Beautiful manners at all times.
5/6W: Will Cole
   - Trying hard to be resilient.

Personal Best Award

Zane Jenner
has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons . . .

Zane is a hardworking and responsible student. He always tries his hardest when approaching set tasks. Zane is persistent when he finds tasks challenging and always strives for success. He gets on well with his peers and always uses his manners. Zane is becoming increasingly confident and is always willing to assist others. He takes pride in his work and always completes tasks to the best of his ability.

He is a pleasure to have in the classroom!

Personal Best Award

Zoe Wark
has received the Personal Best Award for the following reasons . . .

Zoe is an enthusiastic and diligent worker who always tries to do her best. She has made excellent progress this year in all learning areas.

Zoe is an organised worker who listens to instructions and completes tasks with a minimum of fuss.

She is a thoughtful, friendly and courteous young lady who is a pleasure to teach.
Last week our school hosted its annual Book Fair. Thank you to all those people who came and supported our Book Fair. We raised a whopping $4,396.65 for our school! We have purchased many books for our library with that money.

In conjunction with the Book Fair we have had a K-2 colouring competition, a 3-4 Geronimo Stilton and bookmark making, and 5/6 continue to be busy learning about Egypt.

We also held a Hat Parade that showcased our favourite books. The hats were amazing! Congratulations to all those who decorated and entered the hat competition. You looked awesome and we thank you for your participation.

Book Fair winners were:

**Colouring Competition**

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**Bookmarks**

- 3/4H: Rebecca Kenyon
- 3/4H: Kiarna Wortley-Cain-Cronin

**Geronimo Stilton Picture**

1st: Tim Bennell (4C)
2nd: Johna Evans (4/5A)
3rd: Ben Hasson (3-6P)

**Classroom Door Winners**

Stage 1: 2N - Mrs Newton
*‘Where the Forest Meets the Sea’ by Jeannie Baker*

Stage 2: 4C - Mrs McKernan
*‘The Littlest Refugee’ by Anh Do and illustrated by Bruce Whatley*

Stage 3: 5/6A - Mrs Anderson
*‘The Toymaker and the Bird’ by Pamela Allen*

**Hat Parade Winners**

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Class Focus: 3/6P

3-6P have had a very busy term this term. We have completed some very interesting art activities and our favourite was the face drawings. We started with a photo of ourselves and folded it in half. We then had to draw the other side of our face. We have some very talented artists in our class as you can see from the finished art works.

Every morning we have literacy groups. We have reading groups and spelling mastery every day. All of 3-6P enjoy our small group work and some of us get to complete our group work in the little office near our classroom. Tuesday afternoon is a very exciting day for 3-6P as we have Living Skills with Mr Lowe. This is where we learn how to cook light meals and learn what foods are good for our bodies. We always go to the staffroom and really enjoy the end of the lesson as that is the eating time.

Two of our class mates have been away to represent our school in footy and cross country. They both enjoyed the days away playing and we missed them out of our classroom.
Stage 2 students have been participating in anti-bullying lessons. We have discussed several topics, including: being a good listener, different emotions, and how to be a good friend.

No Bullying

Our aim is to make our school a safe and happy place. 3R/H have been busy creating Bullying No Way posters.

The Pocket Rocket Blasts the Coolah Course

Many of our students participated in the Zone Cross Country competition last Friday. One of our competitors was seven year old Kayla Smith who won the race in her age group. Kayla competed in the 8/9 year race and ran against children who are up to two years older.

Kayla’s training regime is to run to the mailbox and home again, each day, a distance of 2km! Kayla will compete again at Coolah on 13th June, and if successful, will have the opportunity to compete at the State Cross Country competition.

Good luck to all competitors in your preparation for the next level of competition. Perhaps you can join Kayla each afternoon for her training run to the mailbox!
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Cross Country Stars Shine at the Zone Carnival

Last Friday beautiful conditions greeted our students as they competed in the annual P.S.S.A. Zone Cross Country Carnival at Coolah. In keeping with tradition, the venue was the Coolah Golf Club.

The six outstanding results from our students on the day came from Marcus Colantonio, Kayla Smith, Tim Bennell, Amarlee Vallette, Harry Willoughby, Morgan Keys and Hayley Duncan who won their events in great style.

Seven of our teams, the 8/9 Years Girls, the 10 Years Boys, the 10 Years Girls, the 11 Years Boys, the 11 Years Girls, the 12/13 Years Boys and the 12/13 Years Girls had great success, winning their sections of the day.

The first six placegetters in each event have qualified to run in the P.S.S.A. Area Carnival, also to be held at Coolah, on the afternoon of Friday, 13-06-14. Those who qualified and not mentioned above are:

- **8/9 Years Boys:** Nash Walker
- **8/9 Years Girls:** Emma Kuras and Venuri Herath
- **10 Years Boys:** Charley Isdale and Matt Wood
- **10 Years Girls:** Charli Griffiths and Antonella Park
- **11 Years Boys:** Matt Duncan and Mason Connell
- **11 Years Girls:** Amy-Maree Harris, Manisha Athula and Melinda Ryan
- **12/13 Years Boys:** Fergus Atkinson, Arcail Gilson-Wakeling, Luke Bonello, Chris Reynolds and Josh Bunting
- **12/13 Years Girls:** Hannah Meier and Kaitlyn Reynolds.

Congratulations to all those students who should be very proud of their achievements. Continued training during the next few weeks should see good performances at the Area Carnival.

A special thank you goes to all those in Coolah associated with the running of the day. It was very well organised and most successful.
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Good luck to our High School counterparts who will be representing us at the North West Equestrian Expo!
Next committee meeting: Wednesday 11th June - 7pm
Contact: Lucy Evans
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