THIS WEEK … rain, rain and more rain! We managed to complete half of our Year 3 and 4 Athletics Day before we were rained out. The Year 5 and 6 Athletics Day was also rained out. Our Year 1 classes had to postpone their excursion to the Reptile Park and are working to reschedule their trip. Year 5 were not impacted by the rain for their trip to IMAX in Sydney.

NEXT WEEK … we’re hoping the oval is dry enough to run the Year 5 and 6 Athletics Day on Monday. On Tuesday, our whole campus is involved in E-Day. Year 6 students will run their small businesses at recess and lunchtime. All students will be given E-Dollars to spend at the stalls. We look forward to having the Kindy grandparents visit us on Friday.

REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS … By now you should have received your child’s report via email. This is a trial for the Primary Campus. Printed copies of reports will be available for collection at Parent Teacher Interviews, and from Thursday onwards in the Primary Office. We would LOVE to see you at interviews. It’s a great chance to work together to help your child achieve their personal best. If your child is disappointed with their achievements so far this year, take the time to discuss that Semester Two is a chance to start again. Failure is only the opportunity to begin again, only this time more wisely.

Making a Mark … “Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle.” Plato

DONE AND DUSTED … This week our 11 Geographers had a safe, enjoyable and educational trip north, Year 7-11 Mid-Year Reports got emailed and our Year 12 Hospitality class got to see behind the scenes at the Crowne Plaza (Terrigal) and Magenta Shores (The Entrance). At the time of printing, our basketball teams are engaged in the HRIS Gala Day. We’re hoping they do us proud! And another week is completed!

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … The last week of Term 2 is upon us! With the final chase of assessments this term on the board for Years 10-12, it’s still a full week of tasks. We’ve also got a Hospitality function for our local Community Centre, a significant connection point for all of us with Parent Teacher nights (Tuesday and Wednesday from 4.00 pm), and a special assembly program on Wednesday showcasing an international orchestra. A busy last week, that’s for sure!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … During the chariot scene in ‘Ben Hur’ a small red car can be seen in the distance. Anyone for a check over the weekend?!

Blessings to you and yours!

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GENERAL

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews
Mid-Year Reports were emailed to parents earlier this week. If you did not receive your child's report, please check your junk mail and security settings or confirm your current email address with the School. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the iCentre next Tuesday, June 23 and Wednesday, June 24 from 3.30 - 7.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there. Bookings can still be made by going to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using the Primary Event Code KDCWC.

Uniform Matters - Hair
Our School policy states girls hair that is shoulder length or longer must be fully tied back. One of the important reasons that we have this rule is to help prevent the spread of head lice. Thank you for ensuring that your daughter's hair is completely tied back.

SPORT

CIS Cross Country
Last week our Cross Country team competed at the CIS Cross Country at Eastern Creek Raceway in Sydney. After walking the 2km and 3km courses our runners were ready for their races, with up to 100 runners in each age group. We are proud of each of our competitors and their achievements at this level. Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 30 runners.
10 Year Boys - Luke Pickles 17th
11 Year Boys - Matthew Lockhart 30th
12 Year Boys - Ethan Matthes 29th

Year 5 & 6 Athletics Day
Weather permitting, the Year 5 & 6 Athletics Day will now be held on Monday, June 22 on the Primary Oval commencing at 9.00 am. Students are required to wear their full sports uniform on Monday.

Year 3-6 Friday Sport – Term 3
Students in Years 3-6 have this week chosen their Friday sport for Term 3. The following sport choices were offered to students: netball, soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, gymnastics, softball, Newcombe ball, volleyball, touch football and table tennis.

CLASS

Year 6 E-Day - Tuesday, June 23
Year 6 E-Day will be held next Tuesday, June 23. Students do not need to bring any money, as E-Dollars will be issued to each student at school on Tuesday for them to use at the stalls.

Year 3 and 4 Concert Costumes
Next term, all Year 3 and 4 students will be involved in a School Musical. It has been exciting to watch the students as they have practised their dancing, singing and drama during this term. Help is needed to prepare a number of costumes. If you are able to assist with sewing, please contact the Primary Office before the end of Term 2. Many thanks for your support. All help will be greatly appreciated!

Year 2D Class Music Concert
Parents of 2D were treated to special items prepared for their music class this week!
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Year 10 Science Projects
Year 10 Science had to research and make a sustainable model house recently. Don’t they look fantastic?!
We Value compassion

P&F Meeting
Wednesday 24 June 3.15pm / Admin Building

All welcome to attend out next Parents & Friends meeting. Put the date in your calendar now. We look forward to seeing you there!

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LIBRARY

Holiday Borrowing – Years 7-12
Can I borrow books over the holiday break? Yes, you can, provided that any overdues have been returned. Call into the library any time next week to borrow your holiday reading or to find resources to support your study. All books will be due to be returned on the first week back at school.

Highest Borrowers – Years 7-12
Hats off to our highest borrowers for Term 2:
Years 7-8 Sarah L  Years 9-10 Andrew V  Years 11-12 John William L
Book vouchers are on their way to each of these students so that they can enjoy reading even more great books.

K-6 Term 2 Library Prizes
Congratulations to the 262 Primary students who borrowed so many exciting books EVERY week this term! Some of these students have already chosen their library prizes while the remainder of the eligible students will choose their prizes next week. Great job!

Parent Library Holiday Borrowing
Parents, if you have joined our Parent Library then you are very welcome to borrow books for your K-6 students to read during the holidays. Drop in soon with your children and make your selections to keep you all occupied during the cold, rainy winter holiday to come!

“\nThe man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them.”  Mark Twain

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