FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 2.

Education Week Open Day
Our Education Week Open Day will be held on Thursday 31 July with special activities including classroom visits, special assembly run by the SRC and a Year 6 Cake Stall. Further information will be sent home this week. We look forward to seeing you all at this special event.

Reading Resources
The school has recently purchased an extensive range of new reader book packs for use in the upper primary classes. I would like to extend a special thanks the P&C who are generously donating towards the cost of the books. This is fantastic support as sets of books are very expensive and we would not have been able to purchase the amount we did without them. These resources will be exciting additions to our classrooms and will help to engage our older students in reading.

Long Service Leave
Mrs de Peau will on long service leave from Monday 28 July (Week 3) until Friday 15 August (Week 5). Miss Kaydee will be taking the Hobbits during this time and will be following the usual class programs and routines. I will be on long service leave from Monday 18 August (Week 6) to Friday 19 September (Week 10). Ms Barlow will be teaching the class in a full time capacity during my absence. Miss Kaydee will be undertaking Ms Barlow’s usual the role of the Learning and Support Teacher as well as providing principal release. During my absence, Ms de Peau and Mr Narres will relieve as principal. Please direct any questions or queries to them during this time. While Ms de Peau is on leave and for half of my absence (Week 3 – Week 7), Ms Barlow will be relieving AP for the mainstream and for the second half of my absence (Week 8 – Week 10), Mrs Richardson will be relieving as AP for the support classes.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2015
Kindergarten enrolments for the 2015 school year are now being accepted. If your child turns 5 years old before 3 July 2015 and is within our school’s area, it is advisable to enrol him/her at school as soon as possible. For more information, contact the office. In order for your child to participate in the Kinder orientation program in Term 4, the school needs to be informed of your intention to enrol. Further details will follow.

Primary Principal’s Association Conference
On Thursday 7 August and Friday 8 August Week 4, I will be attending the Primary Principal’s Association Conference. This yearly event has a focus on Departmental procedure/policies and implementation of quality educational and welfare programs. Please direct any queries to Mr Narres or Ms de Peau on these days.

Have a wonderful week.
Sandy Juleff
FROM THE P & C

Our next P & C meeting is on 18th of August.

Jo Mossman
P&C President

FROM THE STUDENTS

Hippogryphs

The Hippogryphs have been focusing on building figurative, descriptive and emotive language into their writing. They have also studied various ways in which an author can influence a reader or viewer through language and have been incorporating these elements into their own writing. We hope you enjoy the following extracts that have been taken from our work.

Chloe
... I’m standing on the edge of the platform and looking up at the dark and mysterious sky with dark clouds covering the sun.
I turn right and I see a person in a black cloak standing on top of a tall snowy mountains, pointing a stick which looks like a wand at the sky...

Cindy
... In front of me I see a cloud elephant, a wooden dock, shimmery water and an owl in the distance.
To the right I see the calm soothing water, a cloud dragon and a five coloured butterfly cloud.
To the left is a fluffy hippogryph cloud ready to transform into a dolphin.......  

Amy
...My sister opened the presents and I was so jealous. I ran to a quiet peaceful place. I didn’t realise I ran straight into a burglar’s trap and was kept hostage. My parents wondered where I was, but then they saw a tunnel leading to where I was. They both saw me tied up in a rope bundle. The burglar told them that he wanted $10 million dollars........

Dean
I went fishing when I saw dark clouds covering the ocean. The fish hid and the dolphin went back under the water. I wondered what is happening. I looked under the water the fish were hiding in the coral and the dolphin stopped swimming. The thunder was rumbling and the jetty fell into the ocean....... 

Alex
I woke up and I felt cold. Who am I ?... How did I get here? I stood up. I see a path and walk. Every time I step it feels like I’m walking on glass. The twigs brake and I get splinters in my feet. I find a town, people are just standing there with their heads tilted and smiling at me with big eyes. I look at them in a weird way and then I look for a house....... 

Tamikah
...Clouds darken as I turn north, lightning strikes as I walk in the soggy mud. When I turn east I see more lightning strikes into the water, hearing the thunder ROAR like a tiger. Turning south I see an old man in black stare at me, lightning strikes him, he disappears...... 

Katelyn
... I am standing on the jetty. There’s a huge storm coming closer to my home. I ’m scared and trembling because I lost my dad in a huge storm like this one and I don’t want to lose my mum, I’d rather die than not have my mum around and no one to talk to...... 

Vicky
...strolling through the winter weathered night with the breeze flowing past. Just walking past the dark chocolate coated stable bridge, watching the white clouds flying home to its rightful place to rest for tomorrow.
To the left I see a bright city where the horizon meets the sky the sunset was more remarkable then ever....

Molly
...One dark stormy night there was an old and rusty bridge.
Every night it is stormy, the bridge is squeaky it wakes me up like someone is outside my bedroom window. I get up and look out my window but there is no one there. I just realise that it is the old and rusty bridge. I go back to my bed and as I’m starting to close my eyes I hear the noise again... 

Rikkii
... Cars go past, strangers just walk past like they don’t even want to exist and there is just me sitting there lonely as could be, just feeling sorry
for myself. WAIT! All of those strangers, boys and girls walking past must feel just like me!....

**Meagan**

...The sun was rising up, I slowly open my eyes. I get freaked out I screamed out “Where am I!” Some random came and taps me on my shoulder. I jump. “You’re in heaven” he said. I said “WHAT, how did I die.” I don’t remember anything about dying....

**Alana**

I’m standing on the edge, my eyes travel to see clear blue frosty sea, while seeing big waves crash on shore. Blue darkness covers the sky with sadness, while surrounding the white big fluffy clouds. I stand on the brown, wooden creaky jetty, looking into the blue sea while my tears come down filling sadness in the air. I dive into the deep dark sea searching for sea life. I squint trying to swallow the image of the beach in the background.....

**Kaiya**

I am standing on the edge of a breezy bridge, turning around to see the clouds shaped like a kangaroo. I turn full east and see a horse on a ship coming to dock, every week they come with one horse. There are already 150 horses here.....

**Emily**

... I crawl through the illusion of swirls. I feel a bit tingly. I look at my skin. I’m pale white. I find a puddle of crystal water and my reflection is not me. I have white crisp hair and ocean deep glassy eyes. Now I realise I’ve been resurrected from that mysterious place. I try and hide from the creepers inside of me but my desire and hunger to live tears away as if I’m getting ripped out page by page of a book...

**Anthony A**

...I’m standing facing east, there are rows and rows of boats, some are fishing boats, some are sailing boats and some are cruising boats. To the south I see a beautiful sandy beach. To the west looking at the sand dunes kids are running up and rolling down having fun....

**Joshua**

Once on a warm summer’s day I am sitting on a 74 year old bench seat. On the 17 July I am not scared of being hunted down by a werewolf or a vampire. The next morning on my birthday which is the 18 July I got a vampire costume that was sent from my dad.

It was a scary night there was a ghost which was dead and it recognised my dad as it had made the vampire cape. My dad is a ghost because he died in a car crash which was being investigated by the FBI that same night. I slowly put on my costume and I turned into something.... It was a werewolf...

**Izaya**

...I walked straight ahead with my friends and I fell in a deep dark hole. I think, where am I? My friends help me up. We went into the city we found a gun shop. We grabbed every gun and every piece of amour. After 3 hours we found an army base there were survivors but they weren’t people they were zombies.....

**Anthony M**

There was a man named Stanley, he always hated his job. He didn't get paid a lot, his boss hated him.

One day Stanley went to sleep and woke up in a whole different world. He saw a little figure looking at him like a hawk. The little figure approached and signalled him to follow her.....

**Ryan**

I am facing north and am seeing cold dark wintery water with nothing else in sight. Facing east I am seeing that cold dark wintery water with two old moss ridden wooden non sailing boats. I am now facing south and am seeing an old burnt out rusty non drivable car with a boat trailer that is as old as the hills. Now facing west I see an old boat with pelican and seagull poo all over it and an old pelican bird nest ....

**Justin**

I am trapped on a boat ramp in the middle of nowhere. People call it the dead sea for a reason. That reason is nothing can live here and boats will sink before you can even say why.

I turn right and see a boat that is balancing on a rock in the water and I can just touch it. When I touched it, it started falling back like a wave so I ran to the other side and watched it fall back into the water and disappear into the darkness....

**Julian**

When I went to Strange Island, in crazy world. I just went there for a relaxing place. I past this ocean and I saw a pathway. I went to the edge and looked straight. I saw this old ship that looks as if it’s been in the ocean for 100 years.......
James
I had two hot dogs in one hand, a can of coke in the other, and my pet dog Charlie strolling behind me. I sat down on the park bench, with Charlie sniffing his hotdog, together we munched away on our hotdogs. Suddenly, clouds emerged from nowhere, the clouds grew dark purple, Charlie and I were terrified. “Most people in this instance would run around like wild turkeys” I said to Charlie. “And I’m one of those people”. “AAAAAAHHH” I screamed. ““WROOOOOO” howled Charlie. Then the vortex spawned in the epicentre. It then formed into a hole......

Billy
I fall into the river and I fainted. The fire dragged me to land. I ended up in the middle of nowhere. I hear a smoke train whistle. Everything is smoky and is distorted. There are two men after me......

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LEADERS’ UPDATE

Last week on Thursday from students from Rossmore went to Middleton Grange PS for a NAIDOC Day Celebration with lots of fun activities to do. Also many schools from the area came along too.

On Friday our school had a celebration for NAIDOC Day and dressed up in RED, YELLOW and BLACK.

Today Year 3 and 4 went to Teen Ranch for a 1 night camp and we hope they enjoy their time there.

On Wednesday Year 3 and 4 will finish up their camp and Year 5 and 6 will have their 2 night camp until Friday. We are sure we will have plenty of fun!

Education Week will happen in Week 3. Our Open Day is on the 31 July for the parents to come and see the creative work we have done. We hope you had a safe holiday and were impressed with your child’s report.

SPORT LEADERS’ UPDATE

Starting on 21/7/14 Year 2 – 5 went to the Swim Scheme at Mount Annan to learn how to swim. This goes all week while other Year 3 – 6 go to camp. Teen Ranch starts today for Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 start on Wednesday. We will be doing many fun sporting activities. The activities we are doing include: horse riding, archery, giant swing, bush walking and many more.

In Week 4 on Friday we will be doing our athletics carnival. Wear your sport team colour and remember have fun and support your team!

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

Flu season is here!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.
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