COMBINED SCHOOLS DAY

Hernani Public School hosted the first of our traditional Combined Schools Day for 2016. Once again this special event provided students with the opportunity to share new experiences, socialise with peers and enjoy time together playing games and team sports.

The STARRS Productions play presentation “Jo Solo” provided students with the chance to learn about the theme of loneliness at primary school and provided strategies to cope with what can be a very emotional and painful experience. This also followed on from our 2015 performances based on the presentations about bullying, with a strong antibullying message.

Jo Solo clearly conveyed a powerful message about being a good friend, and how important it is to say sorry!

Glenn and Abbie’s performance was fun, entertaining and certainly provided a lot of laughter

The Jo Solo performance provided opportunities for students to be actively involved in the play

Darcy’s suggestion for Jo was a pack of cards as a present to say sorry!
All students were up and dancing to conclude the presentation

The Grafton Regional Gallery “Gallery Goes To Schools Program” was a highlight for all students. Rochelle, our visiting artist on the day shared her passion for collage; this was inspiring.

Rochelle’s friendly approach engaged all students. She willingly shared her tips and provided suggestions and techniques for students to enhance their artworks!

Darcy is joking that he could use Mackenzie’s ear for his collage in response to Rochelle’s instruction to cut out body parts!
Please take the time to look at our student collage display in the main classroom, we have some creative kids!

Luke remembered Mr K’s tip for drawing trees!

Rochelle suggesting smudging as a technique to enhance Darcy’s crayon background

Luke enjoying sharing his finished artwork with Rochelle!

Chad telling Rochelle about his fantastical creature!
Kinder and Year 1 created fish collages with Rochelle.

Rochelle provided students with the chance to view a variety of collage artworks from the Gallery collection.

Students enjoyed parachute, tennis and games with a larger group of peers on the day.

The Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 group finished the day with parachute fun!
Thank you to our P&C for the delicious food on the day.

**MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER – SAM BAILEY**

Our excursion to Dorrigo Public School to listen to Sam was an inspirational morning. All students related to Sam’s love of farm life and were engaged audience members. Great to hear directly from someone who has proved that “You Can Do IT” even if someone says you can’t!

Sam’s straight talking presentation was inspirational and one that had all students engaged!

**SCIENCE EVENING AT EBOR PS – WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH 2016**

We have been invited to join Ebor Public School’s students and parents for a fun Science Evening. Please keep this date free. Details at this stage are:

- 5.00pm -6.00pm BBQ dinner, provided by Ebor school – no cost. ALL WELCOME!
- 6.00-7.30pm Science activities for students and parents.
SPORTING SCHOOLS

Chad, Leah and Beau have written this week’s Sporting Schools Report.

“Hernani Public School went to swimming in Dorrigo and Dundurrabin came too. I like picking up fish from the bottom of the pool.”

By Beau, Year 1

“My favourite thing was swimming because I never get to swim at home or on the holidays.”
By Chad, Year 4

“I like table tennis with Sensei Dave.”
By Leah, Year 1

HARMONY DAY

We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Monday 21st March with a special lunch for students, staff and parents featuring food from around the world. Parents are requested to bring a small plate of food to share.

Here are some suggestions for parents to share at home with your family on how to kick-start conversations about belonging and promote Harmony Day:

Talk to your kids about your family roots.

• Show old photographs of family members and/or tell stories of how they came to be in Australia.
• Point out on a world map the different countries that make up their ancestry.

• Search online for images or videos of those different countries and cultures (i.e. traditional dances, food, and music).
• Explore the traditional Indigenous owners of your region – find out about their culture online or at your local library.
• Speak about what belonging and being welcoming, respectful and inclusive mean. For example, the difference between feeling included or not included.

P&C AGM

Date for the AGM meeting to be confirmed tentative date is Thursday 17th March during school hours. Time 2.30pm

Please add items to the Meeting agenda on the Noticeboard.

Items for discussion include:
• School Photos
• Spirit of Anzac
• Harmony Day Lunch

QUALITY LITERACY TEACHING

An important aspect of our professional development this year involves teachers from Hernani, Dundurrabin, Orama, Ulong and Coffs Harbour Public Schools participating in a special Quality Literacy Teaching program. This has been invaluable and students are enjoying new approaches to our English lessons.
Group rotations include ipad and computer activities

SPIRIT OF ANZAC

Hernani’s Years 3-6 students will be joining Dundurrabin’s Years 3-6 to travel via coach to Tamworth to view the “Spirit of Anzac” exhibition. This is one of twenty three venues Australia wide that will be showcasing Australia’s involvement in the First World War to the present day.

STUDENT AWARDS- WEEK 5

Congratulations to Darcy for a great job as our Captain

Congratulations to Chad for effort and achievement in Reading and Writing this Term

Upcoming Dates

WEEK 6

Monday 7th March – 8:30am Sporting Schools Table Tennis with Dave

Tuesday 8th March - Sporting Schools Swimming 12:45pm-2:30pm

Wednesday 9th March -

Thursday 10th March – Mrs Winkel at Quality Literacy Professional Learning

Friday 11th March - Library Day with Mr K
WEEK 8

Monday 14th March – 8:30am Sporting Schools
Table Tennis with Dave

Tuesday 15th March - Sporting Schools
Swimming 12:45pm-2:30pm

Wednesday 16th March -
Thursday 17th March – Mrs Winkel VC with CER @9.00am – P&C AGM @ 2.30pm

Friday 18th March - Library Day with Mr K

WEEK 9

Monday 21st March – 8:30am Sporting Schools
Table Tennis with Dave.

Harmony Day Lunch at 1.00pm

Tues 22nd March -Sporting Schools Swimming 12:45pm-2:30pm

Wednesday 23rd March – ‘Science’ Evening at Ebor Public School

Thursday 24th March – EASTER Fun with Mr K

Mrs Winkel at Quality Literacy Professional Learning.

Friday 25th March – Good Friday (Public Holiday)

MARCH BIRTHDAY’s

Happy Birthday wishes to Sylvie, Mr K!

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL