

Is it a ram or a RAM?

For most of us the word *ram* refers to a male sheep, however in education circles RAM refers to money. RAM is an acronym for Resource Allocation Model and is a new way for the State government to distribute resources to schools. The higher the needs of the students, the more resources the school receives.

With the introduction of Local Schools Local Decisions we have a greater ability to make decisions about how we use these resources. During 2014 the school community, staff and students have had input into developing the schools' priorities for the next three years. This consultation process will continue into the future as we refine and tweak these priorities.

Our priorities are to improve: literacy and numeracy attainment, application of technology for the 21st century, cutting edge professional learning for teachers and executive staff, tailored



support for students with additional learning needs. With these priorities as a clear focus it empowers us to work together to ensure every child gains not just a good education, but a great one.

Aboriginal students recognised

The annual Proudly and Deadly Awards were held last Friday night at EA Souther Public School . The evening recognises the achievements of our Aboriginal students. Bella Paulissen, Bonnie Abnett, John Drew and Katie Paulissen are pictured with Clare Crawford and Amanda Levett at the awards evening. Kasey Jones, Clinton Jones, Tameka Jones, James Daley and Tarmeka Leitner were also presented with awards at school today.



What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
Student Recognition Ceremonies	All students	Tuesday 2 December	Free	Year 3 to 6 10.00am Kinder to Year 2 12noon
Bravehearts Presentation	All students	Thursday 4 December	Free	
Sports Assembly	All students	Friday 5 December 12.30pm	Free	This assembly will include the presentation of all sporting representation awards
Swimming for Sport	All students	Friday 5 December 2.00pm to 3.15pm	\$6 or season ticket	Students bring bus money on the day. Students dismissed from pool at end of day
School Presentation Night	All students	Wednesday 10 December 7.00pm	Free	
End of Year Pool Party	All students	Friday 12 December 12.00pm to 3.15pm	Pool entry	Students bring bus money on the day. Students dismissed from pool at end of day

School Swimming and Water Safety Program

With fantastic weather, a great swimming pool, the community bus and fabulous bus driver to transport us, lifeguards to keep us safe, and wonderful swimming instructors to teach us, we had a great experience at the pool.



Students participated with enthusiasm and pride. New skills were learnt and reinforced. Literacy skills were enhanced by conversations, writing and spelling, introduced in the theory component of our program.

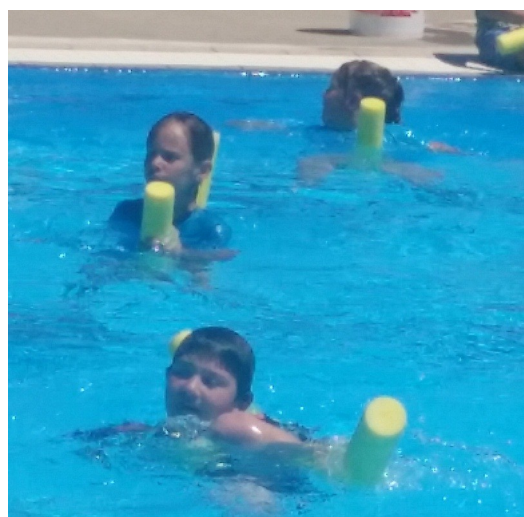
Summer is here, bringing hot weather and the desire to cool off in the pool. It is so important to be confident and capable in and around water. We have had a very successful swimming program this year and will build upon it next year.

Thank you to Harden Rotary Club, Kruger Trust, Bendigo Bank and Harden District Education Foundation for supporting us and

enabling our Swimming Program to be accessible to all students at MPS.

Have a safe and happy festive season.

Miss Morris



Twilight Study Sessions come to an end

The final twilight study session was held last Monday. The pilot program ran for 6 weeks with over 15 students attending each week. The program focused on individual assistance with students' home learning and Maths extension work from problem solving to fractions!

This program was a huge success and received many positive comments from the parents and students involved in the program.

This Program could not have been possible without the support from Mrs Ford, Mrs Humphreys, Mr Lindsell, Mrs Dodd, and Miss Askell who supported the students during each session. A special thank you to Treen Broker who volunteered her time each week to support the students involved in this program.

Library Books

The library is currently undertaking an end of year stocktake. Students with outstanding books have today received a notice with details of the books to be returned. We ask that you please ensure all these books are returned to school as soon as possible. Your assistance in this matter will allow for the finalisation of the stocktake. Thank you.

Impetigo (School sores)

We have recently been advised by parents of students with impetigo. Impetigo is a contagious skin infection which usually produces blisters or sores on the face, neck and hands. Routinely washing the face and hands can help prevent impetigo.

Doctors can usually diagnose impetigo based on the appearance of the rash. Impetigo is typically treated with either an antibiotic ointment or medication taken by mouth.

Please keep an eye out for any children developing symptoms.

100 Nights Home Reading

Congratulations to Erin Abnett on completing 100 nights home reading. Well done Erin and keep up the great work!



Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Education Program



This Thursday 4 December students will have the opportunity to experience the Bravehearts Personal Safety Education Program 'The Ditto Show'. Bravehearts are extremely proud of this program and believe that by providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, they are providing them with the tools to stay safe. **If you do not wish your child to attend the show please notify the school office or send a note to your child's teacher.**

School uniforms now available

A reminder the uniform shop is open and is stocked with school uniform items.

At this time the uniform shop is open each Thursday afternoon from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

Now is the time to get in and get your uniforms for 2015, so please call in.

Items available are school shirts for \$22, skorts \$22, sports shorts \$15 and grey school shorts \$18.


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 Community News

Harden Swimming Club Time Trials

Harden Swimming Club advises time trials will commence this Wednesday 3 December at the Harden Pool commencing at 5.00pm. For further enquiries please contact Adam Wade on 0438 862 267.



Gingerbread House Decorating Class



Cootamundra Shire Council is offering a gingerbread house decorating class on Friday 19 December from 11.00am to 12.30pm at the Cootamundra Library. The cost of the class is \$30 per person, and the class is open to adults and children aged over 8 years. Bookings essential, please call 6940 2200.

ENLIGHTEN HARDEN

The Harden-Murrumburrah & District Chamber of Commerce invites all

- Businesses
- Homes and
- Streets



to participate in the 2014 Christmas decorating campaign.

Winners to be announced at the 2014 Christmas Festival held in Newson Park on 20 December.

Great prizes and fun for the whole family

Zooper Doopers on Thursday—Don't forget the SRC will be selling zooper doopers each Thursday lunchtime for 50c. Great in this weather!



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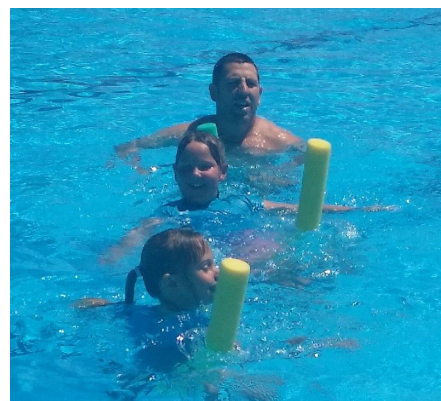
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'Learn to Live'



Mr Wade, Jasmin and Bella in the pool during the School Swimming Program