

<p>The Haven Education Centre</p>  <p><i>making a difference!</i></p>	<p>Haven Happenings</p> <p><i>165 Serpentine Road Terrigal 2260</i> <i>Phone: (02) 43216490 Fax: (02) 43675197</i></p> <p>Term 2 26th June 2015</p>	<p>The Haven Education Centre</p>  <p><i>making a difference!</i></p>
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From the Director

It has been a very busy term on a number of fronts. Firstly, we have been supporting a number of students on their reintegration. This has been one of our main priorities since our inception and remains an integral part of the program. A well-earned congratulation to these students on successfully returning to mainstream !

Art Exhibition

Our students have been participating in the Regional Reconciliation Art Exhibition for the last twelve years. This year we did a large group painting; 1.2m x 2.4m, several small individual works and three surfboards. The quality of their work is truly amazing. I highly recommend that if you are in the area, you call into the East Gosford Gallery near the Japanese Gardens and take a look for yourself. In the words of one student, "Gee all the art is really amazing and our stuff is as good as anyone else **and better than most**".

Thanks Jarrod ! I couldn't have said it better myself.

Presentation Day

Many thanks to all the grandparents, parents, aunties, uncles, siblings and carers who attended our half yearly presentation day on Thursday. Annie and the students prepared food and refreshments. Then, we had the formal awards ceremony. Many students received an award for the first time and were justifiably proud of their achievements.

Haven Garden

This has been one of the best initiatives we have ever done. It never ceases to intrigue us with the high motivation levels of all students when using this area. Summer or winter crops the students take great delight with the growth of their crops and the pride it gives them.

Other News

We are indeed blessed to have so many kind people supporting us. One of our new sponsors, Dr. Ned Restom and his team at **Avoca Beach Dental** have been providing free dental treatment for our students. But they have now taken it several steps further. They have also helped many parents and other siblings who needed dental care. These families that have been going through difficult times and like them we are grateful for the kindness and support given. **Mrs Carroll Stratford** from Erina has kindly donated an **upright freezer** and **\$ 250** (raised from garden stall at a recent market day).

Dr Karen Douglas and her husband from Avoca, have just made a donation of **\$2000** to help our cause. Many thanks to Karen and Adrian for their support. Recently the **Brian Hilton Motor Group** offered us another opportunity to run a BBQ and tell staff and customers about the school. Several staff and an ex-student Liam manned the BBQ. Hiltons also donated an extra **\$500**, thanks Duncan and Josh. Another regular contributor is Gavin from **Pallet Logistics**. If you have any packaging and freight issues give them a call.

We have also had a number of donations and sponsorship renewals including **\$2500** from **NRMA Road Service**. Former NRMA staff member Kevin Redmond was instrumental in securing this donation, Thanks mate. This generosity is the lifeblood of our service and without it we simply cannot exist.

We are obviously very proud and grateful to have you all on board as sponsors/supporters and highly recommend the services you provide to others in our Haven network.

I hope you enjoy the other stories and the photos of our terms activities.

Cheers

Koke

The Haven Rewards Day

What an amazing day!!! This day is designed to reward those students that have been well behaved throughout the term. At the conclusion of the term, we felt that this group of delightful young students needed rewarding! We started the day climbing to the tops of the world (or close... we made it to the top of the Skillion). After photos, the kids ran down the hill as fast as they could without really thinking about how they were going to stop... I guess some things you just have to learn on the go. At the bottom of the hill one of the students spots the 107.7 2GO van and was talking about how good it would be to go up to the van and see the guy. After some persuasion one of the students approached the van and told 'Captain Risky' how much he liked listing to 2GO. 'Captain Risky' took a liking to The Haven group and offered free pastries along with a few photos. The kids rolled back into the bus and then we are off to the movies to see a very thought provoking film 'Inside Out', which the kids adored. Lunch was soon approaching and we ordered some fish and chips and were soon off to gymnastics to let out a bit of steam. Students had a great day and it was good to be able to reward them for their positive behaviour.

Math's Challenge

Students have been learning about various shapes throughout this term in Mathematics. They discussed which shapes of a bridge would work, and which ones would fail. The students were set a task to build the strongest bridge they possibly could over a span of 30 centimeters, only using a limited amount of supplies. Each group was issued with 20 plastic non-bending straws and one roll of sticky tape. They could cut the straws and tape to any length they would like, but would not be issued with anymore supplies if they made a wrong decision. The aim was for each bridge to hold as much weight as possible.

All bridges were made different in design. Bridges were measured by placing a cup in the middle of the bridge and placing water into it. We went up in 50mL increments for all bridges. The bridges held a weight of between 50mL and 250mL, which all of them collapsing to the ground. The strongest bridge held a weight of 500mL, which was outstanding in design and worthy of an award. The students had a great time working together thinking and constructing their straw bridges.

French Cooking

Students this term have been learning basic greetings in French. Students have enjoyed learning how to speak in a different language and it has been great listening to them practice in the mornings saying 'bonjour' and 'comment cava?' as they enter. To give the students a real taste of France and to reward them for their effort we made French pastries in class. The students made the pastry from scratch having translated an ancient French recipe. As you can see in the photos it was a huge success!

Social justice sport

Our social justice sport program with St Edwards College has continued this term with great success. Students have looked forward to playing soccer, basketball and more recently Oz Tag. It was great watching the two different teams playing sport together, laughing as if they were old friends. To this day The Haven team has remained undefeated. I am not sure if this is because The Haven kids are too skilled, the Eddies boys are kind hearted or The Haven referee needs new contacts. Either way its great seeing everyone releasing a bit of energy and enjoying a great afternoon of sport. Thanks to Pat Dell for organizing the Eddies boys to come over each week!

JOURNAL WRITING

This term students have been focusing on Persuasive Writing. Many of our students are up for an argument and can verbalize in many ways as to why something should or should not be. But to put talk to paper is another thing altogether!

Our students at The Haven have spent time exploring a range of persuasive texts to develop an understanding of how language can be used to persuade. Students have learnt to present opinions that differ from those of others. Students have learnt to plan their writing using Mind Maps, draft their work and then publish using their word processing skills.

Endangered animals need our protection

Animals do not have a voice to protect themselves. Endangered animals are animals where their habitat and way of life is affected by human beings. They should be able to live a happy and safe life. Humans should ensure the safety of the animals within their environment for future generations.

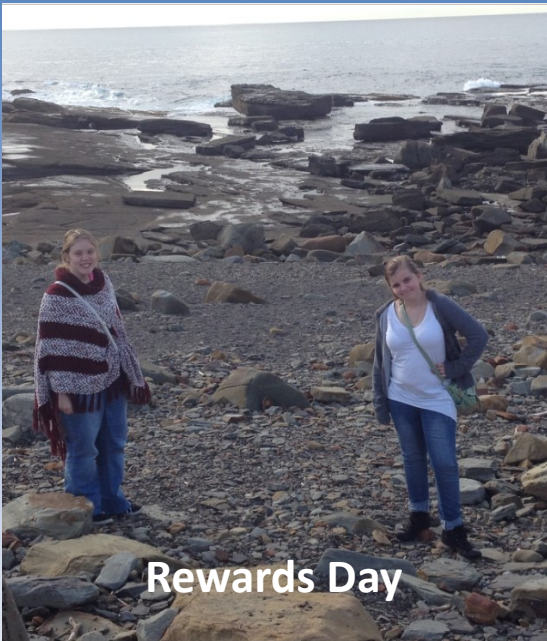
Animals keep our ecosystem balanced by maintain the food chain. Plants and animals have scientific and medical properties that can be used for research and medicines. It is our duty to only take from the ocean the fish you need, an over-supply of one source may result in an in balance of numbers. Animals need our help; if they become hunted there is a chance of them becoming extinct. How would you like to be hunted?

Animals should be free to roam their natural environment. The animals shouldn't be poached or killed by hunters. These people who are involved in endangering species should apply for a license. We need to ensure that the environment is balanced; we have a right to protect the endangered species on our plant.

By Kayla and Jess

Haven Birthdays

Birthdays are made special here at The Haven. This term, as every term, students have been able to order their favorite type of cake to celebrate their birthday. Each cake is iced with a generous amount of melted chocolate and butter and may contain hidden treasures of white chocolate or even popping candy. Annie and Shannon have gone out of their way to come in early and bake up to 30 cakes to share amongst students and staff. The smell coming from the two ovens in the new kitchen when you walk in in the morning is amazing and it's always great to see the look on the students faces when the kids are singing 'Happy Birthday'. To top it off, it appears Annie and Shannon always tend to make just a few extra cakes so that students will often get to take home a large Tupperware container of their favorite cakes to share with family and Friends.



Rewards Day



The Haven rewards day... 107.7



On top of the world!!!



Math's Challenge



Math's awards



Birthdays at The Haven!



French Pastries...



Math's Challenge



Awards with the Director



Wendy's awards



Food tech awards



Food brings everyone together...