G’day Kate

Year 6 student Zarina Pereira is hoping to discuss hockey, fashion and motherhood with Catherine, the Duchess of Cambridge, this week.

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Zarina has royal goal

SCHOOLGIRL HOPES TO CHAT TO DUCHESS ABOUT SHARED LOVE OF HOCKEY

Amanda Partidge

IF SCHOOLGIRL Zarina Pereira gets a chance to chat with Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, during tomorrow’s welcome ceremony, the first topic she will discuss is hockey.

Then she hopes to ask about Kate’s fashion choices, life as a royal and baby Prince George.

Zarina, 11, of St Andrews Public School captian, has been selected to meet the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge during a welcome reception at Sydney Opera House at 7.30pm tomorrow.

“I’m really excited, it’s like a once in a lifetime opportunity,” Zarina said.

“It got the chance I would probably talk to Kate about hockey because I love hockey and play hockey and she played hockey as well.

“I know my mum will come to the last checkpoint with me and then it’s just me and Prince George.

Zarina said her school community and family were thrilled – and a tad jealous – about her chance to meet Kate and William, though some needed extra convincing the news wasn’t an April Fool’s Day joke.

“The day I found out was the day after April Fool’s – at first my aunty thought it was an April Fool’s Day joke,” she said.

Zarina is also hopeful of getting a sneaky peak of Prince George.

“I’m not sure if he will be there, he might be sleeping or something, but it would be really cool if he was there.

“I would also like to thank everyone for giving me this amazing opportunity.”

Principal Richard Batty said the entire school was proud Zarina had been selected to meet the royals.

TOP HONOUR

WHOA: Students to meet the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge include:
- Zarina Pereira, St Andrews Public School
- Shannay Holmes, Leumesah High School
- Tom McGill, John Therry Catholic High School
- Stephanie Penaless and Josh Chandia, Mt Carmel Catholic High School

“Wow what an honour young girl.

Congratulations! Fantastic experience for you Zarina!”

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Jayden wrestles with wardrobe

Vera Bertola

CATHERINE Field wrestler Jayden Lawrence isn’t too sure how his invitation to the reception for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge came about, but it’s turned his wardrobe upside-down.

The 2010 Macarthur Chronicle Junior Sports Star doesn’t own a suit, and fessed up that he will be borrowing one from his coach.

“I was always in the middle of growing so never bought a suit,” he said. “And now, when I go out, I just hire one.”

But he admitted this occasion, to meet Prince William and wife Kate at a reception at the Sydney Opera House, demanded some extra care.

“My coach has an Olympic suit from Beijing and I’ll borrow that,” he said.

Lawrence, 18, said he had been competing at the Olympics, commissioned in American Samoa, when the invitation arrived.

“My family is English – my dad was the only one not born in England – so we do like the royal family.”

However, Lawrence was distracted in the lead-up to the reception with the national wrestling titles and Commonwealth Games qualifiers on the weekend in Canberra.

Heath Rd closed

Roads and Maritime Services have temporarily closed Heath Rd, Leppington, for six weeks to the $280 million upgrade of Camden Valley Way. Work will take place between 7am and 9pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. Details: 152 701.

Stations of Cross

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