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Principal's Message

Student Reports

Teachers are busy writing your children's half yearly reports. These will be sent out on the Monday of week 9. Parents need to remember that the reports are an assessment of the work that the children have done this half-year, not an assessment on the outcomes that they will be working on all year. In the second half of the year they will be assessed on that half-year's work. If a child has met the expectations of the work presented this half year, then they will receive a C rating - that is what the C means. If they go beyond this expectation, they would receive a B or an A. For Kindergarten, the ratings are working towards, working at or working beyond. Parents also need to consider that this is just an assessment of this half-year - not a fixed result forever more. Think about what I have been saying about fixed and growth mindsets over the last few weeks. Children should never be labeled as "A" grade or any other grade. The important things are the effort and the learning. If parents have any questions about their child's report, they should discuss it with the teacher, the stage supervisor, or I am happy to discuss concerns.

Children who have not had a full term's learning at the school will not receive a full report. Children for whom English is a second language and who still have limited English will not be given A-E grades.

Chinese Language and Culture School

I have been approached by Dr Dacheng Zhao who is the principal of a school that has been running after school lessons in two other primary schools in Western Sydney. The school is for both native speakers and non-native speakers of Chinese. If the interest is in our community, we will look to starting up the school on Monday afternoons for an hour. The tuition fees are $15 a session. An information note is included with this newsletter. Please respond as soon as possible. If required, Dr Zhao will run an information meeting here before the end of term to answer questions.

Parking

I'm afraid I have had a complaint from a member of the public who lives in the area. There are parents parking across her driveway every day, making it impossible for her to get in or out.

Be warned - you are likely to get a fine for illegal parking.

Enrichment money

Thank you to those parents who have paid up the total sum already - this makes it easier for you and for us. Next term we have two exciting things happening. Each week every child will have a gymnastics lesson presented by specialized coaches who will bring special equipment. Also, we have the Healthy Harold Van arriving at the school, and every class will have a lesson, with a follow up workbook full of information and learning. The children will be empowered to make safe and healthy choices that could impact on their futures.

We don't want any children to miss out on these opportunities. If you are paying off the enrichment money throughout the year, you should be halfway by now - that is $65 for the first child. In order for your child to participate in the activities next term, you will need to be paying regular amounts, reaching $100 by the end of Term 3. If you have financial difficulties, especially if you are on a pension card, please see the office for assistance with school costs.

Parent meetings next week

Monday 9.00am and Tuesday 6.00pm

This month's topic is the school counsellor - Sarah Dominguez, who will be speaking about her role in the school and positive parenting strategies. Everyone welcome!

Anthea Donaldson
Principal

Class Awards

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Stage News

Kindergarten

What a great day we had last Thursday dressing up in our pyjamas and supporting our Year 6 students! Thank you to all those students who took part and made a donation.

The weather is getting much cooler now that winter is upon us. Please make sure that your child comes to school each day with their school jumper and hat. Remember to check and make sure that all your child's belongings are labeled clearly with their name and class.

This week's news topic is ‘My favourite place to visit.’ Students are to tell the class about a place that they like to visit. Tell the class where it is, who you go there with and what you do there. Children find it easier to talk to the class if they have a picture of photograph to talk from, so we encourage students to draw a picture or bring in a photograph of their favourite place.

Let's have a wonderful week!
Miss Stuart & Mrs Rhodes

Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2)

Wow! Pyjama day was a great success! We raised a great amount of money to support our year 6 students. If only we could wear pyjamas every day!

Next week, Tuesday 17th June, is our exciting excursion to the NSW Art Gallery. If students have not returned their permission slips or are not up to date with payments they will not attend. Students will need to bring their fruit break, recess and lunch in a small bag (no school bags). No lunch orders will be available for Stage 1 on the day. They must be wearing their full school uniform, including their hat.

Each day teachers remind students to make sure they are being responsible for their things. Unfortunately every day we see piles of jumpers, lunch boxes and drink bottles left on the playground. Please label everything, it doesn't take long and it costs more money to keep replacing everything.

Have a great week!
Miss Langhan

Stage Two (Year 3 and Year 4)

Has your child been using Reading Eggs and Mathletics at home on a regular basis? Both of these programs are a wonderful link between school and home. If your child doesn't have their usernames and / or passwords they can get a copy from their class teacher.

Next week the University of NSW writing competitions will take place. A note will go home to those students who have paid their entrance fee later this week.

Please ensure all personal items and especially clothing are labelled with children names. We have an enormous amount of lost property each week.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Stage Three (Year 5 and Year 6)

We hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and read lots of interesting books!

Last Tuesday Stage 3 had a wonderful day at Taronga Zoo. We saw lots of amazing and unique animals. We were all impressed by the beautiful enclosures the animals lived in and in awe of the breathtaking Sydney skyline. Lots of students had never been to the Zoo before so this was an experience they will never forget. A massive thank you to all the teachers, parents and volunteers who came to Taronga Zoo with us. We really appreciate you giving up your valuable time to share this experience with us.

A few quick reminders:
* Please remember as it is getting colder to ensure that all jumpers and jackets are labelled. Every day there are numerous items that are handed in without names. It is important to write your names on your items so they can be returned.
* Celebrating the Arts auditions will be held this Wednesday at school. Good luck to all the groups who are auditioning!

Have a fantastic week 7!
Mrs Heifetz

Library News

Last day for bookclub is today. Please try to get you order in on time.

This is our last week to borrow so please begin returning all those overdue books you may have forgotten about.

Mrs Sell

Sports News

Last week's PSSA was cancelled due to the weather. This week our teams play:

- Netball vs Merrylands at Merrylands Oval
- Mod league vs Merrylands at Merrylands Oval
- Newcombe vs Ringrose at Ringrose Public School
- Soccer vs Ringrose at Ted Burge Oval

Good luck to Sarah (3/4C) who is competing in the Area Cross Country tomorrow at Penrith.