Principal's Message

What a fabulous day we had last Thursday with all the Mums, and a few grandmothers and aunties. Thank you for joining us, I hope that you enjoyed the day as much as the children seemed to, and found the session with the Relationships Australia people helpful, affirming - and maybe you made some new friends too. There will be some pictures on the website. Interestingly there were only 5 children / mums who solved one of the puzzles - we will put that with this newsletter too and you might like to have another go at it!

This morning we had a group of mums attend a session about Fruit and Veg sense. They had an interesting morning, and received a free cookbook. Thanks for coming along! Our next parent meeting will be on June 16th - 9.00am, and 17th - 6pm. Our school counselor, Sarah Dominguez, will be speaking at those meetings, so put the date in your diaries and plan to be there. More information next week.

Staff Car park

Our school has a very small car park. Most teachers park on the street. We do have several cars that deliver students to our support unit each day, and these cars use the car park. This happens before the start of the school day, and before the bell in the afternoons. Unfortunately due to the layout of our school, many children and parents walk through the car park each morning and afternoon. If parents use the car park to drop off or pick up students, or even to just turn in the driveway, it is extremely dangerous. Last week people were being photographed by the traffic wardens and are likely to receive fines. PLEASE, do NOT use the staff car park in this way. There have been children at other schools KILLED by such actions. No one wants that here.

Parent in classrooms

While we love having parents visit us for special occasions like last week, and we have a wonderful group of parents who assist in classes and with reading, we do ask that you respect our classrooms and the children’s work. We have to consider children’s privacy and ask that parents do so as well. It is not appropriate to look at the work of children other than your own and to make comparisons between children. Please do not enter classrooms when teachers are not present. Thank you.

P & C News

School Banking is every Tuesday. If you want you child to participate, please go to your local Commonwealth Bank and open a dollarmite account and then you can start banking and after 10 deposits you can redeem a prize.

Uniform Shop - We have second hand uniforma for $4 each. There is also a PWPS water bottle, cup and pens for sale as well. Just a reminder girls winter uniform is white polo, blue pants and jumper or dress with navy stockings. Please no multi-coloured leggings or multi-coloured stockings.

This week a petition will be going home with your children. Please complete this form and return to school and we can hand it in to the council. If you have friends or neighbours who can sign that would be appreciated. Just ask for more forms at the office.

Pyjama Day

This Thursday we would love all children to come to school in their pajamas! They should, however, wear shoes. It will be a normal school day as far as work goes, but a fun mufti day and fundraiser for year 6. Children should bring along a gold coin.

Long weekend

Don’t forget that next weekend is a long one - children come back to school Tuesday. I encourage you to take the opportunity to get out and have some fun as a family and read a good book.

Anthea Donaldson
Principal
Class Awards

KA  Ahalya       KB  Mafua
KJ  Dhyman      KN  Sana
KR  Tirth       KS  Jet
K-2G Saran 2-4H Henry
1F  Jayden      1H  Dion
1K  Osman       1N  Benjamin
1S  Tarik      2L  Gemma
2P  Eden       2W  Kumail
2/3R Tyler     3J  Khaled
3/4C Cornelius 4A  Amani
4S  Petar      5/6B Nawaf
5/6E Basilia   5/6H Simar
5/6J Caitlyn   5/6N Ali Sina
3-6K Shivansh

Stage News

Kindergarten

Thank you to all of our mums, aunties and grandmothers who joined us for 'Make Mum's Day' last Thursday. We thoroughly enjoyed spending the day with you and hope that you had a great day too!

This Thursday is 'Pyjama Day' which means that we all get to wear our warm winter pyjamas to school! Students can wear their pyjamas to school but please make sure that they are still wearing SOCKS and SCHOOL SHOES and have their SCHOOL HAT with them. We are wearing our pyjamas to raise money for Year 6 so please remember to bring a gold coin donation.

We will still be having Gym on Thursday but please make sure that your child's pyjamas don't have covered feet and that they will still be able to participate.

This week's news topic is 'My favourite farm animal.' Draw a picture of your farm animal or make a model of it. Students' talks should include what their favourite farm animals looks like, what it eats and what its role is on the farm.

Let's have another fantastic week!
Miss Stuart & Mrs Rhodes

Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2)

We have a busy week ahead in Stage 1. We are hosting 'Pyjama Day' this Thursday. All students are asked to wear their pyjamas to school. They must have their school hat and sensible shoes so they can still play at recess and lunch time. Students need to bring a gold coin if they wear their pyjamas and the money goes towards fundraising for Year 6. It's going to be a fun day!

Our excursion to the NSW Art Gallery is coming up in week 8. All students should have received the note. Please return permission slips as soon as possible. It is a minimum payment of $50 to attend the excursion. Reminders have been sent out to families that still need to make payments. We're really looking forward to seeing some amazing art!
Miss Langhans

Stage Two (Year 3 and Year 4)

It was great to see all the mum's, grandmothers, aunties and other caregivers for our 'Make Mum's Day'. While it was great to have so many mums at school, it was also a special time for the children to spend some quality time with their mum. I hope we get to see all the 'mum's' more often!

This Wednesday the 'Science Competition' will be held. Only children who have returned the permission notes and paid the entrance fee will be participating in the competition. If you have any questions please see myself or Ms Jennens.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Stage Three (Year 5 and Year 6)

We hope all the mums enjoyed last Thursday with their children. There were lots of exciting activities for everyone to participate in and everyone looked like they were having a wonderful time.

This Tuesday Stage 3 have their excursion to Taronga Zoo. We would like all students to be at school at 8.30am so we can leave at 9.00am sharp. Unfortunately we will not be able to wait for any students who turn up late. An announcement will be made for students to go to their classroom to get their names marked off. We aim to board the bus at 8.45am so please ensure your child is ready the night before. Students will need to pack their fruit break; recess; lunch; at least one bottle of water; their school hat; a clipboard; and a few pens and pencils. Students will be completing work at the Zoo so they will need to make sure they are prepared. Students are also expected to wear full school uniform, comfortable shoes and a school hat. We are all super excited about meeting the amazing animals residing at Taronga Zoo!

The UNSW Science Competition will be held this Wednesday the 4th of June. Students will be given more details early this week about the test.

Have a fantastic week 6 and enjoy the long weekend!
Mrs Heifetz

Library News

Bookclub is due on Tuesday 10th June. Please make sure you are on time as I would not like late orders to miss out.

All bookclub orders earn rewards - which means new resources for our school.

Mrs Sell
Sports News

Well done to our PSSA teams last week. Round 3 results are below:

- Jnr Newcombe: 2 - 0 loss
- Snr Newcombe: 2 - 0 loss
- Jnr Netball: 3 - 2 loss
- Snr Netball: 17 - 3 loss
- Jnr Soccer: 4 - 0 loss
- Snr Soccer: 2 - 2 Draw
- Jnr Mod League: 4 - 16 loss
- Snr Mod league: 10 - 16 loss

This Friday the teams play:
- Netball vs Greystanes at Greystanes P.S.
- Mod League vs Greystanes at Merrylands Oval
- Newcombe Ball vs Greystanes at Greystanes P.S.
- Soccer vs Greystanes at Greystanes Sports Ground

Best wishes to all our teams. A reminder that all PSSA students are expected to be attending training sessions, wear appropriate safety equipment including a hat while they are not playing, wear full sports school uniform and have a water bottle.

Mr White

Wills for $50

The Salvation Army Parramatta who provide free Music Therapy for some of our students each week are hosting a Community Wills Day at their building at 34 Smith Street Parramatta on Tuesday 17th June 2014.

On this day Volunteer Solicitors will be in attendance to take instructions for simple Wills for a cost of $50 per Will. Funds raised on this day will assist the Parramatta Salvation Army's community work in the local area.

Appointments are necessary an can be made by phoning Rosemary on 9266 9631 between the hours of 9am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to take care of the future.

Muru Mittigar Excursion

Last Wednesday the Indigenous Group and their buddies went on an excursion to Muru Mittigar which is an Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Penrith.

At the centre the students were greeted in the Darug language and did some painting using traditional symbols and designs. We learnt about what the symbols mean, the importance of colour and how to read the artwork.

We learnt about traditional artifacts and were able to touch and hold them and recreated scenes from paintings with them.

We were able to listen to the tree spirit inside of a didgeridoo and learnt traditional names of things and animals. After that some one played the clap sticks and we did some dancing in the traditional way of a kangaroo and an emu.

Before lunch we went on a bush tucker walk and learnt about all the different plants and materials and how they can be used for eating or for making tools. We even got to see a hive of native bees and learnt about how important looking after our environment is.

To finish the day the students got to throw a boomerang! Some of us were really good and got it to curve and nearly come back on their first attempt!

We also learnt about famous Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and their contribution to Australia.

A big thank you to all the parents and families who supported their child in attending, to all the parents who came with us and to Mr Ta and Miss Dobson.

Thank you
Miss Ricketts