**Principal's Message**

Thank you to those parents and families who supported the jump rope for heart sponsorship and those who came along to watch the jump off. The children had lots of fun and, together with their peer support lesson, have hopefully learnt more about the importance of keeping healthy and fit. The winning class was 5/6J who raised $175.80. The total raised was $1843.10. Half the money raised from everyone goes to the Heart Foundation, the other half comes to our school.

Mrs Maurice will be off school for a number of weeks due to a broken leg. Her reading recovery children will be supported by Mrs Vo and Mr Ta. We wish her all the best for a speedy and full recovery.

Next Week is Education Week. We will have Open Classrooms on Thursday morning at the following times:

- 9am - 9.30am - Stage 3 (Year 5 and Year 6)
- 9.30am -10am Kindergarten
- 10am -10.30am - Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)
- 10.30am -11am - Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)

Then from 11.00 am - 1.00pm it will be our annual K-2 Athletics carnival over at the field. Parents are most welcome to attend this fun event - bring your picnic blankets or fold up chairs, and be prepared for the parent and preschooler races!

Please also take the time to visit the library to see and support our book fair.

**Kindergarten Transition Program**

Following the information evening we will start our transition program. This is on every Tuesday morning from 9.00-10.30 from August 27th for children starting school next year with their parents. Please let us know if you are coming so that we can organize numbers.

Congratulations to the 5 students in year 6 who have received places at selective high schools or who are on the reserve list (and these children usually get a place). We are very proud of them and know that they have worked hard. They did not need to go off to an OC class after year 4 here, as several others did, to still gain a place in selective. We continue to support all students to work at the level they are capable of. Not all children are suited to an academically selective school. Sometimes being successful amongst a group is easier than constantly struggling to keep up with a higher achieving group. The important thing about high school is that they work hard and make good friends who will help them keep on the right track.

I look forward to seeing lots of parents next week.

Anthea Donaldson  
Principal

**Home Reading Helpers**

Home Reading program started today. We need help in the mornings to change books. Please if you have half an hour come to the Uniform / Home reading room at 9am to help. Your help would be appreciated.

**Library News**

Bookfair is here and this week is Preview Week. Next week (Week 3) we will be selling books. We have lots of great books and are looking forward to a great book sale. Your child will bring home a wish list and flyer for the bookfair. You are most welcome to look and buy in Week 3. All books sold earns more resources for the school.

Borrowing has begun so make sure your child has a library bag as they will not be able to borrow without a bag.

Any overdue loans means that your child cannot borrow so please return your books promptly.

Bookclub is due by Monday 28th July.

Mrs Sell
Stage News

Kindergarten

Congratulations to all of our spectacular skippers who showed their tricks last week at our Jump Off Day!

Most classes had their first gymnastics lesson last week - KB and KN had their first lesson today - and all students had a great time! We don't want any students to miss out on this fantastic gymnastics program so please see the office if you need to make a payment towards the Enrichment Program. At this point in the year we are asking that families have paid $65 towards the Enrichment Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's teacher.

Last week you would have received a note about our cooking program this term. Our own little "Masterchefs" are very excited about cooking delicious foods and writing up recipes and food reviews this term. We are asking that you contribute $5 towards the cost of the ingredients used during this unit, please return money with the signed permission slip to your child's teacher. If your child has any food allergies, please let your child's teacher know by writing this clearly on the permission slip.

This term’s topic talks were also sent home this week and this week our topic is the ‘Mystery Bag’. Students will be familiar with this from last term. Bring in a bag with a mysterious object in it and describe the object to the class. The class will guess what is inside each student’s mystery bag based on the clues the speaker has given them.

Have a great week!
Miss Stuart & Mrs Rhodes

Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2)

The students are really enjoying the Gymnastics which started this term. Please make sure you have paid your Enrichment money so your child doesn't miss out on this fantastic program.

Last week the “Jump Off” day was a great success. Well done to all the Stage one skippers.

Education Week is next week and we will be having Open Classrooms on Thursday 31st July from 10am - 10.30am.

Also on that day we will have the K - 2 Athletics Carnival starting at 11am until 1pm across the road at the field. Parents are welcome to stay and watch these events.

Stage Two (Year 3 and Year 4)

A reminder to children, who have completed an application for the Year 5 OC in 2015, that they should have received a letter confirming their place and their test details. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming OC test please see me.

Next Tuesday is University of NSW English Competition; children who have paid their money will receive a reminder on Friday. We are starting to receive results from competitions held earlier in the year. Children who receive a Credit, Distinction or a High Distinction will receive their certificates at the school presentation day.

Next Thursday is ‘Open Day’, we are looking forward to parents and caregivers visiting our classrooms and the children are looking forward to the visits also.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Stage Three (Year 5 and Year 6)

A massive congratulations to all Stage 3 students on the outstanding job they did with Peer Support last Thursday. Each one of them delivered the lesson with enthusiasm and knew their lesson very well. All students from Kindergarten to Year 4 were encouraged to participate by their leaders and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the lesson. There were glowing evaluations from teachers throughout the school. Also thank you to all Stage 3 teachers for the time and effort you put into training the students. If you get a chance please talk to your child about the lesson. We are all very proud of them!

Last Thursday students enjoyed participating in the ‘Jump Off Day’. We saw some amazing skipping skills from students across Kindergarten to Year 6. Thank you to all the families who donated money. Prizes will be awarded early this week.

Just a reminder that this term all of PWPS will be participating in a ‘Gymnastics’ program which will be run by expert teachers from the Dance Fever Academy. All of Stage 3 lessons will be on Monday. Students can wear their sports uniform on this day. Also this term, ‘Happy Healthy Harold’ will be visiting the school for life education programs. Please make sure your enrichment money is up to date so your child doesn’t miss out on this exciting program.

Next Thursday, 31st June, PWPS will be having their open day where parents can come and spend some quality time in the classroom with their child. Stage 3 would love to see you at 9am – 9.30am.

We hope you all have a fantastic week!
Mrs Heifetz
Sports News

Last week's games were against Greystanes and the result were:

- Jnr Newcombe 17 - 28 loss
- Snr Newcombe 0 - 1 loss
- Jnr Netball 2 - 6 loss
- Snr Netball 16 - 9 WIN
- Jnr Soccer 1 - 3 loss
- Snr Soccer 0 - 5 loss
- Jnr Mod League 24 - 20 WIN
- Snr Mod League 4 - 40 loss

This week we are versing Merrylands P S for Mod League and Netball at Merrylands Oval. Newcombe and Soccer will be against Ringrose at Ted Burge Oval.

Immunisation awareness

Below is an extract from the NSW Health Site....

A recent surge in measles cases in NSW has prompted an urgent reminder for people to check they and their children are fully immunised for measles.

Since the beginning of the year, 26 cases of measles have been reported in NSW. Measles continues to be brought back to Australia by under-vaccinated young travellers to Philippines and South-East Asia. As a result, people have now been infected with measles in Bathurst, on the Central Coast and in various parts of metropolitan Sydney. An infectious traveller has also spent time in Tamworth, Armidale and Singleton.

"NSW Health urges everyone to ensure they are up to date with their vaccinations. Anyone born during or after 1966 should have two doses of measles vaccine (at least 4 weeks apart). This is particularly important for those planning on travelling overseas, especially to the Philippines," Dr Sheppeard said.

Children should receive a measles vaccine at 12 months and a second dose at 18 months. Babies who are travelling before their vaccines are due can be given the first dose as early as 9 months of age.

Children over 18 months who have not had their second dose of measles vaccine can be vaccinated now.

"People returning from overseas, especially from the Philippines, should be on the lookout for symptoms of measles, which starts with a fever, cough, sore red eyes and a runny nose for several days before a blotchy rash appears.

"People who have these symptoms should see a doctor - but call ahead to protect others in the waiting room. They should let the GP know that they could have been exposed to measles overseas," Dr Sheppeard said.

There have been no cases at our school to our knowledge.

NAIDOC Day at The Children's Hospital at Westmead

Wednesday the 25th of June saw Parramatta West Students attend NAIDOC Day events at The Children's Hospital at Westmead by special invitation.

It was an important day. Andrew from 1H played an important role during the opening ceremony and got to raise the flag. After the flag raising we enjoyed some traditional dancing, so much so that our students were invited to join in. We got to learn about the importance of NAIDOC and the role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders played and continue to play in serving and protecting our country.

Later in the day we got to meet the Bandaged Bear and listen to a concert by Johnny Huckle. We also got to sample some kangaroo and crocodile meat for our lunch.

We really had the most amazing day and learnt a lot.

Many thanks to go to Rita from The Children's Hospital at Westmead and The Children's Hospital at Westmead for inviting us and allowing us to spend the day with you.

Holroyd City Council NAIDOC Colouring Competition

Congratulations go to Mohammed from 2L for winning the K-2 Holroyd City Council NAIDOC colouring competition. Great job!!

Jump Off Day

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