PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome back to a new term. Already we find ourselves half way through the year with much achieved so far but still much to do.

This term there are many exciting initiatives on for our students and many opportunities for you to be involved here at school also.

This week we commence our preparations for the end of year school concert. I was not here to see the last concert but hear it was brilliant and we look to put together another fantastic production. Footsteps Dance Company has been employed to help us do this and I know the students will have a ball taking part in these lessons. The Footsteps teachers are trained dance teachers and bring a huge level of expertise to the school. The lessons cost just $35 for the term which includes a contribution towards costuming, props etc for the concert. Please pay this week so that your child can be part of these lessons and help us to put on a great concert at the end of the year.

Next Wednesday, we will celebrate 100 Days of Learning in recognition of completion of the first half of the year in learning. The students have been working very diligently to get to the 100 days of learning and are in for a special celebration next week with quizzes, special class activities and more.

One of the biggest events for us in the term is Education Week. The outline of the week is below. Your children would love to see you here for OPEN DAY on Thursday 31st July. Even if you can get a few minutes to drop into their classroom, that would be greatly appreciated.

Check the events calendar on page 2 for other events this term, it is certainly jam packed with stimulating experiences for the students. I hope to see you here throughout the term, your support and involvement is encourage and appreciated.

Mr B Warwick
Principal

EDUCATION WEEK

Week 3, starting 28th July is Education Week and there are a number of events across the week that you may like to consider being a part of.

Tuesday 29th July - School Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 30th July - ICAS English Competition
Wednesday 30th July - P&C Meeting

Thursday 31st July - OPEN DAY. Classrooms open from 9-11am. Picnic lunch and performances.
Thursday 31st July - Community showcase. Several stal holders will be here on the OPEN DAY to show you what support is available in the community for families.
Thursday 31st July - The NED Show. Free show for students and families that promotes a message of Never Give Up, Encourage Others and Do Your Best.

Friday 1st August - K-6 Assembly

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

This week we will recognise NAIDOC week with a special assembly here at school. You are welcome to attend this assembly on Thursday at 2pm. Please feel free to come along and pay your respect to the traditional custodians of the land.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

FOOTSTEPS—ALL STUDENTS K-6

A 10 week dance program run by Footsteps Dance Company on a weekly basis. The program starts this week, with the instructor practising the class item ready for the end of year biannual school concert. The total cost of the program is $35 per student. This payment covers the cost of the program and contributes towards costume hire. Some financial assistance is available to those families seeking support. All payments are to be made at the school office by Friday 18th July 2014.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

WHEN: Tuesday 29th July
WHERE: Ash Road Sporting Complex
TIMES: 8.50am—2.50pm
COST: $10.00 (non refundable)
DRESS: Sports uniform, students can wear house colours.

All permission notes and payments to the school office by Friday 25th July.
KINDERGARTEN SYDNEY AQUARIUM EXCURSION

On Thursday 19th June 2014, Kindergarten enjoyed a fun day at Sydney Aquarium. The day started with a bus ride into Darling Harbour, where students ate their lunches before entering the aquarium.

Kindergarten were amazed by all the sea creatures they saw.

KINDERGARTEN 2015
ENROLLING NOW

Ensure a place for your child in 2015 by asking for an application for enrolment now! If your child turns 5 before the 31st July 2015 they are eligible to start school at the beginning of 2015.

It would be appreciated if you passed this message on to prospective parents who are looking to start their child in Kindergarten in 2015.

DIARY DATES

Dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, * indicates new or changed dates since last newsletter.

JULY
15 Footsteps
17 NAIDOC Celebrations
18 PSSA Round 4
18 Footsteps
21 Footsteps
21 Fitness Club starts for K-2
21 2nd Hand Uniform Stall
23 OC Test
23 Fitness Club starts for 3-6
24 WLFA Choir Rehearsal
25 PSSA Round 5
25 Footsteps
28 Footsteps
28 Eid-al-Fitr
28-1 Education Week
29 Athletics Carnival
30 ICAS English Competition
30 P&C Meeting
30 Koori Incursion
31 Open Day
31 The NED Show

AUGUST
1 K-6 Assembly Education Week Assembly
1 PSSA Round 6
1 Footsteps
4 Footsteps
7 Australian Mathematics Competition
7 Debate vs HPS at CHPS
8 PSSA Round 7
8 P&C Disco 5-6.30 (K-2) 7-8.30 (3-6)
8 Footsteps
11 Footsteps
12 ICAS Mathematics Competition
12 K-2 Assembly
12 Kinder Farm Excursion
14 3-6 Assembly
15 PSSA Round 8
15 Footsteps
18 Footsteps
19 GVPSSA Athletics Carnival
22 PSSA Round 9
25 Footsteps
29 PSSA Round 10
29 Footsteps
29 Koori Bushtucker day

SEPTEMBER
1 Footsteps
1 WLFA
1 Fitness Club finishes for K-2
2 WLFA
3 WLFA
3 Fitness Club finishes for 3-6
3 P&C Meeting
4 Fathers Day stall
5 K-6 Assembly
5 PSSA Trials
5 Footsteps
8 Footsteps
9 K-2 Assembly
10 SWS Zone Athletics
11 3-6 Assembly
11 Debate vs GPPS
11 Debating Presentation
12 PSSA Season 3 Round 1
12 Footsteps
15 Footsteps
16 Buzz Day
17 Crazy Carnival Day
LIBRARY

Yes, Children’s Book Week is coming! It’s always such an exciting time. The theme this year is “Connect to Reading”. We’ll be doing all we can in the library to connect our students to reading by introducing them to great books, book characters, authors, illustrators and fun activities. Some of the things that will be happening in addition to our usual library program are the Scholastic Book Fair, our annual book character parade and competitions. More information will be in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

Connect to Reading Photo Competition - To get the term off to a fun start we are asking the students to have a photo of them taken reading their favourite book. The photographs will be judged in the following categories:

1. Most unusual place to read
2. Most relaxing place to read.
3. Best reading with a teddy photo.
4. Funniest reading photo.
5. Most people reading in a photo.

Students are asked to write their name, class and the numbered category in which they would like their photograph judged on the back of their photo. There will be an entry box in the library starting Monday 21st July. Student’s photographs should be put into an envelope and placed in the entry box at the front desk. Book prizes will be given for the best photo in each category. Photographs will not be returned. After the competition they will be put into an album to be kept in the library. Have fun!!

Boo is back!!! - Boo our favourite bear has been having a break, but he is ready to visit classrooms again this term. I wonder which class will have him first.

Mrs Whittle

SPORT

CONGRATULATIONS

To Isabella Rawlins from 6K who placed 3rd at the Sydney South West Cross Country Carnival. Today Isabella is competing in the NSW All Schools Cross Country Carnival. We wish her all the best!

To Jasmine Gunn from 6W, Amber Gunn from 6K and Jesse Lovelock from 6K who have made the Sydney South West Softball team.

K-2 BEST AND FAIREST SCHOOL SPORT

| Mixed AFL | Juniors | Jason Van | Darren Anulat |
| Seniors | Simon Jacob | Diego Ligon |

| Mixed RUGBY | Juniors | Sean Goundar | Matthew Delgado Lopez |
| Seniors | Jasmin Gunn | Zane Davis |

| Mixed NEW/BALL | Juniors | Queenie Le | Joud Sabbouch |
| Seniors | Sandy Do | Mark Parlapiano |

| Girls NET-BALL | Juniors | Trinity Brook | Lexi Tito |
| Seniors | Hannah Nosovan | Amber Gunn |

| Girls OZ TAG | Juniors | Aaliyah Rima | Jade Gilbert |
| Seniors | Cassey Chau | Melanie Luu |

| Boys SOCCER | Juniors | Juan Gobbi | Rohalla & Zaia |
| Seniors | Ryan Van | Carlos David |

2nd Hand Uniform Stall

Monday 21st July 2014
under COLA outside hall
Prices from $3-$5 8.30am

Next P&C

Wednesday 30th July
9.00am in the school Staffroom
All Welcome.
BUZZ DAY
On Thursday 26th June, K-6 wore their pyjamas to school as part of “Buzz Day”. Students enjoyed a range of fun activities from jumping castle fun, science experiments to minute to win it competitions. Well done to all students who consistently follow our school rules.

In 2L, we have been busy constructing 3D objects using a variety of materials!

We used blu-tac, straws and marshmallows to make lots of objects...
In Term 2 week 9, Years 3 and 4 travelled to the historical Rocks in Sydney. The students took part in ‘Dirt Detectives’, playing archaeologists digging for artefacts. We greatly enjoyed walking the Rocks dressed as characters from the First Fleet as we learnt about Australia’s history.

During our excursion, we enjoyed lunch at First Fleet Park in Circular Quay and watched the bustling harbour.

A wonderful day was had by all teachers, students and parents. Many thanks to our parent helpers on the day.
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