Term 3 Monday 13th August 2012

From the Principal

So…….. after 50 years of school I finally graduate! I started school when I was 5 at Revesby Sth Public School in the early 60s and have been at school ever since!

I left high school, went to teachers college and then straight back to school. I have worked for the Department of Education for nearly 34 years. I am very sad to see this chapter of my life closing and particularly sad to be saying goodbye to Green Valley Public School. I look forward to the future with optimism and hope and a touch of excitement.

It's funny that my last day of school will also be my daughter Courtney's last day of school as well.

What a fantastic school to finish my career in! I love Green Valley Public School and all that it stands for. It is a shining example of Public Education at its best. I will enjoy every moment of my last 6 weeks at this wonderful school.

Please be careful about using the word “bully” when relating to particular children. Please note that conflict or fights between equals and single incidents are not defined as bullying. Bullying behaviour is not:

- children not getting along well
- a situation of mutual conflict
- single episodes of nastiness or random acts of aggression or intimidation.

A definition of bullying

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies.

Bullying can involve humiliation, domination, intimidation, victimisation and all forms of harassment including that based on sex, race, disability, homosexuality or transgender.

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved including bystanders.

Bullying can happen anywhere: at school, travelling to and from school, in sporting teams, between neighbours or in the workplace.

Bullying behaviour can be:

- Verbal eg name calling, teasing, abuse, putdowns, sarcasm, insults, threats
- Physical eg hitting, punching, kicking, scratching, tripping, spitting
- Social eg ignoring, excluding, ostracising, alienating, making inappropriate gestures
- Psychological eg spreading rumours, dirty looks, hiding or damaging possessions, malicious SMS and email messages, inappropriate use of camera phones.

Gossiping about other student’s behaviour or passing on stories that involve other student’s behaviour can be hurtful and distressing.

AUGUST

13th Aug- Fitness Club K-2
13th Aug-Sports in Schools (make up session)
14th Aug- ICAS Maths Comp.
15th Aug- 23rd Aug- Life Education
15th Aug- WLFPA Choir Rehearsal 9.30am – 1.15pm
16th Aug- Yr 5 JBHS lessons
16th Aug- Fitness Club 3-6
17th Aug- PSSA Round 8
20th Aug – Fitness Club K-2
22nd Aug – Parent Forum
22nd Aug – Book Fair arrives
23rd Aug – Book Character Pde.
23rd Aug - K-2 Assembly
23rd Aug – Fitness Club 3-6
24th Aug – PSSA Round 9
27th Aug – WLFPA Rehearsal
27th Aug – Fitness Club K-2
30th Aug – Fitness Club 3-6
30th Aug – Debating Presentation Day
31st Aug – PSSA Round 10