Dear Parents

Please read this newsletter with your child. It contains information and important events that are happening around our school.

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School Events Calendar

Environmentors Visit From Monday 11th August
UNSW Maths Competition Tuesday 12th August
Sports and Group Photos Wednesday 13th August
Pizza Day Wednesday 20th August
Book Fair Thursday 21st August
Book Week Performance Monday 25th August

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- School information
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Education Week

For more images, please visit the gallery on our school website
Teacher professional learning

Our teachers spend two afternoons after school each week on professional learning. One focus is on the new mathematics and science curriculum that will be introduced next year. All teachers are engaged in individual, stage and whole school planning, writing and evaluating our programs, resources and assessment around the new curriculum. It is intensive and challenging but our teachers are dedicated, innovative and enthusiastic about improving all student outcomes.

School payments online

We are setting up a facility to allow parents to make payments online using credit or debit cards through Westpac. A note explaining the process will be sent home next week when the system is up and running. The online payments can be used for all major items including excursions, school fees and school performances. At this stage, we are not looking at weekly payments for small items such as PSSA sport.

School canteen

From time to time, students come to school without any lunch. Our canteen is more than happy to provide emergency lunches to those students. There will be a limit of $2 for hot food. Unfortunately, snacks and drinks may not be ordered.

Lost property and clothing

Please make sure you label all items of clothing and check the lost property bin on a regular basis. It is overflowing with many items that do not have names on them.

School uniforms - shoes

Please be reminded that our school uniform requires black shoes and black joggers on sports days. Many students are wearing bright pink, green or other colours which are fine outside of school but are definitely not part of our uniform.

School technology update

We have recently upgraded our school using the most up to date wireless access points and additional cabling. This is in preparation for the delivery of 30 Apple iPads that we are expecting in the next few days. The iPads will be able to be used in and out of the classroom.
The Art Exhibition in the hall during our Education Week Open Day was a great success! Every student had their work displayed in the hall. The types of artwork varied as there were paintings, sculptures and even abstract artwork! This display will remain in the hall for a month, so if you haven’t had a chance to view the exhibition it is well worth a visit. The Advance newspaper came and took photos in the hall so look out for the article in the coming weeks.

If you still have anything that you don’t need such as old stockings, wire coat hangers, polystyrene meat and veg trays, magazines, wire, buttons, wool, scrap materials, wallpaper, coloured paper, sewing materials and even left over flyscreen or gutter guard, or anything else you may feel is scrap, please donate these items to the art studio. These would be much appreciated by the students and I.

A big thank you to Fiona Powney for her great donation of material and all parents who have kindly donated materials.

Nika Norman
Art teacher
Stage 1 The Rocks Excursion

On Friday 18th July, Stage One went on an excursion to The Rocks. Students had a chance to become archaeologists for the day when we visited the Big Dig Centre. We got to dig for artefacts that were left by people long ago and learnt about the history of The Rocks area. While exploring the beautiful city, we walked over to the Discovery Museum. We got to look at the artefacts that were dug up from the Big Dig site and learnt about how the Sydney Harbour Bridge was built!

We enjoyed viewing the wonderful sites of the city while we had lunch in Circular Quay. A fantastic time was had by all. It was a fabulous day exploring the past and visiting the city.

Thank You Miss Kennedy for organising such a wonderful excursion! Here are some photos from the day:
Healthy Harold Visit

By Analise and Stephanie

During this term, we had a special visitor come to our school. It was…… Healthy Harold and his friend Angela! Healthy Harold is a friendly, helpful giraffe. Harold and his friend taught us all about how to be safe, stay healthy and gave us tips about what we should do in many situations! Here are some experiences from students when they visited Harold:

Stage 3 experience: By Andre – I learnt about how bad smoking can really be. I got to meet Harold and his dear old friend Cleo. Cleo learnt the dangers of smoking and what it could do to our bodies. Dr McHardy and Harold convinced Cleo not to smoke as a teenager.

Stage 2 experience: By Aldana – I learnt how medicine can be bad and good for you. It’s bad to have medicine sometimes because if it’s opened, you don’t know what you’re taking. Also, it is very important for parents to give children medicine because they know how much medicine a child should have. Medicine can be good as it can help you feel better and save lives.

Stage 1 experience: By Sara – We learnt about body parts and our digestive system. I also learnt about how I can be safe at different places and to not pick up dangerous things from the floor. We got to meet Healthy Harold and that was exciting.

Stage 1 Experience: By Lucas – I learnt about to not touch needles if they are on the floor because that is dangerous. Also, to exercise every day and eat different foods from the five food groups. I meet Healthy Harold too!
Education Week

On Wednesday 30th July, our school opened its doors to the community to celebrate Education Week. A lot of events happened on this fantastic day!

In the morning, students participated in a range of activities to celebrate multicultural day. The activities were based on the country each class is studying this term. Some of the countries are: China, Japan, Thailand, Iceland, Switzerland, Kenya, England, South Korea, Ireland and many more!

At recess, there was time for families to have picnics at school. Many students enjoyed spending time with their family, while eating their delicious food! It was awesome to see everyone having a good time together.

Then it was time for students to become scientists and take part in experiments. A lot of the experiments showed how science can appear in our every day lives and experience situations that could happen in other countries.

After that students had a FEAST! They had the chance to try food from a variety of cultures. It was great to see everyone eating food that they have never had before! Thank you to everyone who brought food to share from their culture!

At the end of the day there were performances by the Extension Spanish Group, Assyrian/Chaldean dance group, Stage Two students and a special performance from the South American group that was organised by Ms Keating.

Our school open day was a success and all students enjoyed every minute of it!! If you would like to see more photos from this day, please visit our gallery on our school website!
2014 Cricket season's coming  
Picture yourself in this!

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Boys & Girls  Family friendly
Mini's (5 - 9)  Fun & Safe
Juniors & Seniors, See website for more details  Successful

2014 Registrations:

26th July, 2pm - 4pm Triglav Mounties
2nd Aug, 11am - 1pm McDonalds, The Horsley Drive Wetherill Park
9th Aug, 11am - 1pm McDonalds, The Horsley Drive Wetherill Park

More information:

Email: wpccsecretary@live.com.au
www.wetherillparkcc.com.au
Call us on: 0488 809 722 or 0417 489 315

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Crossing Play

By Amanda and Tanika

On Thursday 31st of July 2014, our school was fortunate to experience a play about the stories and legends of The Blue Mountains. The characters were William Wentworth, Gregory Blaxland, William Lawson, Mrs Macquarie and many more. The play was also about other explorers, sailors, convicts as well as the men and women who tried to travel across The Blue Mountains.

It was a great experience to see the play because it was educational, hilarious, amusing and sad. The characters sang, danced and told the story through role playing and sometimes improvised the sound effects to make it realistic. At the end of the story, the explorers did end up getting across The Blue Mountains to find suitable land to grow crops in New South Wales!

After the play we got to ask questions about their role as characters and as actors and actresses. They presented a book to our school to say thanks for being a great audience.

We all enjoyed experiencing a live play. We can’t wait for the next opportunity!
Aussie of the Month

Two Aussies of the Month are awarded during assemblies. There will be one nominee in each class and a winner from K – 2 and a winner from Years 3– 6. Here is the list of the nominees and winners from June.

June Nominees:

KB - Erica M
KE - Nikitha K
KN - Luke S
1G - Mia C
1K - Indiana C
1M - Lavinina N
2B - Savannah L
2CS - Dune E
2R - Lara V
3/4B - Alessia S
3/4H - Bryce N
3/4L - Marina K
3/4M - William E
3/4N - Sophie B
5/6C - Tanika M
5/6M - Trey A
5/6R - Jayden L
5/6S - Vodel S

Aussie of the Month K-2

Aussie of the Month 3-6

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**Fit** and **Healthy** Tennis Lessons available at Club Marconi Tennis Centre.

*Bookings & enquiries*

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Location - Club Marconi Prarievale Rd, Bossley Park.
Grade of the week: Kinder

By Marya and Poppi

In this newsletter, we interviewed Kindergarten. They have been at our school for two terms so far. We wanted to catch up with them to see how they are feeling now that they have settled in at our school. The students that we interviewed were: Joseph, Erica, Zoran, Malique, Zoe and Nikola. Here's the interview:

Q1 - What is your favourite activity at school and why?
Joseph - I like to play soccer because it's fun.
Erica - Basketball because I like to bounce balls.
Zoran - Handball because it's fun.
Malique - Soccer because I get to score goals.
Zoe – Playing hopscotch with my friends because it's fun.
Nikola - Going to the oval to play games because I get to play with my friends.

Q2 - What is your favourite animal and why do you like it?
Joseph - A crocodile because it has a big mouth and sharp teeth.
Erica - Tiger because it has black and orange stripes.
Zoran and Zoe - Zebra because it has stripes.
Malique - Tiger because it roars.
Nikola - A giraffe because it has spots and I saw it at the zoo.

Q3 - What have you learnt so far this term?
Joseph – How to bounce and catch a ball.
Erica – Throwing and catching a ball by myself.
Zoran – How to count.
Malique - Different kinds of shapes.
Zoe – Learning about another country
Nikola – Learning about Japan
The teachers that we interviewed for this newsletter are: Mrs Betts, Ms Niblett and Mrs Escobar. Here’s the interview:

Q1. What story or book would you recommend to kindergartens and why?

Mrs Betts: Any of the Nick Bland picture books. For example, “The Very Hungry Bear”, “The Very Itchy Bear”, “The Very Brave Bear.” Children can learn so many things from these books like the importance of friendship and respect.

Ms Niblett: “The Very Cranky Bear.” The stories are enjoyable and students can relate to them.

Mrs Escobar: “The Rainbow Fish” by Marcus Pfister. This is one of my favourite books because it sends a strong message to young children about sharing, friendship and happiness. It shows the consequences of being greedy and selfish in a way that young children can understand.

Q2. What country are you doing for multicultural day and what is something you will teach them?

Mrs Betts: Thailand - we will learn how to say hello - “sawatdeekah” for girls and “sawatdeekarp” for boys. We will also learn about the Loi Krathong festival.

Ms Niblett: Japan - I will teach the students how to say “Hello, how are you?” in Japanese, basic greetings and foods that we get from Japan.

Mrs Escobar: Nicaragua, located in South America. Students will learn about the landmarks, food, traditional dances, the language spoken and volcanoes!

Q3. What apps or websites do you recommend to students aged 5 to 7?

Mrs Betts: Starfall app and www.turtlediary.com

Ms Niblett: www.abcya.com and www.starfall.com

Mrs Escobar: Reading Eggs, Skwirk, Mathletics, Count me in too and National literacy and numeracy website (www.nlnw.nsw.edu.au).
### PSSA Results

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**Edensor Park Before and After School Care**

6.30am – 6.30pm

Edensor Park Public school
Swan Rd, Edensor Park
Phone 0439 937 309

*Pick up and drop off service*
*Homework assistance*
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In (the) Monday KN went to the farm. We went on a bus. First we had recess. After that we went to next. We went on a tractor ride. We had fun.

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Draw 23 houses.

Fill in the missing numbers.
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Kindergarten

KE

On Thursday, KE went to the zoo. We saw African animals, reptiles, and a sea lion show.
**Around the Grounds**

**Athletics Carnival**

On Tuesday 17th May, our school relocated to Rosford Reserve in Smithfield for our annual athletics carnival. Thankfully the weather was kind to us and the day went well. All children behaved amazingly. The results for the day and the high jump (which was held at school) are as follows:

1\textsuperscript{st} = Grevillea (342 points)  
2\textsuperscript{nd} = Mimosa (323 points)  
3\textsuperscript{rd} = Banksia (285 points)  
4\textsuperscript{th} = Waratah (249 points)

The day went so well that an incredible 15 school records were broken. Congratulations to the following students:

Charlie F - 9 yr. boys 100m, Michael J - 12/13 yr. boys 100m, Adam F - Jr Boys 200m, Kevin K - Sr boys 200m & Sr boys high jump & Sr boys long jump, Julian M - 800m, Jacob M - 11 yr. boys high jump, Bryce N - Jr boys discuss,  
Jorja E - 10 yr. girls 100m, Sylisha P - 11 yr. girls 100m, Jade D - 12/13 girls 100m & 200m, Tahlia P - Jr girls 200m and Mya J - 11 yr. girls 200m.

Congratulations, also to the squad of 40 children who qualified to represent our school at the zone try out carnival.

Many thanks,

Ms. Moro

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**Parenting Seminar**

**When:** Saturday 23rd August, 9.30am-3pm

**Where:** St Barnabas Anglican Church, Bossley Park.

**Topic:** Raising Resilient Kids (primary to early high school kids).

Presented by Colleen Hirst, a Clinical Psychologist. The seminar will run for 2 hours, followed by a free lunch, then discussion/workshop time in the afternoon.

**Cost:** $25 per person or $40 per couple.

Non-parents are also welcome.

Only limited child minding will be provided during the sessions. Where possible please arrange babysitting for that day.

*Limited spaces so register early at www.stbarnabasonline.com - go to the “What’s On page.”*

*For more details contact: Anh Ton - 0418 456 923 / barneysinfo@gmail.com*
This is a BIG term for our Library. Events for your diaries are:

**CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK.**

Book Week will be celebrated in Week 6 of our term which is Monday 18 August to Friday 22 August. On Tuesday, 19 August all classes will participate in classroom activities related to the short listed books. Students will be able to dress as their favourite book character.

We will be hosting a **Book Fair** in the Library on **Thursday 21 August**. All classes will be timetabled to visit the library during the day to view and purchase from a great range of books. Books will be priced from **$6.00** with most books being within the range of **$10.00 to $15.00**. All profits from the Fair go towards our Library which in turn goes towards your children - our students.

On **Monday, 25 August** a **musical ‘Worlds Apart’**, which relates to the Book Week theme ‘Connect With Reading’ will be performed in our Hall. This was a great success last year and we expect all students to attend. A note will go home soon with further details.

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE.**

It is most pleasing to see that an increasing number of students have completed the ‘Challenge’. All students in Stages 2 and 3 have been taught to enter their books into the website. We are encouraging students to take more responsibility for this. We enter the Student Reading Records for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. The ‘Challenge’ will **FINISH** on **Thursday, 28th August**. All students need to have their sheets to me **BY** this date!

**BIG BOOK DAY OUT.**

The Children’s Book Council of Australia is hosting this event on Sunday, 31 August at The N.S.W. Writers Centre, Callan Park, Rozelle from 10.00am to 2.30pm. It will be a fun event for the whole family. Meet your favourite authors, relax in the story tent, witness children’s illustrators in action, participate in a costume parade, try your hand at craft and enjoy the sunshine. Bring a picnic rug and your camera. There will be coffee, cakes, gelato and a sausage sizzle available on the day. Books will be for sale!

This event is FREE but an RSVP is ESSENTIAL to **cbcansw@bigpond.com**.

Happy reading!

Robynne Mullard
Teacher Librarian

Pina Pisano
Library Assistant
Do you have an ipad/iphone/ipod or any other device? Do you want to use it in an educational way? The newsletter group will be testing educational apps or websites that could be used to help or practise with what is learnt at school! These are simply suggestions for students to try at home and could be played or used by students of all ages.

**Popplet**

By Andre

The Popplet App or online website (Lite version is FREE on the iTunes store. Website is FREE: www.popplet.com) It has a lot of features that can help you present information or projects electronically and show your ideas in a visual way.

This app is for students in Years 3-6 who need help with creating great projects or for those who want to organise their ideas like a mind map.

The **good** things about this app are: it was easy, quick and fun to make a presentation about something. There is a step by step guide on how you can create each popplet so you can have a go. Another good feature is that you can add text, drawings, images or videos in each popplet to make the information you present more interesting. I made a quick presentation on music, so have a look and see how I used popplet (http://popplet.com/app/#/1961598).

Some **bad** things about Popplet are: It takes time to draw pictures with the colouring because you’re using the mouse. Sometimes the image finder option doesn’t give you the pictures you want. If you download the free app on iTunes, you can only create one popplet. You would have to pay for the full version to make as many as you want.

The **interesting** part about Popplet is how you can share your ideas to anyone you want. You could show your friends, classmates or even your teacher! Also, you can create as many popplet bubbles as you want!

This is a great app/website because it is very easy to use and you can present your projects without wasting cardboard or paper too!

Have a go!

Website: http://www.popplet.com

Our students wear school shoes that are black (lace up or Velcro) leather or hard synthetic material.

Please make sure that your child wears the correct school shoes.
Student Artwork

Sculptures by 3/4B

Artwork using a variety of materials