Dear Parents

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

Volume 7: Tuesday 9th September 2014

School Events Calendar

- PARKs Festival: Wednesday 10th - Thursday 11th
- Gala Day: Friday 12th September
- Stage 3 Bathurst Camp: Tuesday 16th - Wednesday 17th September
- Last day of Term 3: Friday 19th September
- Term 4 commences: Tuesday 7th October

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Payments online

Thank you to parents who are using our online payment facility. Mrs Sly and Mrs Hanman have told me that parents are commenting most favourably about the convenience that online payments provide.

Operation Art

Congratulations to Vodel and Alessia who were selected to exhibit their artwork as part of Operation Art which is an initiative of the Children’s Hospital at Westmead and the Department of Education and Communities. The exhibition is held at the Sydney Olympic Park Armory Gallery.

Teacher Professional Learning

Our teachers are continuing their professional learning every Wednesday afternoon and second Tuesday afternoon in preparation for the new mathematics and science syllabus to be introduced in 2015.

Next term, our English, mathematics and science curriculum teams will spending time developing teaching programs based around the new syllabus documents. This will mean they will be released from class as part of the planning process. I will notify you early next term regarding the arrangements if your child’s class teacher will be involved.

Lost property

Please ensure you have written your child’s name on their items of clothing. Our lost property bin is overflowing with many jackets in particular.

Skoolbag App

Our Skoolbag App continues to be our most favourite and efficient way of contacting and updating parents on a daily basis. Please download the App on either android or apple devices. It is a free service to parents but our school has paid for it out of school funds. We are asking for a family donation of $2 to help cover the $1200.00 cost of the Skoolbag App. Your support is greatly appreciated.

PARKs Festival - Invitation to attend - $5 at the door - 6.00pm

This is taking place this Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Club Marconi. It is a wonderful showcase of the talent from our local schools. Come and join the fun.
The Studio

The term is advancing very quickly and the classes have been involved with many activities including sculpture, drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking, collage and fibre works.

Thank you to the parents who have donated materials to the studio. This allows the students to experience a wider range of techniques and produce unique artwork.

Classes are also completing their studies of different cultures and have created many pieces of art that relate to these countries.

Next term will be exciting as classes will plan activities around their themes and Christmas.

If you still have anything that you don’t need such as polystyrene meat and vege trays, magazines, buttons, wool, scrap materials, coloured paper, sewing materials, and anything else you may feel is scrap. These would be much appreciated by me and the students.

Art teacher
Nika Norman
Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive, Prospect

24 SEPTEMBER 2014
10AM-3PM

- Bring your own helmet & bike
- Road Safety Information
- Safety Checks & Skills Course
- NSW Police Bike Squad
- Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle
- Face Painting
- Participant Show Bag

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Book Week

By Amanda and Andre

On Monday the 18th of August to Friday the 22nd of August we celebrated Book Week. This year’s theme was ‘Connect to Reading’. Classes participated in a variety of activities for book week as well as dressing up in their favourite book characters.

Book week this year was amazing! So many students, teachers and parents came dressed up in awesome costumes like Iron man, The Hulk, Kung Fu Panda, Liesel from the Book Thief, Elsa from Frozen and many more fabulous costumes. During the afternoon we had the chance to parade in our costumes in the hall. It was great to see everyone having a fun time and show great interest in the activities related to the books featured this year for Book Week!

On Thursday 21st of August we had a Book Fair at our library. Students were able to purchase new and interesting books, glowing pointers and colourful bookmarks. It was fantastic to see parents and students purchasing lots of books. Happy reading everyone!

We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Mrs Mullard, our librarian teacher for organising the Book Week and the Book Fair.
Book Week Musical

By Jade and Eva

Last Monday, our school had the chance to experience the book week musical called ‘Worlds Apart’. This musical is a story about two different 10 year olds who both live in the same home but the time difference between them is 100 years apart!

Molly and Edward were the main characters from the musical. Molly was living in the year 1914 and Edward was living in 2014. They were both given a box for their birthday (which was on the same day) but they didn’t know who sent the gift. When they lifted up the lid, they could see each other, but not hear each other. They ended up talking to each other by using notepads from inside the box. They talked about their lives and how different it was to living in the year 1914 and 2014.

Throughout the musical, we saw different parts from various books, such as Rules of Summer, The Treasure Box, Silver Buttons, and The Light Horse Boy. It was very interactive as the characters gave students the chance to help them act out scenes and dance too!

The musical was great because we were entertained and also learnt about life 100 years ago.
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 July.

**July Nominees:**

KB- Joseph.S
KE- Zoran B
KN- Sebella.M
1G- Ahmed.A
1K- Hannah.L
1M- Angelo.M
2B- Rozalanda.S
2CS- Sabastian.M
2R- Lara.C
3/4B- Tayja.W
3/4H- Alison. S
3/4L- Sofia. A
3/4M- Sarah. K
3/4N- Xavier. W
5/6C- Joshua. D
5/6M- Sylisha. P
5/6R- Antoney. K
5/6S- Adam.F

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Location - Club Marconi Prairievale Rd, Bossley Park.
Stage of the week: Stage 2

We interviewed students from Stage 2 to find out how they were doing and a little about themselves.

**Q1: What do you like most about your teacher?**

Sophie A: Playing fun games and learning at the same time.
Andrew H: She lets us play sport.
Klara S: She’s kind, she doesn’t yell a lot and she takes us out for sport.
Arianna M: She is never rude and she’s funny.

**Q2: What is your favourite book character and why?**

Hayley R: Charlie from the Chocolate Factory because he is interesting and always knows what he’s doing.
Fabian A: Charlie from the Chocolate factory too because he is smart and funny.
Sebastian T: Greg from Diary of a Wimpy Kid because he’s funny.
Matias P: Charlie from the Chocolate Factory because he is funny and curious.

**Q3: What is your favourite subject at school?**

Charlie F: Maths.
Escher E: Art.
Andrew H: Maths.
Sophie A: Writing.

**Q4: What do you want to be when you grow up?**

Hayley R: I want to be a singer.
Klara S: Famous artist because I like to draw.
Fabian A: I want to be a scientist.
Charlie F: An engineer and game creator.
Teacher Interviews

By Poppi and Tania

We interviewed the teachers from Stage Two to find out some more things about our lovely teachers!

Q1. What do you like the most about teaching?

Mrs Nobilo: What I like most is when students can show you what they have been learning and when they want to learn more.

Ms Jovanoska: Working with students and helping them.

Mr Betts: I like working with children and that every single day is different.

Ms McCulloch: The ‘light bulb’ moments, where you see a student’s face and they understand something that they have learnt in class.

Ms Han: Being able to give students the opportunity to explore our world in many different ways.

Q2. What is your favourite subject to teach and why

Mrs Nobilo: All subjects are wonderful but if I had to choose one, it would be science because of the exciting experiments. Everyone loves them too!

Ms Jovanoska: I love to teach English because of reading and learning from books. I also like teaching writing because I can be creative and write my own narratives.

Mr Betts: I like teaching PD/H/PE and I was originally a high school teacher, definitely a passion of mine.

Ms McCulloch: It changes. At the moment it’s HSIE as it’s been very interesting to study different cultures.

Ms Han: Mathematics. I have always loved to work with numbers, so I have the chance to show students how they could work with numbers too!

Q3. What did you want to be when you were younger and why?

Mrs Nobilo: I always wanted to be a business woman or lawyer but then I chose teaching because I enjoy working with kids.

Ms Jovanoska: I wanted to be a journalist so I can travel the world and report the news.

Mr Betts: Either a teacher or a paramedic because I enjoy helping others.

Ms McCulloch: A lawyer. I thought I could rid the world of injustice!

Ms Han: A computer engineer. I love to take apart bits of the computer and put it back together again to make it awesome! (I still do!)
Q4. What activities did you do with your class during book week?
Mrs Nobilo: We read our story ‘Jandamorra’ and created a comic strip about it.
Ms Jovanoska: We read lots of books!
Mr Betts: We completed a KWL chart about Captain Cook and read ‘Meet Captain Cook’ by Rae Murdie.
Ms McCulloch: We made our own treasure boxes after reading ‘The Treasure Box.’ Inside our boxes we wrote what was special to us and the name of our favourite book!
Ms Han: We wrote similes about the animals that featured in ‘The Swap’

Spelling Bee

This year our school participated in the Premier’s Spelling Bee Challenge. Every class started the challenge by completing a class spelling test. The students that had achieved the highest mark went through to the next round which was to participate in the Stage Spell Off. The Stage Spell Offs were held on Friday 15th August. Congratulations to the following students:

Early Stage 1: Winner: Nikola
Stage 1: Winner - Isabella
Stage 2: Winner - Grace
Stage 3: Winner - Jade

Runner Up: Lucas B
Runner Up: Zohya
Runner Up: Riyanka
Runner Up: Joshua
Stage 2

3/4M & 3/4N

3/4H
Stage 2

3/4B

3/4L
The winter PSSA season has ended for this year. Due to the downpour of rain, our four teams that made it through were not able to play their final games. This means that our four teams are joint-premiers for this year. Congratulations to the following teams:

- Junior Boys Football
- Year 4 Girls Netball
- Senior Girls Basketball
- Senior Boys Football

This week, there will be three boys who will represent our South-West region at the Regional Athletics Carnival. Good luck to Bryce, Michael and Adam. You have done really well to get this far!

Ms L. Moro
Sports Coordinator
We have had a VERY busy Term 3 in our Library. We celebrated Book Week with a range of activities including in-class activities, a parade, students and many teachers dressing as their favourite book character, a Book Fair and a musical related to the Short Listed books.

Thank you to all students, staff and parents/guardians for supporting our Book Fair so generously. Book Fairs are a nice additional way of focussing attention on literature. All students were extremely excited. All profits from the Book Fair help us to purchase more literature for our students.

Scholastic Book Club is our other main way of raising funds to support Library resource purchases. When students and staff buy books our school accumulates points which we can then convert to dollars to purchase books. We owe Mrs Spadavecchia a very BIG thank you for the time that she volunteers to organise Book Club. The Book Club organiser is a completely voluntary position.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014 has now concluded. It was very pleasing to see so many Stage 2 and 3 students making the commitment to complete ‘the Challenge’. Again, thank you to Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 teachers who supported their students completing ‘the Challenge’. Students can record books read from September 1st this year for next year’s ‘Challenge’. Students will receive their certificates later in Term 4.

Finally, for those students (and parents/guardians) who are Roald Dahl fans, and especially fans of his novel ‘The Witches’, there will be a performance of this book at The Griffin Theatre from September 24- October 5. This is a one man show.

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 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 by students of all ages.

**ABC Splash**

By Joshua and Marya

ABC Splash (http://splash.abc.net.au) is a website that allows students to watch videos about any school related topics and play games that are educational. This site can be used by all primary students.

The good things about this site is that there are many resources like videos and games that can help students learn about any topic that they could think of. For example, you could learn about robots, go on a safari or even practise your maths through games! Another great feature is the Digibooks. It gives students a whole collection of resources for one topic which can be great for projects!

The bad things are: It might take a while to load the games depending on your internet. You cannot access the games if you have Internet Explorer (google chrome or firefox works well) or are using a tablet. Sometimes when you search for something, it may not have a lot of resources or it could be too hard to understand.

The interesting things about this are: You can play many different games with good animations and instructions. You can watch videos that can show you our world or even through great cartoons!

This website has many different games and videos to help you with your learning. It is an amazing website.
K-2 Backyard League

Every Thursday for three weeks, students from K-2 will participate in Backyard League. This term they will be learning about rugby skills with a Rugby Holden Cup Player from the Parramatta Eels!!! We hope that K-2 have a great experience. Here are some photos from 1M’s session!
Workshops are inspired by the *River to River*, spring suite of exhibitions at Penrith Regional Gallery. Students are encouraged to wear old clothes and bring a snack and drink for break time.

**Bookings and pre-payment essential**
Pay by credit card over the phone on 47351100

**Tuesday 30th September - Alien bugs**
5-8 yrs, 10am- 12 noon, $18
Create a collection of colourful and animated alien bugs using paper clay and paints. Plus make your own bug display box.

**Wednesday 1st October – Bugs and Birds Mask Making**
5-8 yrs, 10am- 12 noon, $18
Workshop participants will first create the base for a characterful mask and then add textured objects such as feathers, paper, textiles and felt to complete it.

**Wednesday 1st October - TOTS in the gallery**
3-6yrs, 10am-11am, $12
Go with your tot on a child-size gallery tour of *Best Wishes: Korean Folk Painting* and then head together to the studio to make a fish mobile using watercolour and collage.

**Thursday 2nd October - Marine Garland**
5-8 yrs, 10am-12 noon, $18
Taking inspiration from *‘Best Wishes: Korean Folk Paintings’* create your own garland with an aquatic theme using coloured paper and watercolour paints.

**Thursday 2nd October – Flying High Wall Kites**
5-8 yrs, 10am-12 noon, $18
Design and make wall-kites decorated with flowers, birds and animal motifs.

**Friday 3rd October - Future Landscapes**
9-12 yrs, 10am -12 noon, $18
What will the Nepean River and surrounds look like in 50-100 years? With *‘Yupo Paper’* and collage techniques create a dynamic luminous future landscape.