NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 4, Wednesday 19th February 2014

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Wow, what a busy week I’ve had. Between meeting with individual teachers, students and parents, I’m beginning to understand Mascot PS a lot better.

In between all of those meetings, we underwent an audit of our financial and related school operations which took two whole days to complete. I would like to thank Kathy Couch, our SAM (School Administration Manager), for the work that she did in getting documentation prepared and looking after the auditor while she was here. The good news is that we passed 9 out of the 13 areas that were reviewed. To ensure that we pass a follow-up audit in 12 weeks, we have been given 10 recommendations to follow. We have actioned some of these recommendations already.

I have scheduled an Executive Planning Day for next Monday, 24th of February. On this day, we will discuss change management, curriculum and pedagogy, and the implementation of the final year of our 2012-2014 School Plan. Whilst this means that all Assistant Principals will be off class for the day, it is important for us to have quality time together to set directions for the school.

Thank you to all students and parents who are supporting us with the message about crossing the road safely, that is at traffic lights or designated pedestrian crossings, both of which we have outside our school. Safety of our students and their families is always paramount but so is the safety of the drivers who pass by our school. Let’s look after each other!

I’m looking forward to meeting you at our P&C meeting next Monday, 24th of February at 7pm in the staffroom.

Helen Empacher
PRINCIPAL

Please see calendar for amended date of school photographs.
On Tuesday 11th February Mascot public school 3-6 with some year 2 kids came on the bus with us to Heffron pools. We went to compete in swimming races. We had to sit in our houses which is Hargraves, Flinders, Banks and cook. In the races I came 2nd I came 3rd twice and I came 4th. For lunch I had a pie, doughnuts and hot chips. It was very fun but we had to go home.

**By Zara Nuku Atkinson**

On Tuesday year 3-6 and some year 2 went on the bus to Heffron pool. When we got there all the house captains were getting ready for the teams. There are four teams HARGRAVES, FLINDERS, BANK and COOK and I am in HARGRAVES. Then everyone was singing their house song. And we started the races. The first race was the 100m senior and junior then they all did the 50m then they did the 25m – that was my race AND I CAME 1st! Luke came 2nd Ryan came 3rd and Shipon came last. Then my second race was backstroke and I was versing Ali and Luke and I came 1st Luke came 2nd and Ali came 3rd. Then it was breaststroke and I was versing Ali, Yasin, Mehmet and Kaylen then I came 1st Ali came 2nd Mehmet came 3rd and Yasin came last. Then it was relay - on Hargraves team was Eric, Edey, Ashleigh and me and we were versing all the other teams and we came 2nd and Flinders came 1st and we got change and went on the bus back to school.

**By Joshua Todd**

There were 68 races in the whole swimming carnival. Even though I didn’t compete it was still very fun.

**By Oscar Gumutas Jankovic**

On Tuesday the 11th of February Mascot Public School went Heffron pools to compete for ribbon and go to district and regionals for their team houses cook, banks, Hargraves, and FLINDERS. My house is Flinders. The house colours are red, green, blue and yellow. My house is Flinders and their colour is blue. We had to sit in the stands that had our house flag in front of the stands. Some year 2s came and all year 3 to 6. The years 2 and 3 went really good. They swam 50 metres and some 25 metres. The years 2 did better the year 3 to 6. There was about 34 races and at the end we had free time. Then we came back to school.

**By Stanton Saiffiti**

On Tuesday the 11th of February, years 3-6 and some year 2’s went to Heffron Pools to compete in the swimming races. Most of us went by bus. Then the other children travelled by car, with their parents. When we got there we went to the stair and sat behind our coloured flags, the house colours are Hargraves, Flinders, Banks and Cook. I’m in Hargraves. I didn’t go in a race, but I just cheered for my team and for my friends in different houses. For lunch I had a chicken kebab and an orange juice.

I had a little swim at the end, it was fun. I had the little swim with Angona and Chloe. We had fun. I had a good time cheering and swimming.

**By Stella Shuaib**

On the 11th of February years 3-6 of mascot public school went to Heffron pools on a bus. We went to compete in swimming races. In the morning I bought a packet of Zappo’s and M&M’S and then went to watch the races. In the afternoon I bought hot chips. They were very tasty.
Last week I had the opportunity to meet with our new Principal to discuss matters touching on the welfare of our students at Mascot Public School generally. Suffice to say that Mrs Empacher is well set on a path to implement positive and constructive measures in a dynamic way that will empower the learning ability of our students and contribute to the professional development of staff.

Key school event dates have been loaded onto the school's web calendar already with more dates and events being included regularly, so please consult the web calendar to stay informed of key events.

The P & C meeting dates for 2014 are as follows.
- 24th February 2014
- 7th April 2014
- 2nd June 2014
- 21st July 2014
- 1st September 2014
- 10th November 2014

All meetings will commence at 7pm and will run for not more than an hour (I promise!) in the school staffroom. Free professional child care will be made available as is our practice. Please feel free to attend. Your contribution can be as little or as much as you wish. Mrs Empacher will address the meeting on some key objectives for the year. I would like to extend a particular invitation to all our new parents and carers of students at our school to attend our first meeting on Monday 24th February at 7pm.

Stan Kondilios, 
P&C President

**2014 Student Representative Council**

6D - Jayson Clarke and Peter Syed
5/6G - Chloe Smith and Ebbnil Sardar
5C - Jaylen Rosa and Sebastian Montoya
4M - Christian James and Angona Goswami
4D - Joshua Todd and Katlyn Clarke
3K - Arwaan Munir and Jack Mathews
3M - Zeth Zambrano and Tiffany Huang
2G - Mohsina Anjum and Azharul Bashar
2Z - Anna Love and Jack Bransdon
1/2W - Edward Stewart and Jayvin Davies
1S - Leila Bumanglag and Allira Takau
1M - Samantha Rosen and Ruben Recabarren

We would like to invite you to a special whole school assembly in our school hall on Thursday 19th February 2014 at 10:00am where our nominated students from Year 1 to Year 6 will be presented with their Student Representative Council badges.

We would like to congratulate these students and we look forward to a productive year within our school community as we work towards making a difference in all areas of school life. We will also continue the good work that the SRC do by way of promoting fundraising in the school.

**2014 House Captains**

**Cook**
Georgia De La Torre and Jayson Clarke (Captains) 
Tyrah Chan-Hampton and Zane Cruse (Vice Captains)

**Banks**
Jesiah Haque and Jordan Hill (Captains) 
Rabiah Hadi and Youssef Jaziri (Vice Captains)

**Flinders**
Zeke Zambrano and Paige McGuinness (Captains) 
Marcus Malos and Briyahn Mautamo (Vice Captains)

**Hargraves**
Reannon Vera and Khan Yuksel (Captains) 
Kyisha Su and Adam Yuksel (Vice Captains)
We have an opportunity to offer small group guitar lessons at Mascot PS. If you are interested, please let us know via a note to the office or an email. If we have enough interest, we will begin lessons in approximately 3 weeks.

GUITAR LESSONS BY CONTOGEORGE
Who? Students in Year 2 and above may join the guitar class.
When? Thursdays during lunch time (1:05pm-1:50pm).
How much? $12 per lesson.

NB: For purchase of guitars and bags, we suggest you buy direct from Ebay or Sunburst music on Coogee Bay Rd, Coogee or Allans Music on Botany Rd, Alexandria. We sell picks and other assorted paraphernalia.

Helping With Homework
How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it?

Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more at http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework

At a glance
- Homework is usually revision of concepts already covered in class.
- Get into a routine of doing homework at a set time.
- Ask your child to tell you about their homework.
- Don't jump in and give them the answers. Homework is also about teaching kids to be independent learners.
- If your child is struggling with homework, talk to their teacher.

play local soccer & have lots of fun

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