Principal’s Report

I was due to present at a conference last week about my pathway to becoming a primary school principal but, due to the weather, I was unable to do so as planned. The audience at this conference were primarily Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) teachers from across NSW who are seeking leadership in some aspect in their role as educators. It’s a topic very close to my heart as it wasn’t very long ago that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were excluded from attending school let alone gaining work within schools.

This history formed part of the training that all teaching staff and support staff attended at La Perouse Public School last week. In addition, this training provided staff with the opportunity to:

- develop an understanding of traditional and contemporary Aboriginal culture;
- strengthen knowledge of how to embed Aboriginal content into teaching and learning programs; and
- gain knowledge and strategies of how to engage with Aboriginal communities in the school environment.

Our professional learning this week involves the Assessment and Reporting Team training all staff in the new reporting system that we have in place. We are now using Easy School Reports to record our assessment data and comments, and to generate our reports for distribution to you at our parent/teacher interviews. Speaking of these interviews, we have decided to hold these over 2 days: K-2 interviews are on the 17th of June and Years 3-6 are on the 18th of June. More information about these interviews will follow in the coming weeks.

As you would know, Australia commemorated 100 years since the Gallipoli landing as part of ANZAC Day celebrations this year. We held our ANZAC Day assembly last week with a special guest, Paul Graham, the president of Mascot RSL, in attendance. Students found his speech memorable as he focused less on war and more on friendships and national benefits, as well as some personal history such as him signing up for the army as a 14 year old. Thank you to Ms Garrett who coordinated the assembly.

During the holidays, the primary students’ toilets were refurbished. They look fabulous with new tiles, sinks, taps, soap dispensers, paper towel dispensers, cisterns and toilet seats, as well as an updated colour scheme and more lighting installed. Students have been very excited about the upgrade (and just quietly, so have I!)

Have a great week.

HELEN EMPACHER
Last Thursday, Mascot Public had an Anzac Day Assembly in the school hall.

We had the assembly to celebrate Anzac Day and remember the soldiers who had fought in the war.

By Melanie

On Thursday 23rd of April in the school hall, all of Mascot Public School along with the parents came together to celebrate Anzac Day.

First we listened to the Year 6 tell stories about people who fought in the war and we also stood in silence to listen to the ‘Last Post’.

After that, we sung the National Anthem and listened to Mr Paul Graham who was our special guest.

By Matty-Lee

On Thursday afternoon, Mascot Public went down to the hall to celebrate Anzac Day and our special guest, Mr Paul Graham.

Mr Graham told us about how the soldiers were friends and how they went to Gallipoli.

By Nicholas

On the 23rd of April, Mascot Public School celebrated Anzac Day and to remember Gallipoli.

First we listened to Year 6, then we listened to the ‘Last Post’.

Next the choir sang ‘Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag’.

After that, Mr Paul Graham spoke about the soldiers and Gallipoli.

By Analia
Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Mascot Public School is held on Mondays from 8:00am – 9:00am.

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If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

The annual Stewart House Day is fast approaching. All students will be coming home with an envelope into which we would ask each family to donate at least $2.00 and place it in the envelope, seal it and return it to your child’s teacher by Friday 8th May, 2015.
April 12, 2015
Mascot Public School
207 King St
MASCOT NSW 2020

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Mark Stewart
Head of Fundraising

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