NEWSLETTER

Term 2, WK 3, 6th May 2015

7th May 2015
Cross Country Carnival

11th May 2015
Parent Information Session 6pm - See back page of newsletter
P&C Meeting 7pm

12th to 14th May 2015
Kindergarten Incursion Kindy Farm
NAPLAN Years 3 and 5

19th May 2015
Yarn Up, Day 1
ICAS Test - Digital Technologies
School Council Meeting 7pm

20th May 2015
South Sydney Cross Country Carnival

21st May 2015
Crazy Hair Day

3rd June 2015
ICAS Test - Science

8th June 2015
Public Holiday - School Closed

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Last Friday, we farewelled one of our longest serving Assistant Principals, Ms De Angeli. Students, teachers and parents gathered just before 3pm for her final hurrah, an archway of students’ arms. Ms De Angeli held it together very well emotionally but she appreciated the gesture and left with very fond memories of her time at Mascot PS.

With Ms De Angeli leaving, we have restructured our executive team. Until further notice, the following arrangements are in place:

- K-2 Coordinator: Ms Karanikolas
- 3-6 Coordinator: Ms Dawson

Our other Assistant Principals will be working on projects across all grades. If you have any concerns about behaviour, academic progress, etc., please refer to your child’s classroom teacher in the first instance, as always, and then to the appropriate coordinator as outlined above thereafter.

Our 2015-2017 School Plan is now on our website for your perusal. Please have a read to see where our school is focused for the next three years.

Yesterday, students from Stages 2 and 3 attended the Bob McCarthy Cup at Rowland Park. Our Junior team won their section, our senior team is into the grand final which will be played during the Souths and Eels game in a couple of weeks and the girls team are awaiting their results but they’re in with a chance to play in the next rounds. Congratulations to all of our students for their behaviour and passion on the day. Thank you also to the many parents and families who cheered our teams on from the sidelines. Last but not least, thank you to Mrs Gale and Miss Griep for coordinating the event and to Ms Cain for assisting with supervision on the day.

Tomorrow, our Years 3 to 6 students will be attending our cross country carnival. This is another important event on our sporting calendar so if you can come along to support your child, please do. Not being a long distance runner myself, I appreciate the effort that students go to just entering the race so any encouragement we can give them helps.

Today we had our Mothers’ Day stall organised by our wonderful P&C. The smiles on students’ faces as they left the stall with gifts bundled under their arms was priceless. Having the opportunity to independently choose a gift excites them to no end. On behalf of our students and teachers, thank you to our tireless P&C for giving us the chance to spoil our mums, grandmas and aunts – those special women in our lives.

Happy Mothers’ Day to all our mums, grandmas, aunts and carers who most definitely deserve breakfast in bed on Sunday (well, that’s what I’m hoping for anyway!)

Have a great week.

HELEN EMPACHER
PRINCIPAL
In 1L we start each day with a smile!

We do our homework reading every day.

On Tuesday we go to Music. We love to sing.
We learn in different ways...

While we listen, we have our Crunch and Sip.

On Wednesday we go to Library. There are so many books to choose from!

We love listening to our friends share their news.

Friday is Sports Day. We love being healthy and active.

We love Mascot Public School!

Scan the QR code to hear us reading our story!
Mascot Public School
PARENTS and CITIZENS

Dear Parents and Citizens,

We have a busy term in front of us with NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 in the coming weeks. Good luck to all the students sitting for the tests. We also ran a very successful BBQ fundraiser during the recent State Elections and Easter Hat Parade.

If you have any ideas on areas you wish the P&C to invest in, please contact me or attend our P&C meetings with the next being held on Monday 11th May at 7pm.

As Principal Empacher has previously mentioned, there have been improvements to the facilities at the school with more to follow so watch this space.

Finally, I would like to wish all the mothers and grandmothers a very Happy Mother’s Day. I hope your loved ones found that perfect present from the P&C stall.

Regards,
Phillip Carabitsios, P&C President

CHANGES TO FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Sadly sometimes relationships break down and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children’s education. These can be Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders.

If this happens it is important that you provide the school with a copy of any court orders that could impact on your child’s education.

In the absence of any notification to the contrary, the school will assume that both parents continue to retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and should be involved in making any decisions regarding their children’s education.

This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained.

These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your children’s learning and support and related issues.

Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease

There has been a suspected case of hand, foot and mouth disease within our school. Please check your child for symptoms. If you suspect that your child has any symptoms, please seek medical advice from your GP and notify the school of the outcome.

Further information can be obtained from the DEC website below.

https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/detresources/Hand_Foot_and_Mouth_Disease_FRZvxSaXTm.pdf

Please note there was no Primary assembly.

Student Of The Week

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<th>Angelina, for always trying to do her best in class activities.</th>
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<td>KK</td>
<td>Rakshana, for listening carefully to instructions.</td>
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<td>Denisha, for always doing her best and having fantastic manners.</td>
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<td>Shifan, for great improvement in group work and class participation.</td>
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<td>Jayda, an outstanding effort in all class work and being a good helper.</td>
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<td>Nicholas, for being a mature student in class.</td>
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<td>Shaun, for working well in all class activities.</td>
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<td>Ruben, for being a good listener and following instructions.</td>
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Farewell Ms DeAngeli

Information Night
School Counselling Service

Supporting Wellbeing

Highlights
Wellbeing
- What is it?
- What the different dimensions are
School counselling service
- Who are school counsellors?
- What do we do?
- What does it look like?
Ways of helping your child transition through the school years
- Getting involved with their learning
- Helping your child recognise and express their feelings
The importance of connecting with your child’s school

Presentation to take place in 3M’s classroom immediately before the P&C Meeting

Time: 6:00pm
Date: Monday, 11th May 2015