We have been speaking to all our students this week about **stranger danger**, after receiving notice about some students from other schools being approached by strangers recently. I know that this has been reported via social media as well so we have used these incidents as an opportunity to revisit the **message about safety and security** for all our students. As part of these discussions, we have included procedures for students using the toilets or moving around the school during lessons (they do so in pairs), staff being extra vigilant when on playground duty and moving around the school, and tips such as travelling with friends to and from school if students are of that age. We have also reassured our students that, on the whole, the world is a great place and there’s **no need for alarm, just awareness**. We discussed ways that students can raise the alarm if they find themselves in danger, for example screaming out that they don’t know that person or the use of a family password at times when someone else has to unexpectedly pick them up or running back to school to get support from teachers. I’m sure that you talk with your children many times about this topic but I would **appreciate you revisiting this in your homes this week**.

Congratulations to the following students who have made it to the next level of the cross country carnivals, now representing **South Sydney**: Millie, Yasin, George and Sebastian. We wish you the best of luck in your next events and, regardless of the outcome, are extremely proud of you for your achievements so far.

**Thank you to our whole school community** for your overwhelming support of our SRC’s **Crazy Hair Day** last week. We raised over $600 which will be **shared between the victims of the Nepal earthquakes and the Cancer Council**. Staff are holding a Biggest Morning Tea tomorrow to add to our fundraising efforts.

In a few weeks, we will be presenting parents and caregivers with their children’s **Semester 1 report** at our parent/teacher interviews. Thanks to the work of our Assessment and Reporting Project Team, we have adopted a new report system and format which we hope you like.

We **have a lot coming up before the end of the term** so keep a close eye on our newsletter and our school’s websites for updates.

Have a great week.

**HELEN EMPACHER**

**PRINCIPAL**
La Perouse Excursion

Last week stage 2 went on an excursion to La Perouse. When we were there we were immersed in educational activities that linked with our learning about Australian history. We got to try bush tucker, hear (and some of us had a go at playing) didgeridoos, as well as meeting a real-life (acting) convict named Molly. We all had a great day and learned a lot!

Student Of The Week

KD - Fatimah, for improved participation in class discussions.
KK - Jullien, who always tries hard to listen and follow instructions.
KR - Jay, for always trying hard with his class work.
1L - Daania, for always trying her best.
1S - Zahra, for trying hard with all her class work.
1Z - Osman, for being a happy and helpful classmate.
2K - Zeynep, for displaying a positive attitude towards learning.
2PG - Nasia, for improvement in maths.

STUDENT HEALTH

It is vital that parents keep us informed of any medically diagnosed health conditions a student may have. Likewise, if there have been any changes to an existing health condition or care plans (asthma, anaphylaxis, allergy etc.) it is of paramount importance that the school receive an updated health care plan from your family doctor.

Your assistance with this will help us care for your child whilst at school.
MINI MUSICIANS!

The Preschool’s Jellyfish and Starfish classes have been visiting the music room! They enjoy learning about all of the different instruments we have at Mascot Public School and love playing them even more! I think we have some mini musicians on our hands!
Wakakirri Has Started!
We have had our first Wakakirri rehearsal and it was AWESOME!! Our team is being led by the wonderful Hannah Barn, an expert in all things musical, theatre and performance. She will be visiting us every Wednesday until we are ready to steal the show at The NIDA Parade Theatre in Term 3. Here are some pictures of the team in action!
CRAZY HAIR DAY!