NEWSLETTER

Term 2, WK 10, 24th June 2015

24th June 2015
Rehearsal for Festival of Instrumental Music

25th June 2015
NAIDOC celebrations at JJ Cahill Memorial High School for Stage 3 Band and 1Z performing at K-6 assembly

26th June 2015
South Sydney Rugby League Knockout Last day of Term 2

14th July 2015
First day of Term 3 - students return

14th July 2015
Years 3 - 6 Dance2BFit Starts

17th July 2015
Years K - 2 Dance2BFit Starts

With only a few days to go until the end of Term 2, I thought that it was a good time to reflect on our progress for our 2015-2017 school plan. Staff have begun to develop our professional learning partnerships within the school, to enable the building of a positive working culture including actively participating in professional learning and action research projects, and building positive, respectful relationships by learning from each other’s experiences and accessing professional advice and support. We are on the way to developing a student friendly playground with the introduction of our passive play zone. We are strongly monitoring student attendance and following up where concerns are. All of these and more are conducive to ensuring good conditions for student learning.

With this in mind, teachers are busily preparing for the second half of the year with your children at the forefront of their minds. Without the dedication of all of our staff, we would not have achieved as much as we have. I'm very excited to be working alongside my colleagues to make our plans come to life.

Following this, we will hold an Open Day where we invite all families considering enrolling in our school in 2016 to come and participate in a number of activities that highlight the work we do and the care that we take in looking after the education of the whole child. Please spread the word and ask that any potential parents register their interest to attend by contacting our school office.

In staffing news, Ms Zouroudis will not be returning to Mascot PS as she gained the Assistant Principal position at Rainbow Street PS via merit selection processes. Ms Karanikolas will continue to relieve as Assistant Principal at Mascot PS until the position is filled on a permanent basis later in the year. Miss Mason will stay on 1Z for the first two weeks of Term 3 after which she is going on a long awaited overseas trip. I will keep you informed as to her replacement as soon as possible.

In the meantime, I’m sure that you will join me in congratulating Ms Zouroudis on her new position and acknowledge the work that she has completed here in her roles as class teacher and Assistant Principal.

Have a great week and an enjoyable holiday.

HELEN EMPACHER
PRINCIPAL
**Student Of The Week**

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<td>KD - Beti</td>
<td>for creating a wonderful self-portrait during art.</td>
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<td>KK - Shomili</td>
<td>for always presenting beautiful work.</td>
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<td>KR - Tabeen</td>
<td>for his improvement in handwriting.</td>
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<td>1L - Flynn</td>
<td>for trying hard to be a respectful, responsible role model.</td>
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<td>1S - Pamela</td>
<td>for a great effort to speak in a loud voice with a natural stance and eye contact with the audience during news.</td>
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<td>1Z - Kayla</td>
<td>for being a caring, mature and responsible member of our class.</td>
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<td>2K - Frances</td>
<td>for excellent results in her spelling.</td>
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<td>2PG - Michael</td>
<td>trying hard to write Haiku poetry.</td>
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**MINI MASTER CHEFS**

2PG cooked up a storm in the school kitchen on Monday. First we harvested herbs and rhubarb from the school vegie patch to use in the baking. The students made herb and cheese scones which were so yummy! Then the students made scrumptious rhubarb muffins. Even some teachers tried the muffins and said they were delicious! Thanks to the parents and grandparents who were able to help us in the kitchen. Stay tuned for more kitchen adventures!
We will be holding an open day on Wednesday, 22nd July 2015 from 9:00am - 11:00am.

Prospective parents will have the opportunity to tour the school and view our programs and facilities.

As we’re sure you have noticed, we have been busily preparing our new playground space, the Passive Play Zone. The PPZ is a quiet play area which will be open to K-6 students at lunchtime.

We are planning to open the PPZ in Week 10.

We would like to ask for donations of preloved toys, books, Lego, boardgames, dress-up costumes, toy cars etc. If you have any of these items, in good condition, please give to Miss Mason, Ms Day or leave at the office.

We look forward to opening this wonderful new space for our students and hope you are able to support us with any donations.

Thank you.

Our school band will be having their debut performance at our school assembly on Thursday, 25th June 2015. Parents and caregivers are welcome to come along and support our band’s first performance.

Thank you.

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