NEWSLETTER

Term 2, WK 7, 3rd June 2015

3rd June 2015
ICAS Test - Science
Hearing Presentation - Preschool

4th June 2015
K-6 assembly

8th June 2015
Public Holiday - school closed

13th June 2015
Botany Bay Multicultural Fair

15th June 2015
Yarn Up

16th June 2015
Multicultural Public Speaking Final

17th June 2015
K-2 Parent/Teacher Interviews (starting at 2:00pm)

18th June 2015
3-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
(starting at 2:00pm)
No assembly on this day

24th June 2015
Rehearsal for Festival of Instrumental Music

25th June 2015
Band performance 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

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Congratulations to all of our students who represented our school at ANZ Stadium on Friday, 22nd of May for the final of the Bob McCarthy Cup. Despite their best efforts, we were beaten 16-12 by St Aidan’s Catholic Primary School. I would like to thank Mrs Gale and Ms Karanikolas who went beyond the call of duty to supervise the students on the night and to ensure that it was a memorable time in their lives.

As you know, the Graphic Arts Club has been a generous supporter of our school programs over the years. As a school community, we would like to give back to them in their time of need. Our P&C has agreed to donate $500 towards their fundraising efforts for Basil King, the ex-President of the Graphic Arts Club who has extensive medical needs at this point in time. I would like to thank our P&C and its members for their generous donation towards this cause.

We have a team of teachers who are currently finalising their plans for an improved playground. One of their ideas is to introduce a ‘passive play zone’ where students can enjoy Lego, dress-ups, drawing, cars or reading during recess and lunch. They have put a request into today’s newsletter for any donations that you would like to make towards their plan. Please do not go to any expense; we would simply love to be the recipient of any of the items they have listed, that you may have laying around at home with good intentions to get rid of it ‘one of these days’. Today could be your day!

Another team of teachers has reviewed and updated our student wellbeing policy which we have shared with you in recent weeks. Part of that policy is the rewards that we will use for students who are displaying behaviours that support our message of “Respectful, Responsible Learners”. The rewards structure is outlined in the following pages but I would like to stress here that students must take responsibility for keeping their awards in a safe place so that they can trade them in for a higher reward once they have accumulated the required amount. Please help them to set up a safe place at home so that they are able to do that.

Finally, I would like to remind all parents and caregivers that children are not allowed on the play equipment before school, even if there is a parent present. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Have a great week.

HELEN EMPACHER
PRINCIPAL

ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS NOW FOR 2016
KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL
We are now accepting enrolments for students for Kindergarten and Preschool for 2016. Please come into the school office to pick up an enrolment form or download one from the DEC website.
KD have been learning about 2D shapes in maths. To follow on from our maths lessons about shapes and, in particular, circles, KD learned about Wassily Kandinsky, a famous abstract artist from Russia. The students made some beautiful, colourful circle artworks, based on the work of Kandinsky.
'Two Hands Together'
Artwork by 5M

Inspired by the words of Diana Kidd and art by Bronwyn Bancroft

FATHER AND SON
When a son tries to be just like his dad. Talia 5M

THE GHOSTS OF LIGHT
The ghosts put their hands together to make the top of the tree light up. This artwork represents the element of light. Ilija 5M

BEST FRIENDS
As the two girls run out at sunrise they race each other on the grass. Olivia 5M

THE BRIGHT WORLD
A world where everything is happy and all the different colours jiggle around. Filip 5M
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As part of our Playground Project we would like to ask our school community for donations of pre-loved boardgames, trucks and cars, dress up costumes, Lego, books, table tennis and foosball tables for our new and upcoming passive play area.

We would appreciate the donations and are looking for items that are still in good condition. We would like to thank you for your support.

Please see Miss Mason or Ms Day if you would like to donate your pre-loved items.

Thank you from the Playground Project Team
**Mascot Public School**

**Open Day**

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.

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**Wellbeing Policy – Merit Award Scheme**

Mascot Public School values student achievement and rewards positive student behaviour. As part of this policy, a student Merit Award system has been implemented to value and recognise positive behaviours. It is anticipated that this system is cumulative and moves with the student through their primary school experience. Students and parents will share responsibility for collecting awards and returning them to the classroom or school office when target amounts have been achieved.

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