



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

November 2012 (Issue 3)

Please join us for

Presentation Day

Celebrating student effort and achievement

Tuesday 4 December

9.15am

In the School Hall

Colin, Tianna and Liam receiving their Regional Awards



NAPLAN

Our updated NAPLAN data is now available. The school growth for Year 5 students exceeded that of the state in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy (growth data is not provided for schools for Writing). The growth for some students was more than 3 times the state average. Achievement for both Year 3 and Year 5 cohorts overall was very pleasing.

It's Academic screening

Our school team competing on *It's Academic* has been showing this week. Congratulations to our team of 17 for their excellent performance. Our teams won on several days and we came second overall to a school almost 4 times the size of ours! We are very proud of you all. Thanks again to Mrs Brown, who coordinated the team and attended on filming day.

School website

Have a look! A photo album from Restravaganza has been posted. Did you know you can find the uniform and canteen pricelists on the school website?

Student Welfare

Congratulations to these students for achieving the following awards:

Principal's Silver Award Level 1: Mikaela B

Principal's Bronze Award Level 3: Juels, Emad

Principal's Bronze Award Level 2: Luca, Nathan

Principal's Bronze Award Level 1: Louise, Jacob A

From the classroom

Year 2 have been writing persuasive texts. I was delighted to have Flynn read his persuasive text on *We should have free play everyday*. Flynn had completed this text independently. He had 3 very convincing arguments, set out in a logical sequence and he used vocabulary to help convince the audience that daily free play would only enhance the school day.

Congratulations to Zahra for an outstanding result in a *Mathletics Live* competition. Zahra was ranked second in the World Top 100 Students section with her terrific score.

Homework Lab

Homework Lab has now finished for the year but will return early next year.

DHA BBQ a great success!

Thank you Suzanne and Peter Barber, Judy and Ken Newman and Fiona Mitchell for working on the DHA barbeque at the community information day.

I was able to have discussions with councilors, the project manager and marketing manager from DHA about plans for beautifying our Spurway Street fence line and enabling safe access from the lower gate.

Senior Camp

Our campers returned last Friday afternoon from their 3 day camp at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre. A wonderful time was had by all and I understand students and staff slept very soundly on Friday night!



P&C

The P&C AGM will be held on Monday 3 December in the school Library. We hope you can join us.



Morning tea acknowledging our wonderful school helpers:

Canteen, in class, P&C fundraisers, scripture teachers, sport events helpers and many more

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

30 November 2012

Dates For Your Diary

3 December	P&C Christmas stall
4 December	Presentation Day
5 December	Orientation Day for government high schools
7 December	P&C Christmas stall
12 December	Last day for 3 day preschool
12 December	Reports sent home
14 December	Last day for 2 day preschool
14 December	Year 6 farewell
18 December	Fun day
19 December	Last day for students K-6



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Zoe

Abraham

P&C Christmas stall

The P&C Christmas stall will be held in the hall on Monday 3 December and Friday 7 December. Gifts from \$1. Parent helpers would be appreciated.

Music News

In 2013 private guitar and violin lessons will be available to all students on the school grounds. More information is available at the office.

Lesley Coker

Help your kids enjoy reading

How do you make reading a joy and not a chore for your child? One way is to find information and interesting facts about things that intrigue or interest your child in books, magazines or on the internet. Read and talk about what you find out. Here are some other tips: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/ten-ideas-to-help-your-child-with-reading>

P & C News

From your P and C President

Hello and welcome to the holiday season. We are nearly done for 2012 and what a year it has been. Everyone in the P and C has worked hard to create a cohesive team which is all about building better REPS for our children. I was so proud as I sat in the hall at Repstravaganza watching our fantastic children enjoying the opportunity to express themselves. I was also proud of the entire P&C who have worked hard to support opportunities like Repstravaganza.

I was impressed by the size of the crowd that had turned out to support our kids. I thought, this really is our school community, together in one room. Then I thought of the small dedicated band of parents who work tirelessly behind the scenes and I thought, what if everyone in this crowd gave something of their time to the P and C. How much of a difference could we make for them then. It stuck me that we need to get together, like we were in the hall, to do something to support our kids.

The P&C needs you to come along and get involved. The AGM will be held on Monday December 3 in the school library. The meeting starts at 6:30pm. We would love to see you there. If not hold onto that idea about being involved and help us out in some other way so that together we can support our kids.

Chris Lummis
President

Next P&C meeting is the AGM.
Monday 3 December at 6.30pm in the Library.
All welcome.

Community news

Carols in the Park sponsored by Dundas Area Neighbourhood Centre, Housing NSW, Parramatta Council and HCH

Saturday 15 December 1:00pm to 7:00pm

Carols start at 5:00pm

Sturt Park, Sturt Street, Telopea

Free face painting, jumping castles, merry go round, information, gifts and food stalls

Flyers available from the front office

Dundas United Netball

Brenda Milner local optometrist

Single with Children – Single Parent Family Association

Guitar lessons for 2013 at REPS