



# On The Grapevine

## A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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### **Open Day**

Our education week open day was held last Wednesday. The day started with an assembly and we heard what our students thought about the future. The outstanding pieces of writing that we heard gave us an insight into the future with aliens, flying cars, floating classrooms and trips to outer space.

It was great to see so many of our students share the day with their families in the open classrooms and with a picnic lunch.

### **Promotional Posters**



Our new Kindergarten promotional posters are now being displayed in the office, at Ermington shops and in some of our local preschools. Don't they look great!

Spread the word of our wonderful school. Tell your neighbours that we're taking enrolments for Kindy and Preschool for 2013.

### **Infants Creative Arts Groups**

Our Infants classes have started a new program this week with members of our community coming in to work with the students and share their expertise. The groups are working on puppetry with Mrs Matthews, learning Maltese with Mrs Galea, learning sign language with Mrs Voss and drama activities with Miss Colley.

I look forward to seeing our students enjoy these activities and thank you to our community members for volunteering their time!

### **Primary Peer Support**

Our Senior primary students, led by our Captains and Prefects have been running peer support groups in the playground one lunchtime per week. These sessions where all our students K-6 work together as they play a sport have proved to be very popular and are a welcome addition to our playground routine.

Well done Year 6!

### ***Jeans for Genes Day raised \$119.20.***

Well done to everyone who participated in Jeans for Genes day. Our school raised \$119.20 for research into children's medicine.

### ***In the classroom***

Our Primary classes have been learning about simple machines. Have you seen 4B's display in the front foyer?

### ***Welcome back Mrs Hinchcliffe***

We welcome back Mrs Hinchcliffe today. Thank you to Miss Ayling who has done a great job with 1/2K while I have been in the office.

Miss Ayling will continue to work at our school as an RFF teacher on Thursday and Friday of each week.

*Mitchell King*

Relieving Principal

10 August 2012

*It was just wonderful to be greeted this morning by so many happy smiling faces. I think all of our students have grown over the last 10 weeks! It was great to hear all their news. I also enjoyed catching up with many parents.*

*A huge thank you to Mrs Lesley Coker and Mr Mitchell King for the great job they did in the Relieving Principal role during my absence.*

*Keryn Hinchcliffe*

### ***Dates For Your Diary***

<b>14 August</b>	Maths Competition
<b>15 August</b>	Athletics Carnival Barton Park North Parramatta
<b>20 – 24 August</b>	Book Week
<b>21 August</b>	Kindergarten Information morning (9.30am) and evening (6.15pm)
<b>22 August</b>	Zone athletics field events
<b>22 August</b>	Celebrating the Arts rehearsal
<b>23 August</b>	Assembly and parent afternoon tea
<b>24 August</b>	In- school performance 'And the winner is...'
<b>29 August</b>	Infants Athletics Carnival
<b>29 August</b>	Police visit K-2

### ***Stewart House Bag Collection***

Stewart house bags are being picked up on Monday 13 August. This is a great opportunity to clean out the wardrobe and pass on all the outgrown clothes for a worthwhile cause. Please bring bags to the office early on Monday to ensure you don't miss the collection.

### ***P&C***

- Next P&C meeting is Monday 3 September at 6.30pm in the Library.

Volunteers are needed for the P&C fundraiser Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Lidcombe on **Sunday 19 August.**

It's fun & easy work so if anyone who can spare an hour or 2 please contact:

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