

On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

February 2013 (Issue 2)

Visitor Breakfast Club

Parramatta Mission ran their first Breakfast Club for this year on Thursday morning. Students enjoyed the cheesy toast, fruit pieces and yoghurt. Thank you to Sharlene who will be visiting our school on a fortnightly basis. The next Breakfast Club will be on Thursday 7 March.

Homework Lab returning soon

I am starting up homework lab from Week 1 next term. Homework lab will be available every Wednesday morning from 8.15am in the school library.

The purpose of this time is for students to have the opportunity to seek assistance to complete their homework (ask questions, seek understanding) if required.

Students who want or need someone to listen to them read (one of my favourite activities) may also come and bring a book or home reader.

School Assembly

Our school assembly will be run every second Thursday from 2:00 to 2:25pm in the school hall. Parents are invited to stay at school for afternoon tea following the assembly each fortnight.

Our next assembly is on Thursday 7 March.

Parent information mornings

Thank you to the parents who attended the information mornings last week. Your interest and support is highly valued and validates the time spent by our teachers preparing their presentations for these mornings.

Swimming carnival





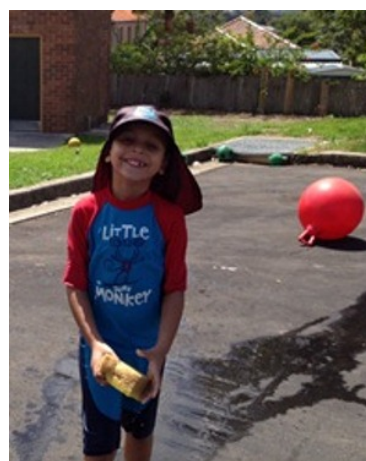
Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the school swimming carnival and to those who will represent our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival on 5 March at Parramatta pool.

Thank you to our parent helpers: Irene Aylward, Suzanne Barber, Helen Chen, Jaheda Garcia and Melinda Matthews. Thank you also to Judy Hungerford for a wonderfully organised carnival. Well done to Mawson team for winning the most house points at the carnival.

More photos have been posted on our website.

K-2 water play day

Running through the sprinkler, painting with water, wet sponge throwing, playing in buckets of water – what a lot of fun!!





What is A Voluntary School Contribution?

Schools request a contribution from parents each year to supplement existing funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources and learning programs for our students.

**** The suggested contribution for this year is \$40 per student or \$70 per family**

This year the money will be used to update the computers in the computer lab, ensuring our students have access to the latest technology.

Thank you to the parents who have contributed so far this year.

School Counsellor

We would like to welcome Mrs Holly Lonkay to our school. Holly is our school counsellor and will be at REPS on Wednesdays and alternate Friday mornings.

Woolies Earn & Learn

Our box of goodies has arrived and we are excited about using the resources, especially air dry clay. Thank you to the school and local communities for supporting this campaign enabling us to obtain some useful resources.

On our website

We now have a link to Ermington West OOSH under the Community tab.

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal
25 February 2013

Dates For Your Diary

3 March	Sunday P&C working bee
4 March	P&C meeting 6.30pm in Library
5 March	Zone swimming Parramatta pool
7 March	Breakfast Club
7 March	School assembly & afternoon coffee
12 March	Stewart House clothing bags pick up
14 March	Selective High School placement test
18 – 19 March	Debating camp
18-21 March	Life Education
21 March	Harmony day
22 March	Year 6 into year 7 forms to be returned
28 March	Easter Hat Parade, Grandparents' Day & Book Fair



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Orlando	Danielle	TJ	Jordan C	Hanna
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K-2 Information Morning

Thank you to all the parents who attended our information morning. During that time we discussed our focus areas for the year, homework, the school Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program, the timetable in the morning and the importance of moving off quickly from lines in the morning to ensure we make the most of 'prime learning time' with our students.

If you have any questions or would like some further information please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

In the classroom

Ipads in action

All our Infants classes are making the most of our new Ipads in their classrooms. Kindergarten have been exploring the literacy apps available, K-2L have been making family trees using the popplet app while 1/2K and 1/2O have been using them to research family celebrations and important Australian events.



Mitchell King

AP K-2

Community news

A number of opportunities are available for out of school activities within our school grounds. Flyers for more information are available from the front office.

Violin lessons – contact Mrs Coker if you are interested

Guitar lessons will start this year.

Dance Sensation Performing Arts Studio has dance lessons in our hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Visit www.dancesensation.com.au for further information.

Lost property

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled. There are lots of jumpers in the lost property basket in the front office. Please claim yours.

Year 6 to Year 7 2014 Information

Expression of Interest forms were handed out to our Year 6 students last week. These completed forms need to be returned to school by Friday 22 March.



**Come and see
your outstanding local school**

Dunmore Avenue, off Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford. Parking on site.
Ph: 98717718 www.cumberland-h.schools@det.nsw.edu.au

Monday 4 March 2013 5:00 - 8pm

Open Evening



Northmead
Creative and Performing Arts High School

Audition Information for Parents and Students

Years 7 - 11 - 2014

Auditions for Year 7-11, 2014 will be held on the **Monday 18TH &**

Wednesday 20th March 2013

Audition application forms can be obtained via our school website

(www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) or phone 9630 4116.

Closing Date for the return of application forms – Wednesday 13th March 2013

P&C – Fundraising For parents who shop online

You can help our school raise money without having to do anything other than make your online purchases. There is an opportunity for REPS to earn a commission from your purchases and help us raise much needed funds.

www.schoolbuy.com.au

All you have to do is go to schoolbuy website to see if your preferred retailer is in the list of partners on the site and click on their link, it's that easy, the examples below are just a few of the huge list of retailers that are already on board and there is always more being added.



REPS P&C is holding a **WORKING BEE, this Sunday 3 March from 8.30am** to about 12.30pm in the grounds at Rydalmere East Public School.

Everyone is welcome, no experience or green thumbs necessary.

Bring gloves & basic gardening tools (if you have them).

There are lots of small & large jobs to do, from weeding & mulching to general repairs & landscaping.

"Many hands make light work" so come along to help make the playgrounds and gardens a better place for all our children.

If you have any queries, contact Suzanne Barber on mbl 0400 474 797 or email psbarber@ozemail.com.au

Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1	28 Jan Public Holiday	29 Jan SDD	30 Jan	31 Jan Year 1-6 return 2 day preschool	1 Feb Kindy starts	2 3 Feb
2	4 Feb 3 day preschool starts	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb Assembly & afternoon coffee	8 Feb	9 10 Feb
3	11 Feb P&C meeting	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb RE starts	15 Feb	16 17 Feb
4	18 Feb Swimming carnival	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb Breakfast Club Assembly & afternoon coffee	22 Feb	23 24 Feb
5	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar	2 3 Mar
6	4 March P&C meeting	5 March Zone swimming	6 March	7 March Breakfast Club Assembly & afternoon coffee	8 March	9 10 Mar
7	11 March	12 March Stewart House clothing bag pick up	13 March	14 March Selective High school test	15 March National day of action against bullying and violence	16 17 Mar
8	18 March Debating Camp Life Education to 21 March	19 March Debating Camp	20 March	21 March Harmony day Breakfast Club Assembly & afternoon coffee	22 March Year 6 to 7 forms to be returned	23 24 Mar
9	25 March	26 March	27 March	28 March Easter hat parade, Grandparents' Day, Book Fair	29 March Good Friday	30 31 Mar
10	1 April Easter Monday	2 April	3 April	4 April Breakfast Club Assembly & afternoon coffee	5 April	6 7 Apr
11	8 April	9 April	10 April	11 April	12 April	13 14 Apr

*** Students resume Wednesday 1 May.