



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

March 2013 (Issue 1)

Awards for Excellence

Congratulations to these students for achieving the following awards:

Principal's Award Silver Level 1 - Mia

Principal's Award Bronze 2 - Jordan R

Principal's Award Bronze 2 - Ruby

Principal's award: *Heba for being a 'gold star' citizen*

Playground hero: *Emilio for making a stand against inappropriate behaviours.*

Other highlights: Zoe reading her persuasive text at assembly, Jayden's visit to the office with his amazing drawings and Timothy's mathematical wizardry!

Working Bee

Fortunately, the rain held off so the working bee was able to go ahead. The gardens were weeded, trimmed & mulched at the Spurway St & Maling Ave entrances, plus the garden area between the office & infants. The stepping logs were tamped down and the trees above them trimmed back.

A good number of bonus plants were collected from the Parramatta Council's annual "free plant giveaway". Some of these have been planted and our students will assist with planting the remainder.

A big thank you to the following families. The gardens look sensational.

Margaret Kelly, Hewkins, Aylward, Williams, Barber

Respect and Pride

Thank you to the students who always wear their uniform with pride. What a wonderful way to show off our school to the community! Their impressions of our school are formed by the way our students present themselves in public. Let's all be proud to be part of the REPS family!

Your Quality Teachers

Our teachers invest much time in their personal professional development to ensure they deliver quality instruction for all our students. With the new curriculum being phased in, teachers have been attending workshops on its implementation.

Stranger Danger

All students have been reminded about stranger danger using the Department's Safety and Response guidelines.

Parking in the Staff Car park

An important reminder that parents are not permitted to park in the school car park. To ensure students' safety, parents and students must not walk through the car park because of safety issues. Please be a good role model for your child and obey the signs at the entrance of the car park.

Zone swimming

Our small but enthusiastic team travelled to Parramatta pool for the zone swimming carnival. Congratulations on representing our school with great spirit.

Thanks to the following families - Barber, Aylward, Garcia, Muldoon, Hewkins, for transporting our swimmers and to Irene Aylward for her role as team manager.



Our zone swimming team at Parramatta pool.



Girls relay team

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. Our next assembly is on Thursday 21 March.

Stewart House

Stewart House donation envelopes were handed out this week. Your donation supports many children who attend Stewart House each year from public school across NSW. Thank you to all the families who returned the Stewart House clothing bags. They are being collected on Tuesday 12 March.

Bunnings BBQ

Thank you to the families who helped at the Bunnings Lidcombe sausage sizzle last Sunday. The honour roll will be published in the next *On the Grapevine*.

Voluntary School Contributions

Thank you to the parents who have contributed this year – so far our tally is \$510. Our target for this year is \$2,000. This money will be used to update the computers in the computer lab, ensuring our students have access to the latest technology.

On our website

Lost a note regarding an excursion? Look in *Notes and Permission forms* under the Community tab.

Easter Hat Parade & Grandparents' Day – Thursday 28 March

Invitations with all the details will be sent out next week.

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal
11 March 2013

Dates For Your Diary

12 March	Stewart House clothing bags pick up
14 March	Selective High School placement test
18 – 19 March	Debating camp at Katoomba
18-21 March	Life Education Visit
21 March	Harmony Day
22 March	Year 6 into year 7 forms to be returned
22 March	Year 6 car wash fundraiser
28 March	Easter Hat Parade, Grandparents' Day & Book Fair
29 March	Good Friday and start of Easter Break
3 April	Stage 1 excursion to Sate Library
5 April	Interschool sport Gala day at REPS
12 April	Last day for Term 1



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winner:



Chloe W

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 have started this year. Flyers available from the front office.

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 have been distributed to our Year 6 students. These completed forms need to be returned to school by Friday 22 March.



Marsden High School are holding small group tours on
Wednesday 13 March 4-5pm
Thursday 21 March 4-5pm
and Wednesday 27th March 4-5pm
Call MHS on 9874 6544 to book a tour



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

1116

Facts about tutors

Private tutoring to give kids a helping hand in their schooling is a growing business. However, it's also an area where parents can be vulnerable to bogus offers and misleading advertising.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/facts-about-tutors>

Public speaking

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child's next speech a success.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/public-speaking-in-primary-school>

Science starters

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life's mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/10-scientific-facts-your-child-needs-to-know>



Lesley's Laundry Lines

Don't panic when your little one comes home with paint all over their new tunic or polo shirt. Simply soak overnight in hot water and a generous squirt of dishwashing liquid. You'll be amazed!