



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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A Special Visitor



We were delighted to host a visit from Geoff Lee, Member for Parramatta, on Monday. Mr Lee took a tour through the newly refurbished classrooms in Block E and he addressed the students in 4/5B. Geoff was responding to the letters he received from 4 students in 4/5B regarding the need for government funding for Guide Dogs Australia. After his chat, the students were given the opportunity to question Mr Lee about anything of interest to them. Our lovely 4/5B parent helper on Mondays, Mrs Suzanne Barber, stayed for the visit and was also able to join in at question time.

Parramatta City Council Sustainability lesson



The excellent presentation about the "Know Waste" program supports our ongoing commitment to creating a sustainable environment. Students gained a deeper understanding about worm farming, composting and effective recycling using the coloured lid bin system.

In the classroom

Following an in - service about the positive impact of combining physical activity with learning activities in the classroom, Mrs Hungerford demonstrated for the staff some of the strategies suggested. One idea 3/4H had really enjoyed included using a balloon (in a cloth cover for easy catching) to engage students in physical movement, whilst recalling information such as maths facts and spelling. We are looking forward to trialling some of the other ideas as part of our education week open day activities.

I enjoyed a visit from some 6C students with their outstanding work.

Dylan was able to answer some very tricky multiplication challenges using his multiplication wheel that uses geometry to learn number relationships.

Jeremy shared his excellent answers to questions about the "Know Waste" program.

Bashir and Zack wrote excellent pieces about *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, the touching true story of a young girl who lived in Hiroshima, Japan at the end of the Second World War. I recommend a search about her story if you are not familiar with it.

Overnight at Dubbo Zoo

Years 5 and 6 are excitedly preparing for their Dubbo Zoo overnight excursion next Wednesday and Thursday. Students and staff will travel by train (CountryLink) to and from Dubbo, camp at the zoo, take a night tour of the zoo and ride bikes to see the animal exhibits. They will also experience a visit to the dining carriage on the train for dinner on Thursday night. What a wonderful experience!

Parent Teacher interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 25 June from 3pm – 6.30pm. A separate note is being sent home. This note will also be available on the website.

The purpose of a parent teacher meetings are:

- To combine teacher and parent efforts for the benefit of the child.
- To keep parents informed of their child's progress in all aspects of his/her education.
- To supplement the written report.
- To seek from parents any information which may lead to a better understanding of the child?
- To develop a better understanding and appreciation of the school's educational program.
- To establish friendly and co-operative relationship between the home and school.

On the website

Don't know what's on – have a look at the calendar. Information not on our website? We'd love to hear your ideas so please contact us.

Student Wellbeing

Congratulations to the following students receiving a Principal's Award.

Clare, Olivia, Adam, and Brody – Principal's Bronze award level 2

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal
8 June 2013

Dates For Your Diary

10 June	Public holiday
12-13 June	Taronga Western Plains Zoo excursion
18 June	ICAS Writing and ICAS Spelling
24 June	Reports due home
25 June	Responsible pet ownership K-2
25 June	Parent / teacher interviews
28 June	Last day for Term 2
16 July	Students return for Term 3



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Summer	Mallek	Zed	Cain	Liam
Isa	Masson	Orlando	Ethan	

Primary News

Too sick to go to school?

Sometimes it's hard to know if your child is really coming down with something or just suffering a bout of Mondayitis. Need answers about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>

Speech problems

All children learn how to talk and listen at different rates but there is a general pattern to children's language development. If you're worried about your child's speech development – or their teacher has concerns – the best thing you can do is get it checked out professionally.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>

P&C

Orders are being taken for Entertainment books valid from June 2013 to June 2014. Order and pay online at www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2148m89. Books cost \$65 each. A copy is available in the front office for you to have a browse through.

Woolies Earn and Learn

Don't forget to collect your stickers at the checkout when you shop at Woolworths and put them in the box in our school office foyer. Last year we collected over 15,000 points, which provided some excellent resources for the classrooms.

Boot Sale

Yates Ave PS P&C are having a car boot sale on the 16th June.

Are you interested in having a stall?

Cost: \$30 for the site and an extra \$10 to hire a trestle table if needed.

Please contact Jane.

Flyers available from the front office

Parramatta City Council – winter activities guide for the holidays

Information about the free coaching clinics (see below)

In partnership, Parramatta City Council and the Active After-school Communities Program are running a **FREE** workshop for local clubs and coaches to help them better engage their junior members.

Date: Wednesday June 12th

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Venue: The King's School Stadium, 87-129 Pennant Hills Rd, North Parramatta

To register please visit: www.parramattacoachworkshop.eventbrite.com.au

