



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Book Week



In celebration of book week we were delighted to have Ben Wood visit. Ben is an illustrator of numerous children's books.

His fun filled show had students involved in drawing as they learnt about the process involved in making a picture book.

Debaters win!

Our debating team delivered outstanding arguments for the case against *That weekend sport should be compulsory* against Dundas PS. Our team of Olivia, Mia, and Jon developed their arguments well and effectively rebutted those of the opposing team. Maeve was team advisor and Joel was the chairperson. Well done debating team!

Australian Rugby Union Clinics

Students from K- 5 participated in rugby skills sessions delivered by Australian Rugby on Thursday 15 August. Judging from the laughter and delighted screams from the oval everyone had a wonderful time developing their skills and gaining a better understanding of the game. 'I liked it when you got tipped you had to lie on the ground and be like a prawn'- Summer , Year 2

Zone carnivals

We were well represented by our students at the zone athletics carnivals for track and field events this week. Thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Hungerford for coordinating the teams and to the parents who cheered our representatives. Special mention to the following students for their results:

Jon gained 2nd place in 11 years long jump and will now progress to the next level of competition. He also came 3rd in the high jump and 4th in the shot-put for his age group.

Fraser: 5th in 11yrs long jump

Harold: 7th in 8-10years shot-put

Geordie: finalist for 11year 800 metre race

Rugby Tip gala day

Three rugby tip teams participated in a gala day at Doyle Park on Wednesday 14 August. I particularly want to commend our girls team who despite losing every game maintained their enthusiasm and sportsmanship and never gave up! Well done

Our other teams played very well and had some wins, some draws and some losses. Thank you to Miss Lodewijks for organising and coordinating our teams and attending on the day. Read her report below.



On Wednesday the 14th August, REPS sent 25 students to the Parramatta Primary School Gala Day. The gala day gave the students an opportunity to participate and learn how to play touch in a fun, non-competitive environment against other schools. The students are to be commended on their sportsmanship on the day, with teachers from other schools noting their honesty when they made a touch, being friendly towards the other teams and trying their best throughout every game. Congratulations to all the students who attended the carnival: Catriona, Chloe, Juels, Kiara, Karina Maeve, Mia, Olivia, Phoebe and Rita, Daniel, Emilio, Geordie, Jacob A, Jacob T, Jon, Zack, Brody Elias, Fraser, Harold, Jaian, Kevin, Lucas M and Riley

In the classroom

Crunch and Sip with a difference!

On Wednesday 21 August 3/4H and 4/5B became Super chefs!

Students worked in groups to make Hummus (a dip based on chick peas), which they enjoyed with fresh vegetables for Crunch and Sip. Students brought a wide variety of vegetables from home to use as 'dippers', including capsicums, carrots, celery, cucumbers, broccolini, mushrooms, asparagus, mini corn, beans and snow peas. This healthy, tasty dip was very popular - the plates were licked clean!

Many students are eager to make hummus home, so here's the recipe:

Place the following ingredients in a blender or processor and mix until smooth.

- 1 tin chick peas, drained
- 2 tablespoons tahini (available in the health food section in the supermarket)
- 1 clove garlic, peeled and crushed
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- ½ teaspoon salt

(it was certainly very yummy – K. Hinchcliffe)



Honour roll

The P&C had a busy day with the working bee on Sunday 18 August. They worked hard weeding & mulching so our grounds look well-presented and welcoming.

Led by the inspiring *Marg Kelly* the workers included the following families: *Hewkins, Williams, Barber, Garcia, Spenceley, Muldoon & Thomas/Smith.*

Thank you to all these wonderful families.

Upcoming events /fundraisers include a Bunnings Sausage sizzle this Sunday 25 August and Election day stalls on Saturday 7 September. I know that 2 volunteers are needed for the Bunnings BBQ for one hour at 3pm. Please consider giving your time – I speak from experience when I say it is a lot of fun!

More information about the election day stalls will be provided when details have been finalised.

Don't forget Father's day is coming up! Buy a gift for dad from the father's day stalls on Tuesday or Thursday next week.

Year 6 camp

Year 6 students had a wonderful 2 days at Brewongle environment centre last week.

Thank you to our fantastic parents who helped with transporting the students which minimised costs for the camp. Thank you Helen Chen, Kelly and Kim Jasper and Lorraine Simiana.

Thank you also to Mrs Lesley Coker for organising, transporting and supervising.

Students described the camp as "Awesome!"





Student Wellbeing

Principal's Silver Award: *Emma*

Principal's Bronze Awards: *Luke C, Clare L, Ruby*

Playground heroes: *Maeve, Katy and Abraham* for caring for our school environment

Assembly

Please note that there will be no school assembly on Thursday 5 September. Our last assembly for the term will be on Thursday 19 September.

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

23 August 2013

Dates For Your Diary

19 August	Zone Athletics (track) Carnival Sydney Olympic Park
21 August	Mini Kindy 1.55pm Kindergarten room
22 August	Zone Athletics (field) Carnival , Barton Park, North Parramatta
27 August	Father's Day stall
28 August	Mini Kindy 1.55pm Kindergarten room
29 August	Father's Day stall
2 September	P&C meeting



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Colin	Tim	Matthew Y
Lucas	Lucy	Orlando

Premiers Reading Challenge (2012-13)

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge: Amilia G, Christopher M, Jade G, Danielle M, Kayla M, Alexander M, William S, Timothy T, Geordie S and Ayesha M.

The 2012-13 Challenge finishes at the end of this month so please ensure that you have entered all completed books online before the end of the month.

Angelique Brown

Go4Fun

Go4Fun is a free, healthy living program, run by the NSW Ministry of Health, to help children and their families become fitter, healthier and happier. The program has been specifically designed for children aged 7 – 13 years who are above a healthy weight, and their parents. The program runs for ten weeks, after school, beginning in the second week of October, in a number of locations in the Western Sydney area.

The program includes:

- Weekly games and activities for children
- Fun, interactive discussions to teach you easy and effective ways to improve your child's nutrition, physical activity and self esteem.
- Practical demonstrations, games and tips about healthy foods, label reading and portion size.

For further information about the program Free call: 1800 780 900, or sms 0409 745 645 for a call back or register online at www.mendcentral.org/go4fun

Posters providing further details about the course and locations are on display in the school office.

P&C

Bunnings BBQ: 2 more helpers needed for only 1 hour at 3pm. Please contact Stephanie by email stephwilliams2009@hotmail.com or text on 0407 322362

Father's Day stall: Tuesday 27 August and Thursday 29 August. Greta gifts for dad at affordable prices.

Keep the date: The P&C are planning to have several stalls/BBQ on Saturday 7 September (election day). Our school is a polling centre and we want to promote all the wonderful things about our school and raise funds for specific purposes such as replacing computers in the library, constructing a sensory garden in the playground for imaginative play. Any time you can give to help to make this a success would be most gratefully received. More information coming soon.

Interested in being a class coordinator? Contact your P&C Committee. More information is available on the website under the P&C tab.

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Thanks again on behalf of your REPS P&C committee (REPScommunity@gmail.com)



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Family fun day

There will be a lot of fun and games for the kids at the *Love where you live* Family Fun Day at William Lamb Park, South Granville this Saturday 24 August from 10am until 12pm. Organised as part of Parramatta City Council's *Love where you live* blitz on illegal dumping, the Family Fun Day will give kids the opportunity to get behind a Council waste truck and try their hand at operating the hydraulic arm to lift bins.

There will be other interactive games and challenges with two mini iPads up for grabs. Families can also enjoy a free barbeque, face painting, a jumping castle and petting zoo. Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Cr John Chedid encouraged people to come along and enjoy the day out with their loved ones and get to know their neighbours. "For this particular event, our focus will be on helping to raise awareness about our waste services and how people can help us to keep their streets, neighbourhoods and the City clean," Cr Chedid said.

Flyer available at office