



# On The Grapevine

**A quality education in a caring, innovative environment**

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Our newsletter is packed full of photos from our education week activities and the K-2 athletics carnival. It was wonderful to have so many parents visit the school and participate in our treasure hunt maths activities. At the end of the week the students from Preschool – Year 6 really enjoyed the fast paced NED show. The money raised from the sale of merchandise this week will be 'paid forward' to allow another school to attend this wonderful show free of charge.

## Open Day Activities







**Never give up  
Encourage others  
Do your best**

*"The NED show was really good. It was positive and had some cool yo yo tricks. It helped people if they were being bullied. It was fun." Ayesha and Heba*

*"The best part was the tricks and the big alien had a really little voice." Luke D*

### Infants Athletics Carnival



***For more photos have a look in the galleries on our website.***

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

During the 'A sentence a day' session, Ruben and Antwione in Kindergarten wrote some fantastic sentences. They attempted to write interesting words, tried to hear the sounds in words and record them, written compound sentences as well as more than one sentence. Well done boys!

In April, after the visit from Guide Dogs Australia students in stage 2 and 3 wrote letters to the Australian Government about the lack of funding for people with vision impairment. During his visit to the school in June, Geoff Lee, Member for Parramatta visited 4/5B and four students read the letters that had been sent to his office. He subsequently, forwarded the letters to the Minister for Disability Services.

Andrew Constance, the Minister for Ageing and Disability Services responded to each of the four students' letters. Tom, Mia, Jennifer, Emma as well as Mrs Brown received letters, thanking them for their interest and outlining the current actions of the government, including the introduction of the NDIS, to support people with disabilities. He explained that guide dogs and assistance dogs are covered in the NDIS. Well done 4/5B, your concerns about an important issue have been heard.

### ***Staff Professional Development***

Our teachers are committed to their own professional learning. They are exemplary role models for lifelong learning. Many teachers have been involved in professional development this term.

Mr Mitchell King returned on Monday 5 August to work with the school executive, Mrs Coker, Ms Ivanek and me on understanding and using the numeracy continuum for tracking student progress and assessment and reporting. In his new role, Mr King provides support and professional learning for using the numeracy continuum effectively, to schools receiving National Partnerships funding. We are delighted that because REPS is his home school, we are able to be included in his caseload. He will be delivering workshops for the rest of the staff over the semester, including the last 2 staff development days of term 4.

I attended a conference on Wednesday 7 August, Leading the preschool as the educational leaders of preschools. All day care and preschool services must work within the guidelines of the National Quality Framework and the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and will be assessed by the end of 2014. This conference was most beneficial as it confirmed the good practices of DEC preschools as well as giving us suggestions on how to effectively continue on the journey of improvement.

On Friday 9 August one of our preschool teachers, Mrs Smith, and our kindergarten teacher, Miss Razon, are attending a course that will support teachers in developing an understanding of the Early Years Learning Framework and how it aligns with the NSW Board of Studies syllabus documents. The learning components will provide teachers with ideas and an understanding of effective transition models that demonstrate a continuity of learning for students entering Kindergarten. It will promote and support collaborative learning between prior to school teachers and Kindergarten teachers.

Next week, Tracey Arbolino, preschool teacher, will be attending an inservice on sustainability in the early years. This workshop will explore the concept of sustainability, how sustainability and sustainability education links to the National Standards and the Early Years Learning Framework, and why sustainability education is relevant and important as well as demonstrating some practical ideas.

Mrs Hungerford and Mrs Brown are developing an action plan for the whole school on fundamental movement skills and fitness, nutrition and educating children about their wellbeing after attending a two day in-service this week.

Ms Ivanek continues to attend network meetings and professional workshops in her capacity as Teacher/Librarian, Learning and Support teacher and computer coordinator.

We are currently organising for teachers to be released, in teams, to spend time in the Academically Gifted class.

Our teachers are developing our future teachers by mentoring student teachers during their practicums. We welcome Matthew and Kylie to our school.

## Student Wellbeing

Congratulations to the following students on receiving:

### Principals Silver Award

Level 1: *Sebastian*

### Principal's Bronze Award:

Level 3: *Khaled*

Level 2: *Georgia and Ansh*

Level 1: *Daniel S and Joel*

Playground Heroes: *Karina and Olivia A: for caring for the safety and wellbeing of others*

Special mention to the following students who displayed exemplary behaviour at PSSA sport:  
*Maeve, Karina, Emma, Ryan, Hyeon, Jon, Lucas E, Will and Jack*

*Keryn Hinchcliffe*

Principal

9 August 2013

## Dates For Your Diary

<b>14 August</b>	Mini Kindy 1.55pm Kindergarten room
<b>14 August</b>	Stewart house bag pick up
<b>14 August</b>	Touch Rugby Gala Day at Doyle Park
<b>15 August</b>	Rugby Australia workshops for K-5 students
<b>15 August</b>	Parent program 10am – 12 noon
<b>15-16 August</b>	Year 6 Camp at Brewongle
<b>19 August</b>	Zone Athletics ( track) Carnival Sydney Olympic Park
<b>21 August</b>	Mini Kindy 1.55pm Kindergarten room
<b>22 August</b>	Zone Athletics ( field) Carnival , Barton Park, North Parramatta



## Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



William M	Zoe	Christopher	Reuben
Kyan	Chloe W	Ethan	Ann

## P&C

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



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## Term 3 2013

Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Wk 1</b>	15 July SDD	16 July	17 July	18 July	19 July
<b>2</b>	22 July	23 July	24 July  3-6 Excursion - Parramatta	25 July  Assembly Afternoon coffee	26 July  Tree day
<b>3</b>	29 July  Education Week	30 July  Primary Athletics carnival	31 July  Open morning	1 August	2 August  NED show
<b>4</b>	5 August  P&C meeting	6 August	7 August  Celebrating the Arts rehearsal Infants Athletics carnival & sausage sizzle	8 August  Assembly Afternoon coffee	9 August
<b>5</b>	12 August	13 August	14 August  Touch football Gala Day Stewart House Bag pick up Mini Kindy 1.55pm	15 August  Year 6 camp Rugby day K-5	16 August  Year 6 camp
<b>6</b>	19 August  Zone Athletics- Track  BOOK WEEK	20 August	21 August  Mini Kindy 1.55pm	22 August  Zone Athletics -Field Assembly Afternoon coffee	23 August  Book week performance
<b>7</b>	26 August	27 August  Fathers' Day stall	28 August  Mini Kindy 1.55pm	29 August  Fathers' Day stall	30 August
<b>8</b>	2 September  P&C meeting	3 September	4 September  Paint Parra Re(a)d  Celebrating the Arts Concert – Riverside Theatre	5 September  Assembly Afternoon coffee	6 September
<b>9</b>	9 September	10 September	11 September  Planting trees excursion	12 September  Friendly debate	13 September
<b>10</b>	16 September	17 September	18 September	19 September  Assembly Afternoon coffee	20 September

students resume Tuesday 8 October for Term 4