



# On The Grapevine

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

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## **Remembrance Day**

In this solemn ceremony on 11<sup>th</sup> November, our students paused to remember those who sacrificed their lives for our country. This year is particularly significant being the centenary of the Anzac campaign and our school receiving a grant to commemorate this occasion with a musical to be staged in 2015. A snippet of this musical was presented at this year's *Repstravaganza*.



Kobi admires our Flanders poppies grown for Remembrance Day

## **Repstravaganza**

What a wonderful night of entertainment showcasing our talented students and staff. A big thank you to our wonderful staff for working tirelessly behind the scenes and to the fabulous Mrs Coker for coordinating the show. There are lots of photos on our website.





### ***Working Bee***

Thank you to the enthusiastic & energetic families who helped at the working bee on Saturday 15 November. We had perfect weather and the jobs completed included: a new log balance beam, more stepping logs, extending the bike rack & weeding/mulching the gardens. Special thanks to the following families:

Barber, Hewkins, Mills/Snell, O'Hara, Peterson, Smith/Thomas, & Williams

### ***Parent surveys***

Thank you to the parents who returned their completed surveys. Your input is appreciated and valued. The results of these surveys help shape our future directions as we enter our new planning cycle.

### ***Student Wellbeing***

Congratulations to the following students on achieving Principal's Awards:

Silver Level 1: *Khaled*

Silver Level 2: *Ethan*

Silver Level 3: *Jack*

Bronze Level 1: *Lucy B, Kyan*

Bronze Level 3: *Hanna*

*Keryn Hinchcliffe*

Principal

21 November 2014

**Next P&C meeting**  
Monday 24 November  
6:30pm in the Admin block

### ***Dates For Your Diary***

<b>24 November</b>	P&C meeting (Note change of date)
<b>26 November</b>	Showcasing Excellence at Cumberland HS for year 5
<b>27 November</b>	Assembly and afternoon coffee
<b>2 December</b>	Helpers' morning tea
<b>3 December</b>	Public high schools' Orientation Day for Year 7 in 2015
<b>3 December</b>	Year 6 farewell
<b>5 December</b>	Disco
<b>16 December</b>	Fun Day



**Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:**



Rawda	Chloe F	Mahdi	Farshad	Rachel C
Kobe	Angie	Joanne	Lucy G	



### ***Library update***

The library has recently had a facelift and it's looking awesome! The new furniture can quickly and easily be rearranged to accommodate lots of different learning styles and needs. Additional outward facing shelving also contributes to a welcoming and inviting environment. Come in and visit some time.

*Ms Ivanek*



### ***OOSH update***

There's a link to our OOSH provider, 'Helping Hands Network', on our website under the Community tab.

Information packs are available from the office. Please let us know if you would like one sent home with your child.

### ***Gala Days at Cumberland High School and Marsden High School***

Our primary students have been fortunate to attend 2 gala days at local high schools. Both days involved lots of sporting activities such as basketball, European handball and soccer.

*A big thank you to David from Ryde Toyota who provided a shuttle service to return our hot and weary students from Marsden High School on Thursday.*

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

Stick Insects (4/5B)



Brendan and Danielle brought their stick insect pets to school as part of their project presentation on camouflage. We used this wonderful hands-on experience to experiment with some descriptive language techniques including alliteration and simile. I was truly impressed with the students' results.

*Mrs Brown*

*Stick insects are like twigs with souls, as they worry and wobble woefully in the non-existent wind.*

*Stick insects feel like parched sandpaper in the driest desert. They move as fast as a sloth in a marathon. ORLANDO*

*The stick insects skin is as scratchy as a tree's bark. Its legs are as thin as the edge of a piece of paper. FLYNN*

*The super sticky, straight insect's legs were as long and thin as twigs. LILLI*

*A stick insect is a stick with a heart and soul. It has long, lumpy legs and wings that are as wide as the petals of a beautiful, brilliant bold flower. BEN*

*The brown, bark-like stick insect sways in the wind like a tree in a storm. JACK*

*Stick insects are smooth, spiky, stick-like creatures.*

*Beware! Don't scare them, for they may lose a leg. JADE G*



Cooling off – REPS style

### ***Little Aussie Songsters competition***

An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem. For further details, visit <http://www.aussievault.com.au/vault/136/detail/little-aussie-songster>.

The competition is now open and will close on **Saturday 14 February 2015**.

### ***Ready for high school***

Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.

Search by language:

[http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start\\_ss/rfhsc.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php)

### ***Holiday activities***

Information available at the office

- Letsgo kids booklets with discount vouchers for a range of activities
- Cartoon camps

### **Public Health Alert – Whooping cough (Pertussis)**

Western Sydney Local Health has advised us that there has been a steady increase in whooping cough notifications since June 2014.

If your child has symptoms such as a dry or persistent cough, please see your doctor.

More information is available on the NSW Health website or phone NSW Health on 9840 3603