



# On The Grapevine

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

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## ***Starting Kindy in 2015?***

Let friends and neighbours know we are taking enrolments for Kindy 2015 now.

Pop into the office for an enrolment form.

## ***Know your waste***

The Education Officer from Transpacific Cleanaway visited our school to talk to our students about sustainable waste management. Students were broken into groups to assess recycling, the amount of rubbish generated and value for money of several different products. This program was very informative and tied in with our *Nude Food* practices.

## ***Reports and Parent Teacher interviews***

Student reports will be sent home on Friday 13 June. Parent /teacher interviews are being held on Tuesday afternoon 17 June. We look forward to seeing you then.

## ***Reminder***

For year 5 parents, please ensure your child's report is kept in a safe place as it may be required in the high school enrolment procedure.

## ***A welcome visitor***

I was delighted to host a visit from John Alexander, Member for Bennelong on Tuesday 10 June. We discussed our school's successful application for an ANZAC grant. As per our submission, the funds will be used to purchase resources for school performances in commemorating the ANZAC centenary. We hope to showcase the performances at our Repstravaganza concert for the next 2 years.





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

I had a visit from several 4/5B students to show me their bird projects which were created using the aboriginal art techniques of x-ray and dots.

Our Cabinet of Excellence in the office foyer is currently full, showcasing the wonderful sculpture by Jack (Year 4), an exemplary piece of writing by Emma (Year 6) and an informative book review by Will (Year 5).

Make sure you come in to have a look and also take the time to watch the video put together by our reporting team, *The Crew*, for school visitors.

### ***Sydney West Cross Country Carnival***

Congratulations to Danielle, Brendan, Jade G, Mia and Fraser who ably represented our Zone at the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday 11 June at Penrith. Danielle placed in the top 20 which is an outstanding result at such a competitive level.

### ***Student Wellbeing***

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

Bronze Level 3: *Abraham, Daniel A, Katy, Andrew B*

Bronze Level 2: *Flynn, Louise*

Bronze Level 1: *Jun, Orlando*

Silver Level 1: *Lilli, Matthew Y, Clare L*

### ***Onsite services for our families***

We are most fortunate to have the services of a family and community worker available to run parenting programs and provide a drop in service for parents on the school site.

- Parenting program Thursdays 10 – 12:30
- Drop in service Wednesdays 2:30 – 4:30pm

Both the parenting program and drop in service will be located in the room in Block B nearest the breezeway.

*Obrigado!* to the P&C volunteers at the Bunnings barbecue earlier this month, raising much needed funds for the school. These wonderful volunteers are listed in the P&C section of this newsletter.

*Keryn Hinchcliffe*

Principal

13 June 2014

## Dates For Your Diary

13 June	Reports sent home
16-20 June	ICAS Writing
16 June	Know your waste - preschool
17 June	ICAS Spelling
17 June	Parent teacher interviews 3-6:30pm
18 June	Birds in Schools incursion
18 June	Cumberland High School Band visit
18 June	Parent drop in service 2:30pm
19 June	Parenting course 10am- 12.30pm
19 June	School assembly and afternoon coffee
24 June	P&C meeting 6:30pm in Admin office



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



Isa	Rawda	Serena	Chloe F
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## Feed a Devil Day

On the 24th June REPS is hosting 'Feed a Devil Day'. This day is very important because the survival of the Tasmanian Devil relies on our support. Each student is being asked to make a small \$2 donation for this endangered species. Join the fun and dress up as a devil or wear red, black or white if you can't find a costume. The Tasmanian Devil's population is plummeting because of Devil Facial Tumour Disease (DFTD). This disease is extremely contagious amongst the devils. If our school raises \$2500 or more on 'Feed a Devil Day' we will be visited by a real life Tasmanian Devil.

Make sure to support 'Feed a Devil Day' or you may never ever see them again!

## The Crew

## Preschool News



The 2 day Preschool class enjoyed a visit from Constable Rachel. She spoke to the preschool about staying safe. We spoke about people in our community who can help us. The highlight of Constable Rachel's Visit was sitting in her police car with the flashing lights and siren activated.

## Cooking Pasta

The two day preschool class enjoyed cooking spaghetti and garlic bread for lunch using the fresh parsley and basil grown in our preschool vegetable gardens.



### ***P&C news***

Thank you to the families who helped at the Bunnings Barbecue on Sunday 1st June, raising \$964 for the school.

Ralph Garcia, Margaret Kelly, Jenny Snell, Kat Jones, Suzie Hanna, Leanne Clark, Steve Lim, Ellie Shin, Melissa Welsh, Inga Nicholson, René Thomas, Judy Lummis plus family, Marleen Thomas, Cleudiane da Costa, Suzanne Barber, Peter Barber, Ngaire Wallis, Toa Feheko, Colin Flinn, Steph Williams and Troy Williams

❖ ***Next P&C meeting Tuesday 24 June 6:30pm in Admin block***

### ***School holiday information***

- [website@parracity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:website@parracity.nsw.gov.au)
- Parramatta City Council's winter activities guide available at the office
- Soccer camp at Newington Public school go to [mrsoccer.com.au](http://mrsoccer.com.au)
- Winter in the Garden at Telopea Community Garden Thursday 3 July 10:30am