



# On The Grapevine

## A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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### ***XO laptop news***

With the recent upgrade of our XO's, every student in our school has been provided with an android device linked to a Google Apps for Education (GAPE) account which provides unlimited storage. Our students are incredibly fortunate that, with P&C and school funds, an equitable technology program is available to them – a situation that would be the envy of most schools in Australia.



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

Amber, Rohan, Kobe, and Obama from 1B read their expressive descriptions of the worm farm.

### ***Sporting stars***



Congratulations to Joshua R, Brendan and Danielle M and Jade who are through to the Area Cross country



Ruby – selected in the Parramatta District Junior Rugby Union U/10s rep team



### ***Vale Ken Newman***

It is with great sadness that I inform our school community of the passing of Ken Newman.

Ken had a long history with our school that spanned decades. He was familiar face in our school, supporting school and community events and providing out of school hours care for many local families.

Our perpetual award for School Spirit is named in Ken's honour because of his commitment to strengthening school and community partnerships.

Our thoughts are with his wife, Judy and family at this sad time.

Ken presents Maeve with the 2014 Ken Newman award for School Spirit

## ***Student Wellbeing***

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

Bronze Level 1: *Jackson, Caitlyn, Mallek*

Bronze Level 2: *Sienna*

Bronze Level 3: *Reuban*

Silver Level 1: *Matt R, Farhad*

Silver Level 2: *Masson*

## ***Long service leave***

Due to family illness I will be taking leave for the rest of this term. Thank you for your understanding of the importance of my being available for my family during this difficult time. Mrs Angelique Brown will be relieving Principal during my absence and we welcome Miss Katie Wagstaff to teach 1B. Ms Daria Ivanek will be Relieving Assistant Principal during this time.

*Keryn Hinchcliffe*

Principal

29 May 2015

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

<b>1 June</b>	P&C meeting 6:30pm Admin block (Block L)
<b>3 June</b>	Featherdale Farm excursion P-2
<b>4 June</b>	Mini Kindy 11:30-12:45
<b>8 June</b>	Public holiday
<b>10 June</b>	Pet Ownership K-2
<b>11 June</b>	Assembly at 1:55pm then afternoon coffee
<b>23 June</b>	Parent/teacher interviews – more information to follow

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



Poppy	Mahdi	Jett	William
Rachel C	Kuheli	James	

## ***Model Farms High School excursion***

Students from our classes for children with Autism travelled to Model Farms High School to interact with their farm animals as part of the 'Living Things' unit of work.

There are more photos of this excursion on our webpage.





Recently a team of 29 students competed in the Paul Kelly Cup (AFL gala day) at Doyle Park in Parramatta. The students competed to the best of their ability and their sportsmanship and team spirit were to be complimented. Well done to all of these students

Sienna, Georgia, Arina, Lilli, Danielle, Kayla, Jade, Katy, Ruby, Ilaisaane, Rawda, Hussnia, Jessica Chloe, Andrew, Ryan, Ben, Brendan, Isa, Flynn, Sammy, Tomas, Owen, Abraham, Matthew, Abdul, Levi, Kobi and Brody.

The boy's team won all three of their games. The girls improved significantly throughout the day and ended up winning their final game 20-6.



## Cumberland High School Gifted and Talented Class Placement Program

Applications are now open for Cumberland High School's Gifted and Talented class of Year 7 2016.

Five academic scholarships to the value of \$800 each are also on offer.

Details of this academic opportunity and application forms can be found on our website

<http://www.cumberland-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>

in the Curriculum and Activities/Scholarships & Awards section. An application form can be downloaded and submitted to our office.

Applications close on Friday, 14 August 2015

Next P&C meeting  
Monday 1 June  
6:30pm  
Admin block  
All welcome