



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Repstravaganza

On Wednesday evening, 23 November students from Kindergarten to Year 6 showcased their talents to families and friends during the school's performance night. Students have been rehearsing for weeks with their teachers and many children performed in more than one item.

Thankyou to all our teachers who have worked tirelessly with their classes prior to the event. Special thanks must go to Miss O'Flaherty for coordinating the order of items, the music and the script for our Year 6 MCs.

Another huge thank you must go to our two amazing mums who have volunteered so much time to support our students. Ms Wallace (Rueben and Rafael's mum) had been working with classes 1B and 2/3M. Both classes have enjoyed her drama expertise for weeks before, as she worked with the children and coordinated their performance items, the 'Little Red Hen' and 'Revolting Rhymes'.

Teachers from other classes also sort her advice and skills. Our school has been delighted to have her expert help and it has been so appreciated. Ms Manns (Logan's mum) was busy behind the scenes designing and creating costumes and head pieces for the children's performance.

Thank you to Suzanne and Peter Barber and Melinda Matthews for recording images of the event.

Although there is a huge amount of work involved in practise and putting on a performance, I feel both students and their teachers are very proud of their achievements. I am sure parents and families who came to watch feel equally proud!

More images will be posted on our website soon.



Class 1B before the dress rehearsal

Christmas in Parramatta

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 dance group who represented our school at Christmas in Parramatta. The students performed a dance on stage in Centenary Square and sang Christmas carols in the combined choir. Thank you to the parents for their help with transport and costumes, and to Miss Lodewijks and Miss Wagstaff for supervising our students at the event.

Congratulations to our dancers

Arina, Georgia, Ja'Leah, Jasmin, Lilli, Luka, Ruby and Sienna



Literacy in the Park

Last Monday children in K-2 and 3-6D had a wonderful adventure down at George Kendall Park. After walking there children engaged in a variety of literacy activities to further their skills in speaking, listening, reading, writing and drama. Students participated in role plays associated with bullying, writing connected with stories read, and a treasure hunt where they had to read and interpret instructions to find the treasure. They had lots of fun and it was so educational!

Next Monday, 5 December they will be returning to a different area of George Kendall Park to participate in 'Science in the Park'.



Cumberland High School Band visit

Thank you to the band for entertaining our students on Thursday afternoon. 'They were really good. They played so many songs.' – Dilara from KS

Student Wellbeing

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

Silver Level 1: Kobe, Adem

Silver Level 2: Farhad

Silver Level 3: Freeman

Bronze Level 1: Ahmad, Jaylah, Antonious, Joshua R

Bronze Level 2: Caleb, Renee, Keira, James

Bronze Level 3: HyunJu

Principal's Playground Hero award: Balin for returning someone's lost belongings and keeping our playground clean

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Japreet

Kristy

Hayley

Logan H

Pinani

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

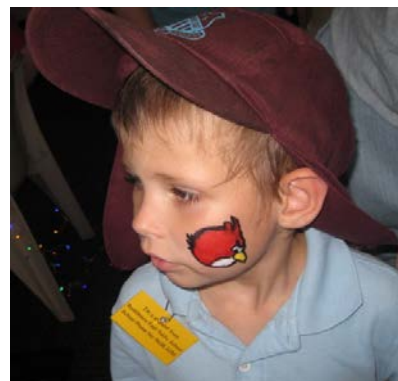
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Dates for your Diary

5 December	K-2 Science day @ George Kendall Park
6 December	Dept of Education High School Orientation Day
6 December	Prefect speeches
7 December	Preschool Christmas Party (3 day group)
8 December	Preschool Christmas Party (2 day group)
8 December	Year 6 farewell
8 December	School Walkathon (11:20am-)
9 December	Rewards Day
12 December	Presentation Day
12 December	Reports go home
14 December	Fun Day
15 December	Repsfactor
15 December	Last assembly for 2016
16 December	Last day Term 4
30 January	Years 1-6 Students resume for Term 1 2017
30 Jan – 2 Feb	Best Start testing for 2017 Kindy students
3 February	All kindergarten students start

Special Children's Christmas party

Yesterday, our students from the Support classes for children with autism attended the Special Children's Christmas Party at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse. At the party our students went on rides, watched stage shows, had their faces painted, used art and craft tables and much more. The children were very lucky and privileged to be invited to this event. Thank you to the parents who helped us out on the day. We hope you caught Ben on the Channel 7 news last night.





P&C news

Working Bee Thank you

A big thank you to the students and families who attended the School Grounds Working Bee on Saturday 19 November. We achieved a lot including washing down the Hall COLA, oiling the playground timbers, tidying up the northern end of the playground and cubby house, and garden weeding.

Gold stars to Margaret Kelly, Becky Blamires, Jenny Snell, Peter Mills, René Thomas, Peter and Suzanne Barber.

Special acknowledgement to the keen students who helped on the day – Kayla, Jack, Levi, Flynn, Kobi, Luca and Jayden

School holiday programs

City of Parramatta Summer School Holiday Program
www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/school_holidays

Sydney Olympic Park
www.kidsinthepark.com.au

Performance workshop at Rydalmere East hall January 16-20
www.rhubarbjam.com.au