



# On The Grapevine

## A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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### Playground opening

The renovated playground was officially opened this morning in a ceremony featuring Dr Geoff Lee (Member for Parramatta), Suzanne Barber (P&C President) and representatives from Urban Landscape Projects. We must acknowledge the P&C for their vision, energy and research in gaining the \$48,000 State Government grant which allowed us to renovate the playground and their consistent hard work in making it ready for today's opening. A special thank you to Suzanne Barber, Margaret Kelly, Jenny Snell, Suzie Hanna, René and Marlene Thomas who laboured in the heat and humidity planting, mulching and raking the area ready for the opening ceremony. We look forward to Stage 2 starting later this year.



### Leadership day



Ten of our student leaders were privileged to attend a GRIP leadership conference at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre.

*'We learned how to grow as a leader, preventing bullying and traffic light leading where red means there are things you need to stop straight away, amber for things that you need to change and green for things that need to be implemented such as Nude Food Day.'*  
Charlotte

Thank you to those parents who provided transport to this event.

### Student Levy

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their student levy. This certainly helps us provide resources and technologies that benefit all our students.

### 2016 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Congratulations to Georgia (4/5W) and Arina (4/5O) for receiving 'Highly Commended' Awards in the 'Say No to Bullying' Poster competition.

Our school has registered for the Bullying No Way program on Friday March 18. The teachers will be running related activities in class. Click on this link for ideas for parents and students  
[www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)



### ***Year 5 Planting Day***

This was the fifth year that our school has participated in this wider community environmental event. Our team of 19 Year 5 students planted 146 assorted native species to help restore the endangered Cumberland Woodlands at the Western Sydney Parklands site at Abbotsbury.



### ***Playground Hero Award***

Aston in Year 1 is our new playground hero for his genuine honesty. He found a sum of money on the playground and handed it into his teacher straight away. Very proud of you, Aston!

### ***Skoolbag app***

It's so easy to keep up with school events if you have the skoolbag app on your phone. Regular updates are added by our preschool, ASD classes and the Defence Transition Aide. Install the app on your device today! Visit [www.skoolbag.com.au](http://www.skoolbag.com.au) for information on how to install.

### ***Bunnings BBQ***

A Big thank you to the parents and friends who volunteered their time at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 27 Feb. They made over \$1200 for the school.

### ***Swimming carnival***

Congratulations to Jacob B, Kayla, Freeman, Xavier, Clare L, Jayden Mi, Danielle, Georgia, Jade, Oscar and Amelia who represented our school at the Zone carnival at Parramatta Pool on Tuesday 1st March. Thank you to Melinda Matthews for providing transport.

### ***Student Wellbeing***

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

Gold Level 1: Jack

Bronze Level 1: Jessica L, River, Mohammed H, Brian

Bronze Level 2: Venice, Antwione

Bronze Level 3: Luke D, Aaron C, Kelsie



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## Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Bodie	Sisca	Charlotte L	Aston	Lincoln	Harry
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### Working With Children Check

If you are a volunteer at our school either in the classroom or for the P&C, you are required to have a Working With Children Check completed and provide a copy to our school office to keep on file. It is a simple process and as a volunteer is free. Your children are our first priority and this is just one measure we take to ensure this. To access the forms required, please go to the following website. Once you have completed the form online you must submit it online, then present at a Motor Registry Office with your Application Number. Our closest Motor Registries are located at:

**Parramatta Service Centre**  
27 - 31 Argyle Street  
Parramatta NSW 2150  
Phone: 13 77 88

**Auburn Service Centre**  
100 Parramatta Road  
Auburn NSW 2144  
Phone: 13 77 88

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check/apply/apply>

➤ Click on the green 'Apply for your Check'

➤ Click 'Continue and apply'

➤ Complete the form pages as required:

➤ After you submit.....



- .....Record your Application Number. Take this to the Motor Registry, along with your **proof of identity**. As a volunteer, you will not need to pay a fee.

Alternatively, an informative youtube clip can be located at the following address. This will guide you through the application process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmfvQWrqMZk> Upon receiving your WWC Check Number, please provide a copy to the office.

*Lesley Coker & Angelique Brown*

Relieving Principals

11 March 2016

14-15 March	Debating camp
15 March	Stewart House bag pick up
17 March	Harmony Day performance – wear something orange
18 March	ASD swimming carnival
18 March	National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence
21 March	P&C AGM 6:30pm in Admin Building
21 March	Life Education parent information session 9am
21-24 March	Life Education van at school
24 March	Easter Hat Parade, Grandparents' Day & Book Fair

### ***P&C News***

**Bunnings BBQ** – The Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 27 February was a welcomed success. The weather was great and the sausages were in demand! We raised a profit of \$1244 from the day. A huge THANK YOU to the following families who graciously gave their time on the day : Abisaab, Barber, Clark, De Horta, Garcia, Jagidar, Kamboj, Matthews, Oakey/Nicholson, Smith/Thomas, Snell/Mills and Welsh.

**Volunteers Playground workers** – The P&C held several afternoon working bees to complete the finishing details for the new playground. This mulching and volunteer work saved several thousand dollars on the end cost. Thank you and 'Gold Stars' to the following families: Barber, Garcia, Garland-Lloyd, Mansour, Smith/Thomas, Snell/Mills, Welsh and Marg Kelly. Special thanks to the following students who, by helping at the working bees were the first kids to test out the new playground – Kayla, Jayden, Carla, Luke, Flynn, Kobi, Jade, Amelia, Jack & Maeve, Christopher and Antonious. Miss Morrison and Year 6 were also energetic helpers this week.

Thank you to Allcott Hire at Silverwater who provided a mini loader free of charge to help move the mulch mountain. Much appreciated.

**AGM-** The P&Cs Annual General Meeting is set for 6:30pm Monday 21 March in the Staffroom. All executive positions are open for nominations, including President, Secretary, Treasurer, Canteen team, Fundraising Coordinator + Assistants for these roles. Please consider getting involved in the P&C. It is a great opportunity to contribute to the school community and make a real difference for your children. These are not full time roles ( all of the current executives also hold full or part time jobs), we just fit the P&C duties in and around all the usual family/work/life activities. For more information on any of these roles please email [repscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:repscommunity@gmail.com) or call Suzanne 0400 474797. Child minding can be arranged during the meeting but please call to book this in first.