



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Principal's Awards

Congratulations to these remarkable students who have received Principal's Awards. Riley K demonstrates outstanding behaviour in all settings and he is an excellent role model to other students. Hussnia K and Jade G wanted to create an awareness of the plight of refugees all over the world. They were proactive and are to be commended on their initiative to create this awareness.

Pyjama Day



Children loved arriving at school all snug and warm in their pyjamas and dressing gowns. The privilege of coming to school in such comfort was well worth the gold coin donation. Thank you to all who donated to Year 6's fundraiser which raised over \$150.

Term 2 Reward Days

This Friday all children who have worked hard to follow the school expectations will be treated to a movie and popcorn in the hall. Teachers have other fun activities planned on the day to let their students know how proud they are of their efforts.

Premiers Reading Challenge 2015-2016

The 2015-2016 Premier's Reading Challenge closes on the 19th August for all participating students so please ensure that all read books have been recorded on the reading log.

The holidays are a good time to catch up on some reading and working towards completing the challenge.

Stage 2 Playground opened

The fences will be down and ready for children to enjoy the second stage of the new school playground next term. There are plenty of opportunities for exercise and adventure as children cooperate, explore and use their imaginations for creative play.

Thankyou to our fantastic P&C who applied for the grant which funded the landscaping and play features of this delightful new playground area.

Also a huge thankyou to all our fabulous students and their teachers who helped transfer the mulch from the woodchip piles to the playground. The children were amazing and finally the mulching which will be the soft fall for the playground, has been spread.



ASD excursion

Our support classes for children with Autism caught the Parramatta River ferry to The Museum of Contemporary Art to participate in the BELLA program. They engaged in the practical art making classes and explored the multi sensory room. There are more images on our webpage gallery.



Milo Morning Tea

Thank you to our fabulous Mums Jenny and Suzie for mixing, pouring and serving yummy warm milo to our beautiful students last Tuesday. The children were all very appreciative.

Sunrise visit

It was a roller coaster ride last week. One minute we were all ready to be TV stars and then we heard at the last minute that the crew had been called to North Queensland to cover the floods. The producer has assured us that he will reschedule, so we will let the community know the date as soon as we do.

Cumberland High School Band

Last Monday afternoon, students (P-6) were treated to a fabulous musical performance by Cumberland High School. This was an educational and entertaining performance where children listened to a variety of bands which included singing and dancing. They also identified a number of instruments including strings, brass and percussion.



NAIDOC Week Reptile Show (Snake Tails)

Last Tuesday, 28 June students enjoyed learning about our Native Australian reptiles including snakes, lizards and turtles. They listened to a number of aboriginal stories which connected to the Australian reptile world. Children loved the variety of scaly creatures they saw 'in the flesh' and some even had the opportunity to touch them. Everybody was invited to gently stroke the python and view the poisonous snakes which were fortunately contained in glass windowed boxes. This performance was a wonderful introduction to NAIDOC Week which is in the first week of the school holidays.

NAIDOC WEEK (3-10 July)

'NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.'

Families are encouraged to participate in the celebrations and activities that take place across the nation during NAIDOC Week. Students from our school have been invited to participate in a song, 'Guwi Burramattagal' that will be sung in the Dharug people's traditional language.

On Sunday, 10 July (1-6pm) families can celebrate aboriginal culture and heritage at Parramatta River Foreshore.

Google on line to see what else is happening in your local area or city.

Student Wellbeing

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

Silver Level 1: Asiya

Bronze Level 1: Hannah, James P, Kaiyeisha

Bronze Level 2: Edwin, Jett

Bronze Level 3: Jayden T, Lucy B

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Jacob O

Joshua R

Lincoln

Morgan

Jayden T

Lauchlan

In the Garden

Although it is winter, there is still plenty to do in the garden. Every week there is something to harvest including prickly cucumbers, lettuce, parsley, radishes, cherry tomatoes and oranges. Students have also become very clever when determining what is and isn't a weed. There is always plenty of weeding! Please remember Gardening Club is on Wednesday mornings at 8:30am. All welcome!



Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

Lesley Coker & Angelique Brown

Relieving Principals
30 June 2016

Refugee Week 2016

Refugee Week was from the 19th - 25th June. Refugee Day was celebrated on Monday, 20 June. The 2016 and 2017 theme for Refugee Week was 'With courage let us all combine'. This is from the second verse of our National Anthem, Advance Australia Fair.

The colour to represent Refugee Week was purple. We celebrated this day because, at our school, we have some children that are refugees and we wanted to show our support for them. Spreading awareness is important to us. Refugees deserve to be treated with the same rights as all people.

We would also like to wish the 'Refugee Team' luck, as they head off to the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

Jade & Hussnia (Year 6)

1 July	Last day for Term 2
18 July	Staff Development Day
19 July	Students resume for Term 3
20 July	Primary Athletics Carnival at Barton Pk
1-5 August	Education Week
3-5 August	Year 6 camp