



# On The Grapevine

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

*August 2016 (Issue 2)*

## **Welcome**

Last week we welcomed Keith and Angela Marden to our school. Keith was the Principal at Sherwood Park Community School in Kent (UK) which was our link school for the 2012 London Olympics. Our schools communicated regularly during that time and still maintain the link. Keith and Angela toured our school and were impressed with our facilities and grounds.

## **Thank you**

Thank you parents for your patience. Our school is implementing the new Department of Education finance and management system (LMBR). This has been, and will continue to be a challenging time for the office staff and executive for many weeks as we attend training sessions and try to schedule time to practise.

### ***Excursion and preschool fee payments***

*Parent on line payments using the 'Make a payment' tab on our website will be suspended from 4pm Friday 26 August until Monday 5 September*

*Please bear with us as we move to a new Finance system*

## **Foyer display**

Our amazing art teacher, Mrs Kenchington, guided year 6's artwork now on display in the office foyer. Year 6 learnt about an artist called Friedensreich Hunderwasser. After studying his fascinating architecture and artworks, the students created their own colourful buildings.

Year 6 read 'The Tower' by Colin Thompson and after appreciating his amazing illustrations, created their own tower to the sun by drawing a number of famous buildings.

Finally, they learnt about relief sculptures and then produced their own relief sculptures of buildings using corrugated cardboard. Pop into the office to admire these works.



### ***KS star readers and writers***



Balin, Antonius, Logan H and Savannah visited the office with some excellent writing about their weekend activities.

Special mention for Logan's outstanding illustration of the flying fox described in his story.

### ***Zone Athletics carnival***

Congratulations to Danielle who placed 1st in 800 metres at the zone athletics carnival. We wish her well at the Regional carnival. Thank you to Miss Wagstaff and Miss Morrison, chief organisers of the Field and Track carnivals respectively and to the parents who assisted them and supported our students at the carnivals.



### ***Student Wellbeing***

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

Silver Level 1: Kelsie

Bronze Level 1: Dakota

Bronze Level 2: Rabee, Kaiyeisha

Bronze Level 3: Venice

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



Keisha

Baxter

David T

Sam P

*Keryn Hinchcliffe*

Principal

28 August 2016

### ***Dates for your diary***

26 August	Kindy play session 2:00-2:55pm
30 August	Fathers' Day stall
31 August	Rugby program K-6
1 September	Fathers' Day stall
2 September	Kindy play session 2:00-2:55pm
5 September	P&C meeting 6:30pm Admin
7 September	Rugby program K-6
7 September	Peer support
8 September	Assembly 1:55-2:25pm
8 September	School disco
12 September	Cockatoo Island excursion Years 3, 4 & 3/6D

### ***P-2 Excursion to the Royal Botanical Gardens***

Recently students in Preschool (3 day), Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 all travelled by bus to visit Sydney's beautiful Royal Botanical Gardens.

The day was spectacular and the weather was exquisite!

Whilst there, students participated in workshops run by the Education Centre at the gardens.

Preschool and Kindergarten enjoyed a very hands-on workshop associated with minibeasts and their shelters. They





enjoyed catching bugs in the pond with their little nets. Year 1 and Year 2 students re-enacted the story of 'Alexander's Outing' by Pamela Allen. They then participated in a variety of literacy and numeracy activities associated with various parts of the book. Students had plenty of time to explore the park and appreciate its beauty. Stage 1 students ventured down to see the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge which complemented work they were doing for their Geography unit, 'Features of Places'.

### ***P-2 Athletics Carnival***

On Tuesday, 16 August students in Preschool to Year 2 participated and thoroughly enjoyed a variety of races including running, egg and spoon, three-legged, sack, 'jolly jumper' and the traditional firemen's relay. The weather was brilliant and the children demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and support for each other. Thank you to all the families who came to support and cheer on their children. Thank you also to our capable Year 6 house captains who supported the children during their events.

It was a wonderful day with perfect weather! Lucky us!



### ***In the Garden***

On Wednesday mornings before school our vegetable gardens come to life with children pouring in from the playground to help harvest vegetables and herbs, weed and learn more about gardening. This is a wonderful and quite exciting experience for all!

Margaret, our amazing expert volunteer plus many parent helpers and siblings interact beautifully with the students as they enjoy the experience of simply working in the garden. It's really quite special! Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 8:30am near the vegetable gardens which are next to the office.

*Angelique Brown*





### ***Premier's Reading Challenge***

The 2015-2016 Premier's Reading Challenge has now closed. Congratulations to those children who completed the challenge: Will O, Amilia G, Christopher M, Jayden M, Jade G, Brendan M, Danielle M and Kayla M.

But that doesn't mean your child has to stop reading!

The new challenge begins on September 1 so think about whether you would like to encourage your child to enter and participate in the Challenge.

For more information please go to the Premier's Reading Challenge website.

Please speak to Mrs Brown if you have any other queries.

### ***Parents – You're invited to attend***



The poster features a bright yellow background with a sunburst pattern. A blue hot air balloon with a red basket is in the center. Below it is a green banner with the name 'DAN HAESLER' in white. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font. The event details are in blue and orange. The Eventbrite logo is in a red box. The Cumberland Community Connection logo is in the bottom right corner.

# Future-Proof Your Kids with a Growth Mindset

## DAN HAESLER

As parents we want what's best for our children. But what if our best intentions could actually be undermining their potential to succeed in an ever-changing economy, workplace and society? What if our attempts to boost our kids' self esteem were actually having the opposite effect?

In this talk, Dan Haesler will share with you some compelling research that suggests we should rethink our attitudes towards success, failure, self esteem and how we talk to our kids.

**Wednesday 19 October 2016, 6:30-7:30PM**  
**Cumberland HS Hall (entrance via Dunmore Ave)**

**Eventbrite** To register for this event:  
Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/> and then search for Parent Session with Dan Haesler, click on the link and then follow the prompts. If viewing online, simply click on the EventBrite link.

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

### **CALL FOR NEW BUNNINGS ORGANISERS**

Dear Parents and Carers

Our next Bunnings BBQ fundraiser is booked for Saturday 22 October at the Rydalmere store. Suzanne and René, who have been organising the BBQs, are Year 6 parents who are leaving the school this year and are no longer able to continue their services for these fundraisers. The P&C is looking for other dedicated helpers to take on these roles, which include preparation of stock and supplies, rostering helpers for the day and post BBQ sorting. Both Suzanne and René are more than happy to share information and give assistance in the handover process.

Bunnings BBQs are the most profitable fundraisers for the P&C and they bring funds from other people's pockets rather than our own. But if there is no response from the school community to proceed with the BBQ on 22 October then we will need to cancel our booking with Bunnings before the end of term. It must be said that cancellations are not looked on favourably by Bunnings and may affect REPS position to lock in bookings for next year.

**If you are able to commit your help with organising the upcoming BBQ on 22 October, or if you have any questions or thoughts about continuing this fundraiser, please make contact with either Suzanne (0400 474 797) or René (0412 084 786) at any time.**

We really hope for this fundraiser to continue, so that the P&C can continue to support our school and our kids.

#### **P&C Fathers' Day stall**

Tuesday 30th August and  
Thursday 1st September

Gifts range from \$1 to \$5  
Max 2 gifts per student

#### **Save the date!!**

Family Disco + sausage sizzle

Thursday 8 September  
5 – 6:30pm

More details soon!

#### **Next P&C meeting**

Monday 5 September  
6:30pm in Admin block  
All very welcome





### *Book Character scenes*

