Have you heard?

Ten of our Aboriginal students from K-4 took part in the Junior Koori Youth Forum at Bankstown this week. They participated in various cultural activities such as learning an Aboriginal Welcome Dance, sketching portraits using charcoal and singing songs in Dharug language. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and made some new friends from other schools.

Principal's Message

GONKSI Week
This week schools are celebrating GONKSI week. Gonski is a new system of funding schools based on student need, which is delivering extra funding straight to schools across Australia. Gonski tries to make sure all students get a chance to realise their potential and that all schools have the resources they need. The funding provides better resourcing for schools so that all children get the education they deserve.

We have used our Gonski funding for many things this year including:
- providing extra support for students in classrooms and across the school
- releasing teachers to collaboratively plan
- involvement in The Song Room program
- employment of a consultant 1 day per week to support, mentor and coach staff in wellbeing and behaviour management

Kindergarten Orientation
Next Thursday, 5 November, we will be hosting the first of our three Kinder Orientation sessions. We are looking forward to meeting our new students for 2016. Parents and carers will attend a workshop in the library whilst students go in and experience being in our kinder rooms. I look forward to seeing you there!
Formative Assessment
Thursday and Friday of week 2, the majority of the executive team attended a Strategic Formative Assessment conference with internationally acclaimed education leader, Dylan Wiliam. Formative assessment is one of our key areas for development in our school plan as it is essentially the bridge between teaching and learning.

I wanted to share a couple of key messages from the conference with you;
- Quality assessment helps teachers make decisions about what to teach based on evidence of learning. It occurs minute by minute, day by day
- Expert teachers use evidence of achievement to adapt what happens in the classroom to meet learners’ needs. Expert teachers establish where students are in their learning, use information to identify where they need to go next and then carefully plan to take them there, making regular checks on progress on the way, and making adjustments when needed.
- Feedback to students on their learning is enormously effective in improving student learning. In multiple studies, grades and scores have been shown to inhibit growth even when combined with feedback. On the other hand, receiving comments alone results in a 30% gain in student achievement.
- Effort is what creates ability. In other words, smart is not something you are, smart is something you get. Most students think that, for example, training in sport results in you becoming better at the sport yet they believe that in Mathematics you’ve either ‘got it’ or you don’t. This is not true. The more you practice at something the better you get. A growth mindset is essential: Students need to believe that by working, they’re getting smarter.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 are now being accepted.

Kindergarten
Children born between 1st August 2010 and 31st July 2011 are eligible to enrol for Kindergarten. Parents who would like to enrol a child for Kindergarten next year, need to visit the school office.
Please bring the following;
* Child’s birth certificate for proof of age
* Passports and visas for families born overseas
* Proof of residence (e.g. Council rate notice, gas, electricity account or bank account).

If you would like to complete an enrolment form prior to visiting the office, a copy of both the preschool and kinder enrolment forms can be found on the school website:

Quote of the Week

NO MATTER HOW EDUCATED, TALENTED, RICH, OR COOL YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE, HOW YOU TREAT PEOPLE ULTIMATELY TELLS ALL. INTREGRITY IS EVERYTHING.

Have a great week!
Melissa Proctor
Don’t forget our Halloween Disco is this Friday 30/10/15.

Session 1: Preschool—Year 2
5.00pm to 6.30pm

Session 2: Year 3—Year 6
7.00pm to 8.30pm

REVESBY CRAFT FAIR

* Beautiful Craft * Home Grown Goods
* Great Music * Jewellery * Candles * Plants
* Delicious Food * Clothes * Homewares

Saturday 31st October 2015
9am – 2:30pm
Last Saturday of the Month

Where: Abel Reserve Revesby
Alongside Revesby Rail Station

Contact: Sandra McDonald
0408 633 181 Em: sandrarick@bigpond.com
www.revesbycraftfair.net.au
Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
Free seminar
How Many Times Do I have to Tell You!!

Families Together invites mothers, fathers, carers and grandparents to this seminar

Presented by
Petra Will-Herat
Social Psychologist, Counsellor, Parent Educator

The way you communicate with your child impacts on their behaviour, self-esteem and your relationship with them.

This session aims to teach parents practical skills in communicating positively with their children, setting boundaries as well as strengthening relationships and forming a healthy family dynamic. This session is for families with children up to the age of 12.

Thursday 5 November 2015
6.30 – 8.30pm
Revesby Uniting Church
219 The River Road
Revesby

Street parking is available from 6.00pm. There is a bus stop immediately in front of the Church.

Bookings are essential and places are limited. Please call 0407 708 626 to book your place.

Child minding is not available for this seminar. Children are not permitted to attend.

Families Together is for families living in the local government areas of Fairfield, Liverpool and Bankstown.
Children’s services workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will to be given a place.

Please note: If you do not wish to receive these flyers or would like to have them emailed to you please contact the number above.

Families Together is funded by the Department of Education and sponsored by Fairfield City Council.
INTENTION TO APPLY: YEAR 7 ENTRY INTO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Offers for selective high school placement will be made on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2017, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 13 October 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. The application website opens on 13 October 2015 and closes 16 November 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 13 October 2015.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Leanne Gray
Relieving Assistant Principal

Return the completed slip below to this school by Friday 23 October 2015. Note: This is a notice to your primary school that you intend to apply only. It is NOT an application. To apply you will need to register then apply through the High Performing Students application website.

Intention to apply: Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2017

Student’s name: ________________________        Class: __________________
I am interested in applying for selective high school entry in 2017
Yes ☐    No ☐

Signature of parent/carer: ________________________    Date: __________________

Note: This is an intention to apply only. It is NOT an application. To apply you will need to register then apply will need to submit either an online or a paper application to be considered for placement.