From The Principal

Term 1 Week 8

Have you heard?

Raqayaa, Samuel and Dylan represented the school at the Regional Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. Well done for making it to regionals!

Clean Up Australia Day
Students eagerly helped clean up the school and surrounding grounds for Clean Up Australia Day. Thank you to Mrs Tate for organising activities for classes to complete!

Upcoming Dates

Friday 20 March
Harmony Day – wear some orange

Wednesday 25 March
Principal Morning Tea
P&C Meeting 7pm

Monday 30 March
Stage 3 Excursion

Wednesday 1 April
School photos

Thursday 2 April
Easter hat parade
Principal’s Message

P&C Meeting
Last month we had the Annual General Meeting for our P&C. I would like to congratulate the new committee members: President - Teresa Bateman, Vice President - Franca Nashabe, Treasurer - Wendy King and Secretary - Fiona Dan Dan.

Our next P&C Meeting will take place next Wednesday 25 March 2015 at 7pm in the staffroom. During this meeting I am going to again share our school plan. We started work on our school plan last year and have been continually adding to it. Next Wednesday will provide an opportunity to have another round of consultation with the community. Please make an effort to attend and join us for a discussion about where our school is heading in the future.

Parking outside school grounds
I will continue to ask parents to follow road rules and take care when dropping off and picking up your children each day. Double parking, parking in driveways, 3 point turns in school zones etc are all dangerous activities and could result in children being hurt.

Parent Helpers
Thank you to the parents that have returned slips offering to help in classrooms and across the school. We are currently going through them and will contact parents that are keen to help in the next couple of weeks.

Make the Most of this School Year
Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning and their school in particular. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching. Whilst it is great if you are able to help in classrooms and across the school, we understand that it is difficult for parents that work full time and have other commitments. Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. Hearing young learners read, talking to them about their learning and making sure kids get off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep are important aids to learning.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

Make sure your kids start each day well.
That means they should get a good night’s sleep, have a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time with their all their learning requirements as well as a healthy lunch.

Attend school activities such as open days, concerts, parent evenings, sport events and celebrations. Read the school newsletter and other forms of communication so you can stay in the loop with what’s happening at the school.

Find Out what school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences. School discipline is always more effective when it’s supported by parents so be supportive of attempts to promote good behaviour in your child.

Become an advocate for your child’s school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success.

Michael Grose
During weeks 8 and 9 our students will be focusing on the value of HONESTY. Teaching the value of honesty to children is part of the development of moral and emotional strength.

Honesty is the quality of:
- Being fair and truthful to others,
- Being truthful to yourself,
- Being someone others can trust.

The quality of honesty helps to develop character and solid self-esteem.
Dear Parents

Just a reminder that the P&C are still need of chocolate egg donations for the Easter Raffle, which will be drawn on Easter Hat Parade Day.

In the past we have been able to draw in excess of 60 prizes.

To make this raffle a success we are asking if each family could kindly donate one chocolate egg.

All donations can be brought to the canteen.

Thank you for your support

Teresa Bateman – P&C President
P&C Committee

P&C
Thank you to the parents who attended the p&c meeting.
The committee is as follows
President: Teresa Bateman
Vice President : Franca Nashabe
Treasurer: Wendy King
Secretary: Fiona Dan Dan

The P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle. We are asking for donations of chocolate eggs.
At this stage we only have enough for 4 prizes.
Each year we are able to draw more than 60 prizes. So please help us by donation a chocolate egg.

Clothing Pool
Winter uniforms are now available. Don’t forget long sleeve polos are $25 same as the short sleeve. Children are not to wear coloured skivvys or long sleeves under the summer polo shirt.

Canteen
When ordering please include 20c for a lunch bag if you are not providing one.
Also when ordering multiple items please add an extra bag.
We value friendship
We value honesty
We value teamwork and co-operation

say cheese

School Photo Day is
Wednesday, 1 April 2015

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

• All payments are due on photo day.

• You may pay by cash, or place your order online using your child's individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope and pay with your credit card.

• Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.

• Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.

• All students should wear their correct school uniform.

• Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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p 02 9558 3363
Families Together

invites mothers, fathers, carers and grandparents to

HOW TO BOOST YOUR CHILD’S
MOTIVATION AND LEARNING AT
SCHOOL

Presented by
Dr. Andrew Martin

Dr. Martin, a Registered Educational and Child Psychologist, describes the essential parts of students’ motivation and engagement at school. The well-rounded student is not only motivated and engaged, but is also able to bounce back when the going gets tough in schoolwork.

Dr. Martin will discuss the key issues relevant to realising the personal potential of students, and practical ways that parents and caregivers can help build their child’s academic success, increase academic interest, enhance persistence, reduce fear of failure and anxiety, and emphasise academic personal bests (PBs).

This seminar is for primary school aged children.

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

Families Together is for parents living in the local government areas of Fairfield, Liverpool and Bankstown.
Children’s services, workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will not be given a place.

DATE: Thursday, 30th April 2015
TIME: 6.30 - 9.00pm
PLACE: The Horsley Room & Lounge
        Fairfield RSL
        14 Anzac Avenue
        FAIRFIELD

CHILD MINDING is not available for this course. Children are not permitted to attend.

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 Communities and sponsored by Fairfield City Council.
FAMILY DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY SYDNEY

★ Discover the University community
★ Experience university with students and staff
★ Visit the Lego Pompeii display at the Nicholson Museum
★ Tour the historic grounds and Sydney’s oldest buildings
★ Fun learning activities and presentations about your child & uni
★ Enjoy complimentary morning tea and lunch on the lawns

WHAT DATE?
14 APRIL 2015

WHAT TIME?
11.00AM to 2.30PM
Free shuttle buses (wheel-chair accessible) at Central Train Station to and from the University.

WHERE IS IT?
THE GREAT HALL
University Place
University of Sydney, Camperdown

WANT TO COME?
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PLEASE REGISTER BY 7 APRIL 2015

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What’s On in the Financial Wellbeing Unit

Term 1 - 2015

For bookings
Please call Isabelle on 8713 7700
Address: Ground Floor, 58 Kitchener Pde
Bankstown

Money Management and No Interest Loan (NILS) Awareness Session

A session to help you find out what the No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) is and answer your questions.

During this session you will also find out more about the courses we offer on money management and how it could help you.

Where: 58 Kitchener Parade Bankstown
When: 10am—12pm
Dates: 3 February 2015
Childcare: Yes
Facilitator: Isabelle

Approved Money Management Course

An opportunity to learn more about how to manage your money when there is not much money to spend. You will also learn about maximising savings and credit traps.

Where: 58 Kitchener Parade Bankstown
When: 10am—12pm
Dates: 24th February, 3rd & 10th March 2015 (3 sessions)
Childcare: Yes
Facilitator: Isabelle
Teach Your Children Money Skills

An informative session for parents to find out more about when and how to teach children money skills from a young age.

**Where:** 58 Kitchener Parade
Bankstown

**When:** 10am—12pm

**Dates:** 17th & 24th March 2015
(2 sessions)

**Childcare:** Yes

**Facilitator:** Isabelle

Other Services from the Financial Wellbeing Unit

The Financial Wellbeing also has the following free services at Creating Links:

**Financial Counsellor**
Provides financial information and support to clients, as well as assisting them by liaising with creditors on their behalf in order to negotiate viable hardship arrangements.

**Financial Literacy Educator**
Works with you individually to help you understand more where your money goes and also learn how to manage your money better.

**No Interest Loan Scheme Worker**
Works with you to help you access the No Interest Loan Scheme (eligibility criteria applies).

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Financial Counselling Services
Can assist anyone with:

- Financial problems that are a result of **gambling**
- Development of a personal money plan **Budgeting**
- Personal debts and creditors
- Options for resolving of debt issues
- Bankruptcy information and assistance

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Address: Ground Floor, 58 Kitchener Parade
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Kugatsu Judo –

Now training at Bass Hill Public

Kugatsu judo club is one of the oldest judo clubs in Sydney and Australia and has been involved in the Bankstown community for over 15 years. Kugatsu Judo Club welcomes general public and caters for boys and girls from the ages of 8 and up. Our training is conducted by qualified coaches with experience at national and international level with some of our members regularly qualifying for the national championships. Training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm at Bass Hill Public School Hall (entrance through Clarke St, Bass Hill) Minimum age is 8 years old. For more info go to http://www.kugatsujudo.com.au/ or find us on Facebook (look for Kugatsu Judo Sydney) or call David on 0403 861 956