Dear parents and carers,

Accompanying this newsletter is a letter about the collection of data on school students with a disability. From 2015 this information will be collected nationally from all primary and secondary schools across Australia. This year we are one of the 1600 NSW schools trialling the data collection process. The data WILL NOT identify any child or school, but it will give state and federal governments vital information to provide appropriate educational support for all children with disabilities. If you require further information after reading the letter, please ask the office staff for an information sheet or ask to speak with either Mrs Polios or Mrs Lock about it. The information sheet is also available in a number of languages.

With Winter now finally starting to bite please remember to ensure your child wears a jacket or jumper to school in the morning. Could you also make sure it has their name written inside the neck or on a label. And if any item of clothing is misplaced please let Terry or one of the office staff know so we can check in our growing supply of lost clothing. Now is also the time to make sure that children have either a raincoat or fold-up umbrella that they can bring to school during wet weather.

I have been informed that the Kinder and Stage 2 classrooms will have floor tiles removed this weekend so new carpet can be laid. With a bit of luck the four classes will be able to move back to their rooms before the end of the term.

Mrs Lock
Principal
A Message from Mrs Polios

We’re half way through the term and we have four very busy weeks ahead of us before our winter vacation. Last week, I had the pleasure of working closely with our stage 3 teachers and their classes. The students are currently learning how to use imagery to help their readers / listeners visualise the topic of their poetry. The students are using similes, metaphors and personification in their poems. Stage 3 classes are writing poetry to share with each other and their parents at our ‘Poems in the Park’ event at the end of the term. In our next newsletter, we’ll publish some of their poetry for you to enjoy as well.

Last year, the editors of ‘Good Reading’ magazine and Spine Out (an online magazine for high school students) decided to create an online magazine for primary aged students (3-6). At that time, they sent us a list of possible names for this online magazine. We surveyed our students and overwhelmingly they like the name PK ‘Primary Kids’.

PK was launched a few weeks ago. The link to PK magazine is on our website in the ‘Our School’ section. Scroll down to PK in the list on the left hand side. In this first issue, you’ll find a lot of contributions from our very own students.

The link below will also take you to the first issue

PK magazine

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Next week, you will receive an invitation to attend a parent / teacher interview later in the term.

Students in 3-6D and 1S received their letters last week as their interviews will be held sooner.

Semester 1 reports will be sent home on Monday 23rd June.

Parent / Teacher interviews for all classes except 3-6D and 1S will be held on Tuesday 24th June and Thursday 26th June between 3:15 – 5:00pm.
Please fill in the tear off section and return it to your child’s teacher as soon as possible so a day and time of your choice can be allocated to you.

Spare invitations will be available from the office on request.

If the days and times of the Parent/Teacher Interviews do not suit you, please see your child’s teacher to organise an alternate day and time.

This is your opportunity to find out about your child’s progress and celebrate in their successes!

Students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will participate in 3 way interviews this year. This means that your child will help to lead the interview.

Mrs Polios
Deputy Principal

Staff News

At the end of next week, Mrs Saffo will begin her maternity leave. Miss Karen Andrews will teach 1S for the remainder of the year.

Last week, we farewelled Mrs Black, who was successful in gaining a Deputy Principals position at Auburn West PS. We wish Mrs Black all the best in her new role.

The most important thing parents and carers can do to help their child get a good education, is get them to school every day!

Parents and carers want the best for their children – a good education can be life changing!
Week 3 ‘Best attending’ class results

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Congratulations 1S and 3/4P!

What does our school attendance look like now?

The bar represents 100%. The shading represents what our school percentage for attendance is now, after 77 days of school (91.1%)

Girls percentage = 91.3%    Boys percentage = 91%
Kindergarten = 89.3%
Year 1 = 91.2%
Year 2 = 91.6%
Year 3 = 91.2%
Year 4 = 96.5%
Year 5 = 91%
Year 6 = 91.2%

How can we get our attendance back up to the mid 90s?

Come to school every day!

As the number of school days increases, if the number of absences decreases we will raise our school attendance again.

Jargon Buster

Digital texts = audio, digital or multimodal texts produced through digital or electronic technology which may be interactive and include animations and / or hyperlinks.

Example – DVDs, websites, e-books, apps

Multimodal text = combines two or more communication modes

Example, image and spoken text as in films; visual and written text such as in picture books
PARENT SESSION

WHERE: Meeting Room
(next to canteen)
Time: **1.45 – 2.45pm**
Next session
**Wednesday 11th June**
*Come along for a cuppa, cake & a chat*

COMING EVENTS

**June**

**Week 6**

**Monday 2nd**
Heartbeat excursion – St 2 Aboriginal students
3-6 assembly: School leaders presenting
Performance by 5/6N

**Tuesday 3rd**
Stage 2 After School Sport (years 3 & 4)
*Please note after school sport finishes at 4.15pm*

**Wednesday 4th**
K-2 assembly: KR presenting
Performance by KH

**Friday 6th**
Stage 3 After School Sport (years 5 & 6)
*Please note after school sport finishes at 4.15pm*

**Week 7**

**Monday 9th**
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday!

**Tuesday 10th**
P&C meeting – 9.30am
3-6D and 1S interviews
Stage 2 After School Sport (years 3 & 4)
*Please note after school sport finishes at 4.15pm*
Wednesday 11th  
Sydney West Cross Country  
Parent session starts at 1.45pm (Meeting Room)  
*Come for a cuppa, cake & a chat!*

Thursday 12th  
3-6D and 1S interviews

Friday 13th  
Stage 3 After School Sport (years 5 & 6)  
*Please note after school sport finishes at 4.15pm*

**Week 8**

Monday 16th  
3-6 assembly 2/3P presenting;  
Performance by 2/3P

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**School Disco**

The school leaders and the P&C would like to thank everyone who attended the disco. A special thank you, to all of the teachers who stayed and joined in.

Our next disco will be held on Thursday 18th September.

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**You invited to a FREE Parents forum**

Parenting info to help you raise happy, healthy kids, such as managing children's sleep schedules, their diets and behaviour

**Time and Date:** 10am-2pm, Friday 20 June, 2014

**Place:** Blackett Public School, Boldrewood Rd, Blackett

Child care is available for children to the age of 5, however bookings are limited and essential by 18 June.

**Bookings and information:** 8886 6300 or email c4cMtDruitt@missionaustralia.com.au
Congratulations to the following students who have earned 5 Connected Certificates and are halfway to a Whalan Medal. They are also eligible for a prize:

2C - Meletoa Sika, Sonny Farrell, Aizelle Angeles, Catherine Griffiths, Preston Nisa, Moana Appleby, Keara Blackie

When students receive 10 Connected Certificates, they will be eligible for a medal.

At that time, they will complete their Whalan Medal goals form (with signatures from all of the teachers that work with the student).

The completed form and the 10 Connected Certificates are given to the Principal for approval.

The student is awarded the Whalan Medal at one of our fortnightly assemblies after the Principal approves their eligibility.
Zone Cross Country – Thursday 22nd May

On Thursday the 22nd May, 37 students represented Whalan at the Mt Druitt Zone Cross Country Carnival at Morreau Reserve in Rooty Hill.

Students in the 8/9 and 10 year age categories took on a tough, hilly 2km course, while 11 and 12/13 year old students took on a lung busting 3km course where finishing was an achievement in itself!

Despite the course being a definite ‘step up’ from the school carnival course, all students tackled it with enthusiasm and exemplified the school motto of ‘striving to achieve’.

Mrs Garland and I were so impressed by all the students’ tenacity and fighting spirit, however, more pleasing was the overall good natured sportsmanship displayed on the day.

Many students made new friends and teachers from other schools commented how positive our students were.

It’s always worth remembering the famous Olympic quote “The most important thing is not winning but taking part” however; special mention must go to our notable performances on the day.

Congratulations to Brianna Ferguson in the 12/13yr girls and Samuel Appleby in the 11yr boys, who both finished 8th in their respective races. Both students now have the honour of representing Mt Druitt Zone at the Sydney Met West Carnival on the Wednesday 11th June.

Rest assured, the Penrith Regatta Centre course is much flatter than Rooty Hill!

Other notable performances included Lizzie Jupp, who was 12th and Dylan Thornton who was 19th in their respective races.

Well done to all Whalan students,
Mr Davies
Cross Country coordinator
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Recipe:  Honey Johnny Cakes

Serves:  8 at home or 25 tastes

Equipment:
Large mixing bowl
Measuring cups / spoons
Fry pan or flat grill
3 serving plates

Ingredients:
3 cups of self raising flour
1 teaspoon of salt
3-4 tblsp honey
Enough warm water to make a dough (about 1 cup)
Canola spray
What to do:

- Preheat frypan or flat grill to a medium heat
- Place flour, salt & honey in a large mixing bowl, add water a little at a time and mix with hands until a dough is formed
- Knead for a short time until the dough is smooth
- Break pieces of the dough off and roll into golf ball size pieces, flatten with your hands
- Place onto the grill and cook for about 5 min, then flip to cook the other side for 5 min. They should be a light brown colour
- Cut into quarters and divide between the 3 serving plates
- Place on the tables
Recipe: Honey Mustard chunky Stew

Serves: 8 at home or 25 tastes

From the garden: Seasonal vegetables, lemons

Equipment:
- Large saucepan
- Chopping boards
- Knives
- Small bowl
- Measuring cups / spoons
- Wooden spoon
- 3 serving bowls
- 3 serving spoons

Ingredients:
- 1 tin of tomatoes
- 3 – 4 potatoes, cut into 2cm pieces
- 2 onions
- 2 cloves of garlic (finely diced)
- ½ cup of tomato sauce
- water
- Any other seasonal vegetables you like (cut into 2cm pieces)
- salt & pepper
- 4 tblsp of honey
- The juice of ½ lemon
- 3-4 tblsp of dry yellow mustard
- ¼ cup of flour for thickening
What to do:
- Turn the stove to medium heat and cook the onions and the garlic until just softened, stirring continually
- Add all the chopped vegetables and cook for a further 5 minutes
- Add mustard, honey, lemon & tomato sauce, mix through
- Add flour, salt and pepper, stir through. Add the tin of tomatoes and water to just cover the vegetables
- Bring to the boil, then turn down to a simmer until all the vegetables are soft
- Divide into the serving bowls & place on the dining tables with the serving spoons
- Make sure all washing up is done, dishes are put away, benchtops are cleaned & floors are swept
Recipe: Fresh Green Salad with Honey Vinaigrette

Serves: 8 at home or 25 tastes

From the garden: Salad leaves, herbs, vegetables

Equipment:
- Salad spinner
- Chopping board
- Knives
- Measuring cups / spoons
- Large bowl
- Fork
- Grater
- Large tongs
- 3 serving bowls
- 3 serving tongs

Ingredients:
- 2 cucumbers (if available)
- 15-20 salad leaves (torn into 2cm pieces)
- 1 large bunch of fresh green herbs (stems removed & finely chopped)
- 2-3 shallots finely chopped
- 1-2 apples grated
- 1 radish (peeled and grated)
- any other green vegetable available in the garden

Vinaigrette dressing:
- ¼ cup of olive oil, 2tblsp vinegar, 1 tblsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tblsp honey, pinch of salt & pepper

What to do:
- Wash and spin all salad leaves and tear into 2cm pieces, place into the large salad bowl
- Remove all stems from herbs & chop very finely, place these into the salad bowl also
- Grate apples and radish, place into the salad bowl
- Cut any vegetables you are using into 1cm pieces, place these into the salad bowl
- To make the dressing place all dressing ingredients into a bowl or large measuring cup and whisk with a fork until they are well combined
- Pour over the salad & gently toss until all coated
- Divide into 3 serving bowls & place on the dining tables along with the serving tongs
- Wash everything up, wipe benches and sweep floor