The Australian Ballet
One of our talented stage 3 students, Connor Griffith, is currently performing with the Australian Ballet at the Sydney Opera House in a production of Don Quixote. Connor will be dancing with the cast in April on Wednesday 10th @ 1.30pm, Friday 12th @ 7.30pm, Monday 15th @ 6.30pm, Wednesday 18th @ 7.30pm, Saturday 21st @ 7.30pm and Tuesday 24th @ 7.30pm.

This is a wonderful achievement. Congratulations Connor.

Additional School Development Day
Just a reminder to parents that school will restart for students on Wednesday 1st May. Due to the introduction of an Australian Syllabus the Department of Education and Communities has declared that the first two days of term 2 are school development days where the teachers will be undergoing professional development on the English syllabus. They will also be reaccrediting their CPR qualifications and learning more about using iPads to assist the students with their learning.

PSSA Sport
Congratulations to all of the girls and boys who have participated in PSSA sport during term 1. All teams have enjoyed competing each Friday and most importantly have played the games showing good sportsmanship. In Terms 2 and 3 we are offering winter sports, students have received permission notes and are asked to return them and their payment before the winter competition starts on 17th May.

NAPLAN
Parents with children in years 3, 5, 7 or 9 would be aware that the NAPLAN tests are being held at school on the 7th, 8th and 9th May next term. Students don’t need to worry about these tests but please make sure they are at school every day.

WELCOME
I’d like to extend a warm welcome to two new members of our teaching staff. Mr Daniel Elvidge has joined us this term in the role of a Learning and Support teacher and Mr Troy Verey will be starting on SV next term, filling the vacancy made due to Miss Richardson’s transfer.

Greg Way
Principal

Gold Awards
Raheel Gounden SA
Deana Khamas SO
Natalia Tosanovic 3/4D

Green Awards
Connor Van Groesen 4T
Raheel Gounden SA

Super Blue Day
This Thursday 11th April 2013 is Super Blue Day. This is a special day for students who have been safe, respectful, learners and have remained in the blue behaviour zone for this term. To celebrate students will be rewarded with a fun Milo Cricket Day at school.

Coming events for Term 1 & 2

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10 April 2013
Easter Hat Parade
We had a wonderful turn out for our Easter Hat parade. There were some amazing creations!

PSSA Sport
Round Four results are as follows:

Newcombe Ball
Round 4
Senior A - won one game and drew one
Senior B - lost one game and drew one
Junior A - won one game and drew one
Junior B - lost both games

Oz Tag
Round 4
Seniors – lost one game
Juniors - lost one game

Softball and Teeball both had a bye.

PSSA summer sport will continue in Term 4. During Term 2 & 3 PSSA Winter sport competition will be played. This will include Girls and Boys Soccer, Netball and Rugby League. Teams have been selected and competition start Week 3, Friday 17th May 2013.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Henry Francis who has been selected to represent Liverpool PSSA at the Sydney South West Regional Championships in Rugby League Under 11’s on Tuesday 9th April 2013 at Middleton Park, Yagoona.

Cross Country
Due to the wet weather our school cross country has been rescheduled for Friday 3rd May.
Students aged 5 to 7 year old will begin racing at 9.30am and students 8 to 13 years will race at 11.30 to 12.55pm. Children are required to wear running shoes, a shirt in their House Colour, a school hat and sunscreen. Please provide or purchase a bottle of water for after the race.

After School Sport
There are still several places left for Term 2 After School Sport. Sessions are held after school until 4.15pm on Wednesday for Year 1 & 2 and Thursday for Years 3-6. The first sessions for Term 2 will start Week 2 on Wednesday 8th May 2013. Application forms are available from the office.

Footsteps
Next term students have the opportunity to participate in Footsteps, a 5 week dance program, as part of the PD/H/PE syllabus. Students will learn a range of dance styles including hip-hop, contemporary and ballroom to modern music. All students will be participating in a free session to be held on Wednesday 8th May 2013. A note with full details is being sent home early next term.
Anzac Assembly
Just a reminder that our Anzac Day commemorative ceremony will be held this **Friday 12 April at 10am** because Anzac Day 2013 falls in the school holidays. All members of our school community are invited to attend. We have a special guest, Mr Mark Lucas visiting from the Australian Army. Everyone throughout our school community is invited to attend and is welcome to participate in laying flowers and wreaths.

School Website
Don't forget to visit our school website in the school holidays. We have newsletters, school notes, links to educational websites and a photo gallery with many photos of our school events. If you have any feedback on improvements or things which could be included on our website, see Mrs Small in the library or email marsdenrd-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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**WAKAKIRRI NOTICE!!!**

**The Giving Tree**
We are looking for community members who are able to donate
4 CHEF UNIFORMS including chef hats, shirts & check pants to the Wakakirri Costume Team.
Please drop your donations at the front office.
Thank you for your support 😊

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**Assembly Items**
Due to the ANZAC Day Ceremony and the School Cross Country there will be no assembly items until Week 2 next term 10th May.

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**Responsible Pet Ownership Program**
This term Kindergarten & Stage 1 had a visit from Adele & her lovely dog Cinnamon. The visit was enjoyable for all our students who are now confident and know how to interact with dogs and care for pets.

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**Foyer Display**
Every week a class will showcase their classroom work in our foyer. Listed below are the classes for the coming weeks. Come in and see our wonderful display.

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**ICAS**
Each year, students in Years 3 to 6 have the chance to enter into the English, Mathematics and Science Competitions, which are held by the University of New South Wales. From this year students in Year 2 also have the opportunity to compete in English and Mathematics only.
The competitions are run at school and cost $8 each.

SCIENCE - **Wednesday 5th June 2013** (Year 3-6 only)
ENGLISH - **Wednesday 31st July 2013**
MATHEMATICS - **Tuesday 13 August 2013**

Notes are available from the office and payment is due **Friday 3rd May 2013** for Science and **Friday 28th June 2013** for English and Mathematics.
Caring for library books and reading during the school holidays
Don't forget to take special care of our library books during the school holidays. We often have books sent back to our school from their travels with students from all over Australia. Remember to keep library books safe in library bags. Reading is a fantastic way to keep children occupied during the school holidays. Our 21st century learners will read and write more than at any other time in human history. They will need advanced levels of literacy to perform their jobs, run their households, act as citizens, and conduct their personal lives. They will need literacy to cope with the flood of information they will find everywhere they turn. They will need literacy to feed their imaginations so they can create the world of the future. Research suggests that twenty minutes of reading for enjoyment each day can have a profound effect on your child's literacy attainment. Remember reading is everywhere and includes print (e.g. books, magazines, newspapers) and digital sources (e.g. websites, email, blogs).

P & C
The next P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 11th April 2013 at 3.15pm in the Conference Centre next to the hall. Everyone is welcome.

To raise funds for this year’s Mother’s Day stall the P&C are holding lunch time discos. For a gold coin donation students will be able to attend the disco during lunch time. Students are to wear full school uniform.

K – Year 2 Tuesday 7th May 2013
Years 3 - 6 Wednesday 8th May 2013
The Mother’s Day stall will be held on Thursday 9th May. Students will have to opportunity to buy gifts for their mums or special person in their life.

Earn and Learn
Our school is again participating in Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’ campaign. It is easy to participate and earn points that provide our school the opportunity to gain valuable learning resources. From Monday the 8th April 2013 simply collect Earn & Learn points every time you shop at your local Woolworths, one point for every $10 spent, and place them on a points sheet (available from our school office as required) and return to the collection box found in our school office before 9th June 2013. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Playgroup
Playgroup is held every Tuesday for pre-school aged children and their parents. Sessions are held 9.00 am-10.30am or 1.15pm- 2.45pm. Cost is $2 per family per week. We ask that each family contributes a piece of fruit each week to share for morning or afternoon tea. Tea, Coffee, Milk and Cordial will be provided by the school.

Hope to see you next Term.

Anzac Ceremony Wreath Making
Thank you to all the parents who came to make wreaths on Tuesday 9 April in our Parent Cafe. Our parents and students did an amazing job with the help of Joanne Hynard, the Head Teacher of Floristry at Padstow Tafe.