Student Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Reports for the first half of the year will be sent home this Thursday/Friday.

Parent teacher interviews have been arranged for early next term. Please make sure you have made an appointment to meet with the teacher to discuss your child’s progress.

For students in years 1 to 6 the reports include an A-E grading in English and Mathematics that clearly explains student achievement in these subject areas over a two term period (semester). For Kindergarten and other subjects for year 1 to year 6 we use a three level scale to indicate your child’s achievement.

Also there is an effort grading on a scale from 1 to 5. This information will tell you how much effort your child has put into his/her learning. They deserve your praise and encouragement.

Some children may find learning easy and don’t try as hard as they could. Your encouragement here is critical as well.

Employment update form

With your child’s report we are sending home a form that needs to be completed by ALL families. We need to have the most accurate and up to date information recorded on our student enrolment system to ensure we receive all the funding that we are entitled. The government is looking to allocate some of our funding based on a family’s employment situation. To help your child we need you to put what job you currently have (if employed), not what you may be qualified to do. All information will be treated confidentially and individuals won’t be identified when the information is used to determine our school funding.

Staff changes for Term 3

Mrs Tea will commence her maternity leave from the end of this term. Next term we welcome back Mrs Newcombe who will be sharing the teaching of 4T with Mrs Danne.

Greg Way
Principal
PSSA
14th June 2013 results
Netball
Junior A - Won 9-2  Junior B - Won 2-1
Senior A - Bye  Senior B - Lost 17-0
Girls Soccer  Boys Soccer
Junior A - Lost 0-1  Juniors A - Lost 3-0
Junior B - Lost 0-3  Juniors B - Lost 4-0
Seniors - Lost 0-6  Seniors - Lost 7-0

21st June 2013 results
Netball
Junior A - Bye  Junior B - Lost 3-0
Senior A - Won 17-8  Senior B - Bye
Girls Soccer  Boys Soccer
Junior A - Bye  Juniors A - Lost 5-1
Junior B - Bye  Juniors B - Lost 7-0
Seniors - Bye  Seniors - Drew 0-0

SRC PJ Day
Thank you to all the students who supported the SRC Pyjamas Day on Thursday. A total of $754.05 was raised for Stewart House.

Rugby League Gala Day
On a cold and miserable Wednesday in June, 27 boys from Marsden Road Public School packed onto a tiny mini bus and ventured to St Gregory’s College Campbelltown. The three teams competed in the Wests Legends of League, Rugby Gala Day. Even though it was freezing cold and torrential rain, the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves! I am so proud of the sportsmanship that every student displayed on the day, showing their professionalism to sport. A big congratulations to the captains of each team, Marcus, Henry and Clay, who showed maturity and leadership beyond their years. Thank you to Mrs Truong, Mrs Giannakopoulos and Mr Ponini for your support on the day, which not only included cheering for each team on the sideline, but involved offering blankets, jackets, umbrellas and extra ponchos! It was greatly appreciated!

“it was great! Everybody was enjoying it and heaps of people scored tries. We went to St Gregory’s College and it was freezing cold, everybody got drenched in the rain. Mrs Danne had to quickly run down to the shops and buy us all ponchos! Thanks Mrs Danne! Each team played 3 matches and they all went really well. Unfortunately, due to the points, none of our teams made it to the finals, however, everyone had fun! Thanks to Miss Friedewald for organising the Gala Day!” (Matthew Karko, SO)

Miss Friedewald

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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NAIDOC Week
This week our school is celebrating NAIDOC week. A special assembly will be held on Friday 28th June, 2013 at 10am to acknowledge the Indigenous Australians of our local community, and gain an awareness of this significant occasion. Aunty Norma Shelly the Aboriginal elder of our region will visit and assist in the planting of trees in our rainforest to mark this occasion. All parents and community members are welcome to come and join us.
We would like to acknowledge the generosity of Bonnyrigg Garden Centre for their prompt and generous donation of plants for this ceremony.

After School Sport
Application forms for Term 3 After School Sport will be available this Thursday 27th June on the old stage at 3.15pm. Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to participate in Term 3. Sessions are held on Wednesday afternoon for Kinder, Year 1 & 2 and Thursday for Years 3-6 from 3:00pm to 4:15pm. The first sessions for Term 3 will start Week 2 on Wednesday 24th July 2013.

PIEP Writing Competition
Congratulations to the Stage 3 Primary Intensive English Project students (Katrin, Lina, Ilan, Noor, Danial, Taha, Yasir and Hakeem) who came second in the South West Sydney Region Refugee Week Writing Competition. The students each received a certificate and were given a JB Hifi voucher to spend as a group. Well done on all your hard work. Mrs Sugiana

Assembly Items
Each week a class performs at the school assemblies. Listed below are the future items.

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Milo Cricket
Next term Cricket NSW is providing accredited coaches to run the ‘Milo Cricket Clinic’ for all K-6 students. This clinic is a 4 week program during school.

Each lesson involves a whole group warm up, followed by small group activities to develop their fine motor skills, gross motor skills and self-confidence whilst fulfilling a range of outcomes from the Board of Studies NSW Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Syllabus.

The total cost of the 4 week program is $12 per student. Permission notes are available from the office and payment is due to your child’s class teacher no later than Friday 19th July, 2013.

Field of Butterflies
Last week, Marsden Road students participated in Refugee Week by planting a field of butterflies. Earlier in the term, students were encouraged to take a butterfly home and with their family write a message of hope. The butterflies were then planted on Thursday making a wonderful display outside our school office. The butterflies are a reminder of hope for anyone in our school or community who is facing troubles or difficulties. The messages of encouragement have been wonderful to read. Thank you to all students and families who wrote a message of hope and planted a butterfly.
The Mini Marsden’s Playgroup is running again next term and is open to pre-school aged students, along with their parents. Sessions are held on Tuesdays 9:00-10:30am or 1:15-2:45pm. The cost is $2 per family unless otherwise stated.

During these sessions we aim to create the opportunity for every child to learn through quality play experiences, while supporting parents with their role as primary educators at home. Children, as well as parents, will enjoy positive, enriching, educational experiences in a safe, friendly and social environment.

Below is a list of themes we will be covering next term.

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<td>What Letter does your name start with?</td>
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Looking forward to seeing you at playgroup!
Anna Watson and Carol O’Brien
Playgroup Co-ordinator and Community Liaison Officer

Ticket Giveaway
We have 50 free child tickets for the HSBC Waratahs versus Reds at ANZ Stadium on Saturday 13th July at 7.40pm. If you are interested in attending please collect your tickets from the office before the holidays.

School Banking
A Token Trading will be held on Thursday 25th July from 8.30-9.30am in the uniform room.

Medication at School
A reminder to parents, if your child is required to take medication at school we must have written permission. Forms are available from the office. All medication must be kept securely at the office and no medication can be administered without written permission.

Parent Café
Our Parent Café is held every Wednesday morning from 9.00am to 10.30am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.
Also on Wednesday afternoon for weeks 1, 2 & 3 we are holding art classes for women only called WEAVING WOMEN TOGETHER. This workshop runs from 1pm-2.45pm in the Parent café room.