Principal’s Notes

Congratulations
Well done to the Netball and Oztag teams who competed in Friday’s Botany Bay Zone Winter sport finals. The Senior Oztag, the Division 2 Junior B and Division 1 Senior A Netballers were successful, with Junior Oztag and Senior A Division 1 Netball coming runners up.

P&C Meeting
Thank you to all the parents who attended last Wednesday’s meeting. It was fantastic to have so many parents attend and have input into the school. Many items were discussed which are summarised in the minutes.

Uniform
Your school community is very proud of our uniform and support the children wearing full school uniform. Please ensure that your child leaves for school wearing the appropriate uniform, especially a school hat. Sometime this week the teachers will be undertaking a uniform audit in each class. This awfully official sounding term is the one we use every year or so when we check each child’s hats and jackets to see if the name in the item matches the child. Children often inadvertently pick up someone else’s clothing when they are in a rush and, most often, do not check the name. Please check your child’s clothing has their name clearly written inside.

Remember that the uniform shop is open Monday and Wednesday and that orders can also be placed through the order form available from the office.

Photos
The Performing Arts Groups and Sport Team photos have arrived. You can view them in the display cabinets from today. Envelopes to place orders can be obtained from the office. Photos are $14 each, 2 for $26, 3 for $36, 4 for $44 or 5 for $50. This discount is only available per family order.

Musical theatre
There are only 170 tickets left. No tickets will be available on the night.

Father’s Day Stall
The P&C Father’s Day stall is to be held on Thursday 4th September. There are many great presents for the special man in your child’s life. Please mark this date on your calendar and try to send your child with a few dollars to make Dad’s Day.

Mobile phones
Our school accepts that some students may need to have a mobile phone with them for after school activities. Under no circumstances are they to be used during school hours. However, we will not be responsible for their security unless it is handed into Mrs Williams (DP) before classes commence. It is the student’s responsibility to collect the phone from Mrs Williams when classes have finished.

Mega Fete
Our Year 6 Mega Fete is being held on Tuesday 9th September. On this day the canteen will be closed. Children will need to purchase lunch through a Mega Fete lunch order or they will need to bring food from home.

Public Speaking Finals
Our school Public Speaking Finals are being held next week. Stage 2 Monday, Stage 1 Tuesday, Early Stage 1 Wednesday and Stage 3 Thursday.

SPAF Programs
The St George Performing Arts Festival has excess 2014 Souvenir Programs. The programs were priced at $15 but are now available to order for $10. There are photographs of all of the children who performed last week. If you would like to view one or place an order, please see our fabulous office staff by this Friday so that we can have one bulk order.

Zone PSSA Athletics
Unfortunately, the weather has played havoc with the Botany Bay Zone Athletics Carnival. Due to the extreme weather conditions, the carnival has been postponed until next Monday when our children will compete to earn the right to represent Botany Bay at the Sydney East Regional carnival on Wednesday 3 September.

Wet Weather Reminder
We all like the children to be kept as dry as possible so please, on wet weather days, ensure that the children have their rain protection with them.

Ian Power
STUDENT WELFARE NEWS Cont…

Parent Information Sessions
At the beginning of the year, usually in Week 3 of Term 1, classroom teachers make themselves available to present to parents an overview of their program for the year. They also discuss class requirements, expectations, homework procedures and other issues of relevance to parents.

Performing Arts Groups
CAPA groups practice regularly with every group having the opportunity to perform during the year. The groups may perform at such events as Education Week, St George Performing Arts Festival, our Afternoon of Entertainment or other DEC and School events.

Presentation Day
Each year in December, Presentation Day is a formal occasion held to recognise and congratulate student achievement. School leaders for the following year are announced and major awards are presented.

Policies and Procedures
The School is responsible for implementing DEC policies and developing local procedures that support the policies. A list of procedures has been compiled and these are reviewed on a regular basis. An extensive consultation process is used for new and revised procedures before they are accepted.

YEAR 6 NEED YOUR HELP FOR THE MEGA

The Year Six MEGA FETE preparations are underway. The students have organised themselves into their groups and have decided what stall they will be running. This year, the Mega Fete will take place on Tuesday, 9 September (Week 9). However, we have a favour to ask of all students and families.

Donations for the ‘Trash and Treasure’ – The Trash and Treasure stall has been a great success in previous years. In order for it to be successful this year, ALL STUDENTS (K-6) are encouraged to donate something that can be sold at this stall. This may include pre-loved toys, board games, books or anything that would appeal to other students. Please note: We can only accept goods that are in good condition. If you have anything to donate, please take it to Mrs McKenna’s room (5/6M).

Donations for the BBQ Stall – The BBQ stall is also in need of donations. If you know of any butchers that would be happy to donate sausages or bakers that would be willing to donate bread, please pass on their contact details to your child’s class teacher. We appreciate your help, and thank you in advance.

Mr Gannon, Mr Campbell and Miss Smith
Mega Fete Team

Mrs Williams
Stage Three Supervisor/Deputy Principal

BLSPS P&C NEWS

Uniform Room
Uniform room is open on Mondays & Wednesdays from 8:30 - 9:15am and Fridays from 8:30 - 9:00am for the rest of Term 3.

All hats and sport socks are now $12 as of the beginning of this term.

Fundraising
Just a reminder that the Fathers Day Stall will be held on Thursday 4th September, and there will be a viewing for the children on Wednesday the 3rd September so that they can get an idea of what there is on offer. Prices will range from $2 - $10.

A special thank you to all those that have volunteered to help us in this process. Much appreciated.

Canteen
Just a reminder to please place correct money in lunch bags. If you do require money back be sure to let your child know to take their lunch bag straight to the canteen in the morning and wait for their change.

Volunteers are needed to ensure that the children get their lunches on time.

There will no longer be jelly on sale for breakfast.

Also, prices for some items have increased as of beginning of Term 3, please be aware when building sandwiches that some add ons are at an extra charge, an amended canteen price list was sent out late last term but for those of you that did not receive one it is on the school’s website and a copy is in the school office.

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 10th September at 7pm in the Staff Room, all welcome.
SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS

Proof copies of Special Group photos, taken earlier this term, are on display in the South and North Playground display boards. We would like to remind families of the following in regards to placing orders:
• Order envelopes can be obtained from the front office
• If paying by cash please enclose correct money
• Cheques are made payable to The School Photographer
• For credit card payments go online to www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and enter order number on the front of the envelope
• Orders need to be received before Thursday 11 September. The school is unable to process any late orders.
• Orders will be available for collection next term
• PLEASE ENSURE YOU ORDER THE CORRECT GROUP PHOTO—the display photos are labelled.

List of photos available:
• 11’s All Schools St George Rugby League
• Boys Junior A Softball
• Boys Junior B Softball
• Boys Senior A Softball
• Boys Senior B Softball
• Captains and Prefects
• Debating
• Girls Junior A Softball Division 1
• Girls Senior A Softball Division 1
• Girls Senior B Softball Division 2
• House Captains
• Junior A Netball Division 1
• Junior A Netball Division 2
• Junior B Girls Softball Division 2
• Junior B Netball Division 1
• Junior B Netball Division 2
• Junior Boys Soccer
• Junior Cricket
• Junior Girls Soccer
• Junior Maroon OzTag
• Junior OzTag
• Kindergarten Dance
• Musical Theatre
• Open St George Rugby School Champions
• PSSA Junior Rugby League
• PSSA Senior A Football
• Senior A Netball Division 1
• Senior A Netball Division 2
• Senior B Netball Division 1
• Senior Band
• Senior Boys soccer
• Senior Cricket
• Senior Cricket
• Senior Girls Soccer
• Senior Maroon OzTag
• Senior OzTag
• SRC
• Stage 1 Boys Dance
• Stage 1 Girls Dance
• Stage 1 Junior Choir
• Stage 1 Musical Theatre
• Stage 2 Dance
• Stage 2 Junior Choir
• Stage 2 Musical Theatre
• Stage 3 Choir
• Stage 3 Dance Sport Challenge
• Stage 3 Guitar
• Stage 3 Music
• Stage 3 Musical Theatre
• State 2 Guitar
• U9 St George Rugby League All Schools Champions
• Swimming

KINDER BLUE CLASS NEWS

Wow, we have had such a busy start to Term 3 in Kindergarten. Last Friday the students in Kinder Blue were extremely excited to go on our second excursion to Taronga Zoo. Kinder Blue had an incredible day with Miss Way and Mrs Dabron. I would like to thank Mrs Wong (Sophie’s mum) and Mrs Gort-Bahram (Keidis’ mum) for their wonderful help on the excursion.
We have been learning about many different zoo animals in class and it was great to go and see them first hand! It was an absolute pleasure to take Kinder Blue on an excursion as they were beautifully behaved and eager to see their favourite zoo animals.
When we came back to school on Monday we created a graph to determine which animal was Kinder Blue’s favourite from the zoo. Most students selected the lion. We also wrote a recount about our experiences at the zoo. This involved a lot of talking, drawing and writing. Below are a few examples of Kinder Blue’s Writing.

“On Friday I went to the zoo with Kinder Blue. I saw the giraffe and seals. I felt happy” – Sendyan

“On Friday I saw my favourite animals which are koalas and seals. We had fun. I went with Kinder Blue. I felt happy.” – Sophie

Miss Way
1A CLASS NEWS

1A have made a great start to a busy term. Each student tries their very best each day and comes to the classroom with a smile and an eagerness to learn. It has been very interesting learning and writing about different bugs. The insect drawings which the students have created are carefully done and impressive. 1A have particularly enjoyed word processing important facts relating to ants and snails. The class are looking forward to the excursion to IMAX later this month. The 3D experience will further their curiosity of the “bug world”.

In Mathematics, 1A are strengthening their problem solving ability by carefully thinking about a number problem each week, then solving it by using a range of strategies. The students learn from each other as they discuss the different strategies used.

As a class we constantly focus on building and strengthening friendship skills. The students are kind, caring and helpful to each other. The class focus on thinking about good and bad choices. The STOP, THINK and DO technique is taught to assist the students make the right choices (in words and actions), both in the classroom and on the playground. It’s wonderful to see the students with their friends, playing happily at recess and lunchtime.

Mrs Aylesbury

2E CLASS NEWS

This term, 2E are learning about insects. We like exploring the school during Science, creating insect Art and discovering new facts to write about. We have even done insect Maths!!! Here are some interesting facts we have learnt.

* Bees, ants and butterflies have a complete ‘metamorphosis’ during their life cycle. They change from: eggs, larva, pupa to adult.
* It takes 75 flowers for bees to fill up their honey stomach each time.
* A bee can visit up to 1500 flowers a day to collect nectar.
* The Queen Ant is the only ant to lay eggs in the colony.
* Ants leave a special smell for the other ants to follow when they have found food.
* Both bees and butterflies have four wings.
* There are 15,000 different types of butterflies.
* Butterflies have taste buds on the end of their feet.
* The sound we hear bees making is their wings flapping.
* Bees communicate through dance.
* Some insects have exoskeletons.

Miss Edwards and 2E

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

There is only ONE WEEK left!!
This year’s PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE finishes on Friday August 22nd.
All online entries need to complete by the end of this week! Let’s see if we can better last year’s tremendous result of 308 independent finishers.
Our latest PRC “Tremendous” readers are:

Kindy – Alex
Year 1 – Lee, Christian M, Rafi, Christian D
Year 2 – Frankie, Sophia
Year 3 – Matthew, Katerina, Mason, Jahleeza, Timothy, Michael H.
Year 4 – Ellen, Evan, Catherine, Samuel, Andrew, Nicola, Vladimir, Ava, Thomas, Theo, Hamish
Year 5 – Steven, Grace Ha., Harry, Shianne, Daniel, Adam
Year 6 – Alexander, Ula, Maria, Jasmine, Mimi

Congratulations! Students need to update their reading record online by logging onto the PRC website using their DEC logon and password. Once logged on, click on “Student Reading Record” to enter the books read.

Mrs Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian
A FUN AND PRODUCTIVE TERM 3

3/4M are really enjoying our Literacy Group sessions this term. We have been practising a range of Reading skills and strategies during Comprehension, Reciprocal Reading, Reader’s Theatre and Accuracy activities.

Comprehension
We learn all about the ‘Super Six’ Comprehension strategies in our lesson.

Reciprocal Reading
We work in groups to predict, read, question, clarify and summarise the text.

Reader’s Theatre
We practise our fluency through performing fun play scripts.

Accuracy Activities
We focus on accurately reading parts of words, words and phrases during a timed 1 minute block.

3/4M Excursion Time!
3/4M had a wonderful time on this Term’s Excursion to The Sydney Barracks. We learnt so much about how the convicts lived and how they were treated. Our favourite part of the excursion was lying about in the hammocks (the convict’s sleeping area).
KINDER GREEN NEWS

Kinder Green have had such a productive start to Term 3. In week 3 we had open classrooms for Education Week. We had parents come and visit our room and participate in our classroom activities. Kinder Green students even sang and danced to a subtraction song!

In week 4 we were off to Taronga Zoo and what a fantastic day that was! We visited animals of all kinds. Some that slithered, some that roar, some that stood metres above our heads and some who slept most of the time - could you guess what animals they were? We also enjoyed watching the Bird Show and watching Miss Kazzi get up and close to a Seal! A special thank you to our parents who came along on the trip and helped us – Mr Saha, Mrs Konstantin and Mrs Kakolyris. Our visit to the zoo kept us busy in class writing descriptions and information reports about all the different types of animals we met at Taronga Zoo.

Congratulations to Aima, Arah, Anastasia, Ilianna and Lily who are part of the 2014 Kindergarten Dance Group. They performed brilliantly at the Marana Auditorium during SPAF week. I know that myself, Mrs Hornigold and all the parents were extremely proud.

We hope that you enjoyed reading our Kinder Green News.

Miss Kazzi
3/4L AND HYDE PARK BARRACKS

On a beautiful Monday 3/4L went on an excursion to Hyde Park barracks to learn about convicts and how they lived. First Miss Scott called the roll then we all had a chat to each other. Then Miss Scott said we need to go now so off we went to the bus. When we got there we met this man named Ed. He took us up to this room where the convicts slept. It was full of hammocks. We got to lay in them and it was a lot of fun.

After that we met another man named Mathew. Mathew took us into this room where he gave us a sheet of paper with a man on it and they were convicts. They described what they looked like in the bottom left corner and we had to sketch what they looked like.

Next we went to look at the bricks that the convicts made. They had to make 3000 bricks a day between 8 people. The way they could prove it to the guards was each hundredth brick they would put a finger mark in the brick. Mathew also took us to the front and showed us leg-irons. We got to hold and look at them. It was a lot of fun and hopefully we can go on another excursion to Hyde Park Barracks!

By Amber

Last Monday 3/4L went on an excursion to learn more about life as a convict at Hyde Park Barracks!

TO BE INSPIRED!

This term, 5/6C has been exploring Australian artists and developing new techniques to create their artworks. Firstly, Mr Campbell introduced the artist Max Mannix and his oil paintings, which are inspired by his stories of growing up in Victorian country towns and working on Queensland cattle stations. Max includes colourful characters in his landscapes of the Australian bush.

5/6C used oil pastels and water colours to create the landscape. They then collected and used rosemary leaves to create the tree tops. The students finished off their artworks by cutting out and pasting prints of the characters from Max’s art.

In Week 5, Miss Gordic introduced the Australian artist Arthur Streeton and his landscape paintings of World War I. 5/6C found out that Arthur avoided painting human figures and the suffering but focused on the terrain and landscapes of war.

5/6C then decided on creating tree landscapes, using coloured tissue paper to create a layered collage over the black silhouette of a tree. The students created many different types, sizes, and shapes of trees!

Miss Gordic
Pre-Service Teacher

ROCKDALE CITY LIBRARY AWARDS

Three students from our school have received the following awards for their art work which was entered into the Rockdale City Library Book Week Art Competition. They were asked to devise an art work based on an “Underwater World”.

Congratulations to: Trinity – 1st place, Jennet – 2nd place and Daniel – 3rd place. These students have been invited to attend an award ceremony at the Rockdale Town Hall.

Mrs Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian
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What happens in the Go4Fun Program?
The program runs over one school term (10 weeks). All sessions run after school and are free of charge to attend. Sessions include games and activities for kids, demonstrations and tips on healthy foods, supermarket tour, swimming, Zumba and rewards for all eligible participants.

How can I join the program?
To register for the program phone 9382 8641 or visit www.go4fun.com.au
Linda Trotter (local Go4Fun Coordinator)
Starting Tuesday 7 October at Hurstville Aquatic Centre

STAGE 1 THINKING SKILLS

2E have been learning to prepare ‘impromptu speeches’. We have been using the Thinking Hats to help us prepare, think and write our speech on a given topic.

We use the following Hats to help us.
- The WHITE hat to introduce and define the topic.
- The YELLOW hat to think about the positive and strengths.
- The BLACK hat to discuss the negatives or weaknesses about the topics.
- The GREEN hat to talk about our personal experiences or examples of the topics.
- And the RED hat to discuss out feelings towards the topic. It is a fun and interesting way to prepare a speech on a new topic.

Miss Edwards

PSSA NETBALL

This year Brighton-le-Sands had 80 girls form 8 teams in PSSA Netball. We all had a fantastic season with 5 teams making the semi-finals. Unfortunately due to the poor weather conditions the semi-finals were not played and the grand final teams were decided by 1st and 2nd place on the ladder. As a result, we had 3 teams play in the Grand Final. All teams played fantastic and the Division 1 Senior B’s and Division 2 Junior B’s won their game!

It has been a very exciting season and I would like to congratulate all girls for their dedication and enthusiasm each week. I would also like to thank Miss Blunden and Miss Maddern for coaching this season.

Miss Scott

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Friday Sport - AFL

This term we have introduced AFL to our Friday School Sport program for Yr 3-6 students. During the first few sessions, we have been practising our handballing, marking and kicking skills. I have already noticed an improvement in lots of the students’ techniques. Last week, Dominic, from the Sydney Swans Reserves, delivered a great session for the group – providing valuable tips and lots of enjoyable activities for us. The students had lots of fun working together to try marking Dom’s huge drop punts!

Mrs Jo Williams
Moorefield Girls Arts Festival
10th September 2014 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Festival Opening 6:30pm
11th September 2014 10:00am - 5:00pm
Venue: Moorefield Girls High School, Princes Hwy, Kogarah (Marshall Street Entrance)

Featuring major works by Moorefield Girls High School HSC students, year 7-12 visual arts and photography students and student musical performances. The display will also include art works submitted as a part of the My Family, My Culture Art Competition held for local primary school students.

OPEN MORNING
Wednesday, 10 September 2014
9.30am – 11.30am

Address by Principal and performances by students 9.30 – 10.30am
Tours of the school 10.30 – 11.30am

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