

The Surveyor

A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 4

Week 2

Wednesday 15th October 2014

Dates to Remember

16/10/14	Public Speaking Cluster Final
22/10/14	Band Demo with Regentville P/S
22/10/14	Book Club closes
24/10/14	Leadership Day
27/10/14	P & C Meeting 7.30pm in Staff Room. All welcome
28/29/10/14	Resuscitation Yrs 5/6
30/10/14	Girls Oz Tag Day
04/11/14	Storytime Kinder 2015 in Library at 2:40pm
06/11/14	Cake Stall – Kinder & Support
10/11/14	Public Speaking Final at GPPS
11/11/14	Storytime Kinder 2015 in Library at 2:40pm
12/11/14	1 st Kinder Orientation 9.30/10.30
13/11/14	2015 School Leader Speeches
17/11/14	2 nd Kinder Orientation 9.30/10.30
17/11/14	Swim School starts for 2 weeks
18/11/14	Storytime Kinder 2015 in Library at 2:40pm
21/11/14	P & C Disco – details to come
25/11/14	Storytime Kinder 2015 in Library at 2:40pm
28/11/14	Sports Assembly
02/12/14	Storytime Kinder 2015 in Library at 2:40pm
03/12/14	K-2 Dog Education
03/12/14	Year 7 Orientation for 2015
05/12/14	K-6 Academic Assembly
10/12/14	Year 6 Graduation & Farewell Dinner at Penrith Golf Club
11/12/14	2015 Class Roll Over (Students to go in their new classes for 2015 for half a day) Years 1-6 from 11.30am and Kindy from 2pm
12/12/14	P&C Christmas Carols and Fair details to come
15/12/14	3-6 Bowling & Movie Day
17/12/14	K-2 Party
	Last Day of Term for 2014

Notes Home

Term 4 Calendar 2014/Stage 3 (Years 5&6) First Aid and Resuscitation Training/Learn to Swim Program Year 2 and Support

All notes are on the Website

PAYMENT/PERMISSION REMINDERS

All money should be placed in a clearly marked envelope in the secure box outside the Administration Block.

No late payments will be accepted.
Spare notes in the rack in the admin office foyer or on the school's website

Learn to Swim Program for Year 2 and Support begins Monday 17/11/14 till Friday 28/11/14 (2 weeks). Permission slip and money \$75.00 due by 9.10am Friday 7/11/14. **Only 60 places available.** Positions will be initially offered to Year 2 students for 2 weeks. Any unfilled positions will be offered to 3-6 students after the 2 weeks.

Stage 3 (Years 5&6) First Aid and Resuscitation Training to be held on Tuesday 28/10/14 and Wednesday 29/10/14 – students will be divided into groups to attend one of these sessions. Permission slip and money \$6.00 due by 9.10am on Friday 24/10/14.

Receipts for school payments are issued by teachers to students each Friday.

Canteen Reminders

The canteen will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons till 3.30pm to sell cool drinks and ice blocks to Parents, Carers, Siblings and Students after school. Great idea with the hot weather approaching!

Fresh Fruit Salad will be available to order on **Wednesdays only** and Pancakes will be available **Fridays only.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS 8:40am to 3:25pm

School Banking will be every Tuesday.

Clothing Pool will be every second (even weeks) Thursday in the Terms: 15/10, 29/10, 12/11, 26/11, 10/12.

ASSEMBLIES FOR 2014: K-2 Even weeks Friday Afternoons at 2:15pm
3-6 Odd weeks Friday Afternoons at 2:15pm

Library News Term 4 Week 2

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed a good book or two over the spring holidays. With lots of new books in the library from donations and the last deliveries for the year, you might like to come in and check out something brand new.

Also with lots of new resources we have lots of covering to do! If there are any covering angels who would like to help cover books either in the library or at home, please come in and see me. I'm also keen for help with shelving during the week, if you have any spare time, and especially during the last couple of weeks this term in preparation for stocktake.

Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will become available during November, so I'll get them to your children as soon as possible. There have been quite a few concerned parents checking with me because their children's names were not on the previously published list – never fear! That was simply a list of those children whose names had not already been published in a previous newsletter. All children who completed the PRC this year will get their certificates.

This term in library lessons, students in kindergarten, year 1, year 2, year 3 and year 4 will be learning library and book skills. Years 5 and 6 will be designing and creating board games based on picture books, suitable for kindergarten children to play. During library lessons the design and making of these games will be supported and scaffolded. The finished games will be presented to infants children during week 6, and this is the major assessment for stage 3 children in library this semester.

Please start checking for library books at home to return them in time for stocktake. I will send out notices advising students which books they have out in their names later in the term.

Book Club brochures will be going out this week, please check your youngest child's bag for them if you would like some fun and literary Christmas gift ideas.

Finally, welcome to several new students who have started at SCPS in the past few weeks. All of you are welcome to borrow, so check with your class what day to bring in a library bag.

Read on!

Cathy Lamond (teacher librarian)



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From the Principal's desk

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday. As you can see from our front page of the newsletter it is going to be very busy eleven week Term 4.

Please Note:

Applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2016 government school.

New for 2014 there will be no paper applications printed – applications are online only.

Applications will not be accepted after 18 November 2014.

Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Applications for 2016 can be made online between 14th October and 17 November 2014

All applications are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on **Thursday 12 March 2015.**

The front office has only 6 booklets regarding information about applying for Year 7 2016 entry to selective high school.

Public Speaking Cluster Final

Good luck to our students who are representing Surveyors Creek at tomorrow's Penrith Valley Public Speaking/Oral Reading Second Cluster Final at Surveyors Creek.

We wish them all the best of luck.

Year 3 Cooper McLean

Year 4 Torrance McLean

Year 5 Annlin Biju and Hayley Wacker

Year 6 Vincent D'Ermilio and Caitlin Urio

Mrs Smith

Assistant Principal Stage 3

Wakakirri

What an experience! It is amazing to look back and reflect in the huge achievement that Wakakirri 2014 has been for Surveyors Creek PS. At the Awards Night in the last week of Term 3, we won TWO major awards: Best Original Story for NSW and Best Public Speaking.

Congratulations to all the Stage 3 children on their enormous success and our three speakers Kayla Fenech, Harrison Brennan and Piper Calis who did an impressive job speaking on behalf of our school on the night.

Once again, this result could not have been achieved without the help and support of our parents and community who helped to sew costumes, donated items for props and cheered us on in the audience. Thank you all so much!

Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Calis and Mr Jones for giving up so much of their time to make costumes and props.

The kids looked amazing and the props really made us stand out!

Keep an eye out in the Penrith Press in the next few weeks for an article about our Wakakirri success.

Thank you

Mrs Johnson and Mrs Wilson

SRC NEWS

Christmas Hampers

Christmas is usually a time for celebration, however for some households in the Penrith area, it is a time for concern as they struggle to feed their families.

The SRC are therefore calling for donations of non perishable foods to help create Christmas Hampers for these families. We will be collecting the food each week for this term. At the end of the term we will be taking the food to a reputable local charity, who will then help create hampers and will distribute the hampers to families in need. If every SCPS family brings in one item every week for this term, we would have enough food make over 300 hampers.

Each week we will be collecting a different type of food:

Week 2: Rice or pasta

Week 3: Long life juice, ice tea, cordial or soft drink

Week 4: Simmer sauce

Week 5: Canned food

Week 6: Sauce, dressing or mayonnaise

Week 7: Biscuits or crackers

Week 8: Cereal

Week 9: Snack foods

Week 10: Tea, coffee, Milo or other instant powdered drinks.

Baskets will be placed in the classroom to collect the donated food. These will be collected by the SRC on a weekly basis.

Also if you own or are a manager of a business or a shop and would be interested in donating something non perishable for these hampers or you can help in another way please see Mrs Blackwell.

Iceblocks for Sale at Lunchtime

Starting this week, the SRC are selling Zooper Doopers and Jelly Joys at lunchtime. They will be sold on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Zooper Doopers cost \$0.50 and Jelly Joys cost \$0.20.

The iceblocks are being sold to raise money for our sponsorship child Valerie.

Thank you from the SRC members

Canteen News

The canteen will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons till 3.30pm to sell cool drinks and ice blocks to Parents, Carers, Siblings and Students after school finishes. If you are interested in helping to sell these items on these afternoons, please see the canteen ladies for details.

Fresh Fruit Salad will be available on **WEDNESDAY'S** only, but no pancakes will be available. On **FRIDAY'S** only, pancakes will be available but no **Fruit Salad**.

We are still in desperate need of canteen helpers for next term and next year. If you are a parent, carer, grandparent, aunty or uncle, and could spare a few hours on a Wednesday or Friday, once a week or once a month please call the school on 47379571 or pop in and see the Canteen ladies. Our canteen is P & C run and all our wonderful ladies are volunteers, all money raised goes directly back to our P & C to raise money for resources for our Students. We would hate to lose our canteen!

School Banking Day Reminder.

Don't forget that **Tuesday** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Surveyors Creek Public School.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful mum's who volunteer to run the School Banking program in our school. They volunteer each Tuesday their own time to count and process the school banking deposits. These are mum's. They don't work for the Bank, so the Bank would like to thank them for their time and effort. A great job ladies and Thank you from Gail Anderson School Banking Specialist for the Commonwealth Bank.

Extra School Photos

The photos are on the print room window regarding sport, dance, drama, library etc. Please bring envelope and money in by Friday 31st October, 2014.

Stewart House High Bounce Balls

On the next two Fridays, the SRC will be selling high bounce balls to support Stewart House. You can buy these under the COLA before school. The balls will be \$3 each. SCPS is a proud supporter of Stewart House, who help children in need of a little happiness in their lives.

PBL AWARDS FOR TERM 4 WEEK 2

Ann Thomas	3N	Ribbon
Jarred Potts	2W	Ribbon
Jordan Amies	3/4H	Ribbon
Harrison Morgan	5/6L	Ribbon
Bradley Koen	3N	Ribbon
Hollie Campbell	3N	Ribbon
Alyssa Hosny	3N	Ribbon
Riley Kloosterman	2/3H	Ribbon
Jack Hancock	2/3H	Ribbon
Brandon Potts	5/6L	Ribbon
Nathan Erquieza	1B	Ribbon
Clay Saunders	5/6L	Ribbon
Emily Little	5/6JM	Ribbon
Aishani Mahabir	5CW	Ribbon
Cooper Morrissey	2W	Ribbon
Lauchlan Hoegel	1B	Ribbon
Harry Smyth	KL	Ribbon

Donations for Toy Matchbox Cars

Mr Myerscough is asking for donations of toy matchbox cars, in working order, for our students to use at recess and lunchtimes. If you have any unwanted toy cars at home we would appreciate all donations. Please drop them to the office.

Museum of Fire Annual Doll, Bear & Craft Fair

The Museum of Fire will be holding its annual Doll, Bear and Craft Fair on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October, 2014. The museum is located at 1 Museum Drive, Penrith. For more information call 47313000.

Empty Jars Wanted

My daughter's collection of empty Moccona coffee jars has really grown. Thank you to all the families that have sent them in. We have A variety of sizes, and to ensure that we have enough of each size for her wedding, I am still collecting until the end of the year. So please continue to send them in!

Mrs Mandy Porter
Classroom Teacher