



The Surveyor

A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 4

Week 4

Wednesday 28th October, 2015

Dates to Remember

29/10/2015	Leadership Workshop Year 5
30/10/2015	Grandparents Day
02/11/2015	Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Cake Stall
09/11/2015	Public Speaking Grand Final
11/11/2015	Remembrance Day
13/11/2015	Student Leaders 2016 - Speeches
16/11/2015	Swim School starts for 2 weeks – Year 2 students initially
18/11/2015	Kindergarten 2016 Information evening 7pm to 8pm
25/11/2015	Kindergarten Orientation Visit 1
26/11/2015	Scripture Assembly
27/11/2015	Swim School finishes
30/11/2015	P & C Annual General Meeting
02/12/2015	Kindergarten Orientation Visit 2
16/12/2015	Students last day of term
17/12/2015	Staff Development day
18/12/2015	Staff Development day
27/01/2016	Staff Return
28/01/2016	Years 1-6 return
28/01/2016	Best Start Assessment for Kindergarten commences
01/02/2016	Best Start Assessment last day
02/02/2016	Kindergarten Commence

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

The Learn to Swim Program for years 2 & 3 begins Monday 16th November to Friday 27th November. Payment and permission note is due back no later than 9.10am Monday 9th November, 2015.

Cake Stall will be held on Monday 2nd November 2015. The Cake Stall will commence at 9.30am and conclude at 11.30am.

Leadership Workshop for year 5 will be held on the 29th October 2015. Permission Note due no later than 9.10am Wednesday 28th October 2015.

Year 7 Selective High School Placement for 2017 in a government school is now open. Online applications can be made between 13th October, 2015 through to 16th November, 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

Notes home this fortnight

Grandparents Day
Year 7 Selective High School Placement
Cake Stall
Graduation Bear/Ball Order Form
Year 6 Graduation Assembly
Year 6 Farewell Dinner

All notes are on the Website

We wish to advise that this page of the newsletter will be sent home with students every fortnight. The remaining pages will be available to view on our website!

Pancakes are not available on Friday's as a lunch order.

Dates to Remember

04/12/2015 – Sports Assembly
08/12/2015 – Academic Assembly
10/12/2015 – Year 6 Graduation Assembly
10/12/2015 – Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Disco
11/12/2015 – End of Year Reports home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS 8:40am to 3:25pm

School Banking will be every Tuesday of school terms.

Clothing Pool will be every second Thursday (that's even weeks) of school terms.

ASSEMBLIES FOR 2015: K-2 even weeks on Friday afternoons at 2-15pm
3-6 odd weeks on Friday afternoon at 2-15pm



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From the Principal's desk

Grandparents Day & K-2 Assembly for this week!

Don't forget this Friday is Grandparents Day! There will be no K-2 Assembly in the afternoon as it has been moved to **11:30 and it will be a K-6 assembly instead!**

Glenmore Park Learning Alliance Enrichment Afternoon

I was privileged to attend the Inaugural GPLA Enrichment afternoon last Thursday week. Students in Years 5 to 8 were selected to participate in a change of activities including music, drama, cooking, dance, art, Aboriginal studies and mock trial. Teachers gave of their time freely from 3:30 until 6pm and the students were richly rewarded with the activities in which they participated. It was amazing to see the connectedness and engagement by our students within the variety of experiences offered. I would like to thank Mrs Michelle Uhlig from our school who presented the mock trial. Our School Director of Education Mrs Christine Tasker was present for the afternoon and commented on the calibre of students we have at our schools.

Classes for 2016

Yes it is that time of year again! We will shortly begin looking at classes and combinations for 2016. If you have any specific requests for your child or children in regards to peers **not teachers** could you please put that request in writing and give that to your child's class teacher by **Friday 6th November**. The teachers will bring those requests to our Class Structure Meeting in week 6. When formulating classes all endeavours will be made to accommodate your requests where viable.

In 2016 a decision has been made to have Stage 3 based classes. There will be 5 classes made up of Year 5 and Year 6 students.

Leadership Day

Thursday 29th October, will be Year 5 'Leadership Day'. This day will give students the opportunity to participate in a range of activities on 'What it is to be a good leader'. This day also prepares students to understand the requirements and expectations of being a school leader in 2016. Good luck to all Year 5.

Public Speaking Final

Once again I am pleased to announce that we have a number of students participating in the Penrith Valley Public Speaking Final at Regentville Public School on Monday the 9th November.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2016

If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten in 2016 but haven't enrolled them yet could you please do so as soon as possible or if you know of a child could you please let the parents know that we are enrolling now! Students are eligible for enrolment if they are turning 5 before the 31st July 2016 or if they are turning 6 during 2016.

If you are not sure if they are ready or need some advice about enrolling your child for the 2016 school year please do not hesitate to speak to the wonderful ladies in our front office, Mrs Clark, Mrs Coy or Mrs Poli and they will make an appointment with either me or Mrs Smith.

Reminder about DEAD LINES!

We have had a number of instances this year where parents and carers have been disappointed and sometimes abusive to staff when they have learnt that money will not be accepted after the given deadline for a school activity. These activities range from excursions, mothers and father's day stall, sausage sizzles, incursions and sporting events. It takes a lot of organisation for these activities and numbers have a significant impact on staff attending, food ordered, costs of buses, purchasing of items and organisation of community time such as office staff, voluntary P & C helpers.

We always give ample time for activities to be organised, catered and paid for. The staff and parents organising these activities don't not appreciate being the brunt of angry, irate and sometimes abusive parents/carers who have inadvertently forgotten the deadline. **Please do not ask for an extension past the deadline date to avoid embarrassment as it will be declined.** If you are having financial difficulties or have a valid reason as to why you can't pay within the allotted time do not leave it to the last minute but come and see us and we will only be too happy to help out.

Medication

Parents if your child requires antibiotics it would be really helpful if you could schedule their doses to in the morning before school, after school and in the evening. This eliminates the need to fill out forms for the administration of medicines at school and stops the congestion in the front office at lunchtimes etc. I fully understand if this is not possible and in that case you will need to make arrangements with the office staff. **Please do not just send medication to school with a note.** There are necessary forms that need to be filled out in order for staff to administer medicine.

Regards
Mrs Kathy Browne
Principal

SRC Happenings

Bandanna Day

This Friday and next Friday the SRC will be selling bandannas to raise money for Canteen. Canteen is a charity that supports children living with cancer and their families. The bandannas will be \$4 each and there are lots of styles to choose from.

High Bounce Balls

The SRC will also be selling high bounce balls this Friday and next Friday to raise money for Stewart House. Stewart House is a charity that supports public school children living in difficult circumstances. The high bounce balls will be \$3 each.

Hampers for the Homeless

Once again Surveyors Creek will be collecting food and drink that will be used for Hampers for the homeless and people living in poverty in Penrith. We will be collecting all throughout November. When you are out shopping, if you can pick up an extra item or two for our hampers it will be greatly appreciated. We are collecting non-perishable items such as cordial, tinned food (tuna, spaghetti, soup, tinned casseroles), breakfast spreads (vegemite, honey, jam), pasta and pasta sauce. Each classroom will have a container to collect the food.

Mrs Michelle Blackwell
SRC Teacher

Wacky Wednesday Walkathon

The P&C were overwhelmed with the response to our first “Wacky Wednesday Walkathon”. We have received wonderful feedback from students, parents and teachers on what a great day was had by all. These events are only possible with the help of volunteers, so we would like to say a very big thankyou to all the Mums, Dads and Grandparents who offered their help on the day, it is always greatly appreciated.

Collectively, through student sponsorships and activities on the day we have raised a total profit of **\$12,959.91**. Well done to everyone who contributed. We handed out prizes to the top 3 students who raised the most money in sponsorships. These students are:

1 st Prize - \$50 Rebel Voucher -	Maddison Grech
2 nd Prize - \$30 Rebel Voucher -	Montanna Jay
3 rd Prize - \$20 Rebel Voucher -	Dylan Long

The P&C will also be providing a “Pizza Party” for the top Infants and Primary classes that raised the most amount of money which were **1B** who raised \$1332.50 and **5CW** who raised \$1380.00.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for their support by providing gift vouchers which were used in the raffle as well as given to students on the day.

Lollipops Playland Penrith, Penrith Climbing Centre, Penrith Skatel, AMF Penrith and Flip Out Penrith.

Another thank you also to **Dippin Dots** who also attended on the day and helped us raise funds of \$125.00.

The prizes should be arriving in the next few weeks and we will get these out to the students as soon as possible.

PBL Awards

Many children at our school have collected a PBL ribbon. Most children are aware they are to hand in 3 certificates and they will receive a ribbon. Once a child does receive 3 ribbons they must hand in their 3 ribbons to receive a banner.

In short - 3 certificates = a ribbon 3 ribbons = a banner

Mr John Lister
Assistant Principal

PBL Awards for Weeks 3 & 4 - Term 4

Emma Norish	Ribbon x 2	4C
Samantha Rowe	Ribbon	5cw
Aston Gibson	Ribbon	5CW
Lucas Norrish	Ribbon	2HF

Jarred Potts	Ribbon	3MI
Ella Formby	Banner	2HF
Brody Gordon	Ribbon	KCW
Ava Nuttall	Ribbon	3CL
Sienna Hackworthy	Banner	3CL
Zac Hanman-Reid	Ribbon	3/4L
Analise Zammit	Banner	6L
Britney Milton	Banner	2N
Kim Tran	Ribbon	1W
Kasey Ferrier	Ribbon	3CL
Jaida Timbs	Ribbon	2N
Zoe Hoesterei	Ribbon	2N
Amber Beauchamp	Ribbon	3/4L
Isabelle Barrett	Ribbon	6L
Jett Stevens	Ribbon	KP
Kaia Woodward	Ribbon	1L
Chloe Timbs	Ribbon	KM
James Homann	Ribbon	3/4L
Amy Blackstock	Ribbon	5CW

Kimaya Pillay	Ribbon	1W
Kim Tran	Banner	1W
Lily Howells	Ribbon	5JM

P & C Annual General Meeting

The next P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 30th November 2015 at 6pm in the Staffroom. You must be a financial member to vote or be nominated for a position (for at least 1 month before the Annual General Meeting). To be a financial member payment is \$1.00 paid to Paula Rowe.

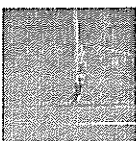
Canteen News

Starting this term there will be a price increase for the brown paper lunch order bags from the canteen. The bags will now be 30 cents per bag. During November there will be a new canteen menu issued for all students. Some price increases will occur and some items may be deleted. Our canteen is still in need of some volunteer helpers, particularly as some year 6 parents will be leaving us at the end of the year. If there are any parents, grandparents, aunties or uncles who can spare some time to help out on a Wednesday or a Friday, please see Cherie in our canteen or the front office. Please be aware you will need to have your Working with Children check clearance number to do this. Any queries on how to receive your clearance number, please see the office.

WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM (WEP) Australia



Bring the world to you and host an overseas exchange student in 2016!



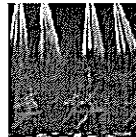
Rita N (17) from Italy is one of the fittest in her class! This sporty twin is passionate about athletics. She has grown up hearing stories of her parents' trip to Australia and now she's excited to make her own memories!



Ludovica V (17) from Italy she likes singing and plays guitar and piano. Ludovica enjoys cooking - a skill she learnt from her father and grandmother. She is looking forward to coming to Australia and meeting her host family.



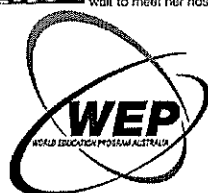
Camilla V (16) from Italy is a hard working student who enjoys school. She participates in a theatre group and takes piano lessons. Camilla's dream is to travel and discover the world! She can't wait to discover Australia!



Sofia D (17) from Italy loves to Dance! She enjoys ballet, contemporary, hip hop and tango. When she's not dancing she enjoys playing beach volleyball and looking after her dog. She can't wait to meet her host family!



Milfah C (17) from Italy loves playing soccer. In fact, his dream is to become a soccer coach when he is older. He also enjoys painting and gardening with his dad. He is excited to come to Australia and to meet his host family!



WEP Australia is looking for wonderful volunteer host families willing to open their home and hearts to overseas exchange students arriving in January 2016. Hosting provides families with a way of welcoming a slice of the world into their lives without leaving the comfort of their own home! If you are as eager as these students are to share your culture, contact us now!

Our school will be holding a
Remembrance Day Service
 and
Memorial Garden Dedication
 at 10.15am on Wednesday, 11th November,
 2015.

The activities will start in the hall with the
 launch of the
Honour Roll Book
 written by community members as a tribute to
 family in the Defence Forces.

The focus will then move across to the
Memorial Garden.

On this day, you will be able to view the pavers
 purchased by parents and friends and read the
 book which may contain information about
 some of your own family.

Copies of the book will be available for
 purchase.