



The Surveyor

A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 3

Week 4

Wednesday 5th August, 2015

Dates to Remember

05/08/2015	Choir Concert Night at Joan Sutherland Centre
06/08/2015	Lights Up Drama Festival Rehearsal and Night Performance
07/08/2015	Penrith Soccer Cup Years 3-6
13/08/2015	Public Speaking Final Years 2-6
14/08/2015	PSSA Sport ends
17/08/2015	Blue Mountains Dance Festival Rehearsal
18/08/2015	K-2 Athletics Fun Day
19/08/2015	Zone Athletics Carnival Day 1
20/08/2015	Zone Athletics Carnival Day 2
20/08/2015	Book Fair begins (for 5 days)
21/08/2015	Blue Mountains Dance Festival Evening Performance
24/08/2015	Book Week begins
24/08/2015	Cake Stall Stage 3
26/08/2015	Book Week Parade (details to come)
27/08/2015	Book Fair ends
02/09/2015	Year 2 Excursion to Fire Museum
03/09/2015	Father's Day Stall
04/09/2015	K-2 Speaking Expo at 12 noon
07/09/2015	P & C Meeting in the staffroom at 7.00pm. All Welcome.
08/09/2015	Mini Fete – Stage 3 Fundraiser
10/09/2015	Year 1 Excursion to Fire Museum
11/09/2015	P&C Disco
15/09/2015	Kindergarten excursion to Calmsley Farm
18/09/2015	Footy Finals Year 6 Fundraiser. Students to wear footy jerseys and gold coin donation
18/09/2015	Last Day of Term 3
06/10/2015	Term 4 starts back for staff and students

Notes home this fortnight

Stage 1 Excursion Amendment note
Father's Day Note
Choir Performance Information
Year 6 Fundraising meeting for Mini Fete
Blue Mountains/Nepean Dance Performance Note
Penrith Cup Soccer Stage 3 Mini Fete

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

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

Honour Roll Path and Memorial booklet order forms and payment due by 9.10am Friday 7th August, 2015.

Stage 3 Mini Fete token order form due back by 9.10am on Thursday 3rd September, 2015. Tokens are 10 for \$5.00 or 30 for \$10.00.

P & C Father's Day Stall Order form and payment due back by 9.10am on Friday 28th August, 2015. Gifts come in \$3.00, \$6.00, \$9.00 or the \$16.00 Super deal (one of each). Please place your payment in the P & C's collection box in the front office foyer.

Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Fire Museum and Australian Arms excursion permission slip and payment due back by Wednesday 9.10am 26th August, 2015 (K-2OB, K-2F, 2D and 2N) and Thursday 9.10am 3rd September, 2015 (2HF, 1L, 1W and 1B).

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

Please Note:- School Photos have been changed to Term 4, Tuesday 20th October, 2015.

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



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Term 3 Week 4

From the Principal's desk

Education week

What a wonderful celebration of Education Week last Wednesday with so many parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours attending our Multicultural/Open Day. All the students and teachers were very eager to show off their classroom which was uniquely transformed into a country. As I visited all the classrooms, it was obvious just how much time and effort had been invested by the students and staff - I actually felt like I was at a travel expo. A special mention to the choir, drama and dance groups who all entertained us at the assembly on Open Day - the performances were breath taking! Our school captains Tahlia and Clay were very professional in their role as MC for the day. A special mention goes to Mrs Cracknell for doing a brilliant job coordinating our Multicultural/Open Day celebrations and the canteen for providing the students with a multicultural lunch.

Tonight the Choir will be performing in the Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival at the Joan Sutherland Centre with Ms Bonifacio, Ms Lee and Ms Mesarosh. The Drama group led by Mrs Johnson, Mrs Clerke and Miss Link will be performing on Thursday. We know that both groups will shine in their performances.

The School Administration Officer position vacated by Mrs Brennen, has been filled by Mrs Kim Coy from Toongabbie Public School. Mrs Coy will begin on Monday the 10th August. We would like to thank Mrs Monique Brombal for being a team player and temporarily filling the vacancy. I am sure we will see Mrs Brombal again here again at our school on a casual basis!

Mrs Browne will be returning to school on Monday after her lovely holiday in the US and Europe. We all look forward to hearing about her adventures.

Canteen

If you have a few hours to spare on a Wednesday or a Friday to help in the canteen, please contact either Cherie in the canteen or Mrs Clark in the office. For our new parents who may not be aware our school canteen is purely run by the School P and C and all profits go directly back into the school to purchase resources.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school will be participating in the **Partners in Learning** parent survey, another part of the **Tell Them From Me** suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17

August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Kindergarten Enrolments for 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. 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 and Mrs Poli or you can make a time to speak with myself or Mrs Browne.

Mrs Browne and myself will be having formalised meetings with all children and parents from the middle of Term 3.

Student Numbers for 2015

We are requested by the Department of Education to put in our projected school numbers no later than the 6th of August this year for 2016. In order for me to get as accurate as I can could you please let the office know if your child won't be returning to Surveyors Creek PS in the 2016 school year. The accuracy of these numbers can have a significant impact on the running of our school.

Working with Children Check- Reminder

As of this year all parents and community members working as a volunteer in school activities are required to have Working with Children Check Clearance. Thank you to those who have already complied. If you have not done that as yet, below is a flow chart to help you complete it.

Step 1: Go on line to www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au . You will be asked information and will be given a number to then take to the Roads and Maritime Services.

Step 2: Take your number to the RMS located in High Street Penrith or any other one of your choosing and apply to have your Working with Children Check done. There is no cost involved for volunteers.

Step 3: Once you have received your clearance letter you will need to bring it up to the school where we will enter it into the system and receive the official clearance.

Step 4: We will then issue you with a pass to let all staff know that you have been cleared to volunteer.

Unfortunately parents and community members working on a voluntary basis will be unable to do so if this hasn't been completed. I appreciate your understanding and that the safety of all our students on school premises is paramount.

Staff Car Park

Just a reminder that the school car park is for staff use only, (unless there is a prior arrangement). There are two "kiss and drop points" for parents to use – one outside the main entrance and the other near the staff car park gates. Due to Occupational Health and Safety reasons, students and parents are **NOT** to **ENTER** or **EXIT** through the car park gate.

Mrs Catherine Smith
Relieving Principal



2015 Public Speaking Expo K-2

During this term, classes from Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 are concentrating on oral presentation skills and preparing students for our public speaking assembly which will take place on **Friday, 4th September, at 12.00 noon. Please note this is an earlier start time than other assemblies.**

Students may choose either of the following:

- to recite a nursery rhyme or short poem
- to read a passage of between 150-200 words (2 minute maximum)

One student from each class will be chosen to entertain us with their public speaking skills. The emphasis in this age group is on skill development and participation, not on competition. Each class representative will receive a certificate of recognition. We hope that you can join us for this assembly.

Honour Roll Path & War Memorial Garden

Orders for a paver in our War Memorial Garden need to be in by this Friday 7th August, 2015.

For just \$35 your family can be a permanent part of our school's history. Extra forms can be obtained from the office. Don't miss this opportunity to join in the centenary of ANZAC.

Mrs Bronwyn Whelan
Assistant Principal

K-2 Athletics Fun Day

On Tuesday 18 August, 2015 (Week 6) we will hold the annual K-2 Athletics Fun Day. We encourage all K-2 children to participate. On the Athletics Fun Day the children will move around in teams, taking part in various athletic based activities and races.

The day will commence at 9:30am and conclude no later than 1:20pm with the following activities:

9:30am	Athletic based activities
11:00am	Recess
11:30am	Athletic based activities
12:20pm	House chants
12:30pm	Age Races, Toddler Race, Parent Race

Please note: *These times are subject to change and are merely a rough guide.*

To show support for their house team, children can dress in their house colours on the day. Alternatively, our sports uniform can be worn. All children need to wear suitable running shoes.

This day is all about participation not competition.

Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to attend and move around with their child as they participate in various activities. A small amount of stationary seating will be available on the day however please feel free to bring your own portable chairs.

Parents and other family members who attend, are welcome to spend recess with their child.

We look forward to seeing you at the K-2 Athletics Fun Day.

Mrs Michelle Blackwell
Stage 1 Sport Co-ordinator

Year 6 Fundraising Shopping Bus Trip

On Saturday 5th September, 2015 the Year 6 Fundraising Committee will be holding a Shopping Bus Trip to various retail outlets (Bonds, Bendon Lingerie, FSW Shoes, Odyssey Jeans, KB Toys, Pure Gelato, to name a few!). The cost of the shopping trip is \$49.50 a person and this includes lunch at botany Golf Club and tea and coffee will be provided on the day. All money raised goes towards our Year 6 farewell. So grab some friends or family and get a head start on your Christmas shopping or snag a few bargains and have a fun day out! For any information or to book your spots please call either Mrs Paula Rowe on 0407 271 365 or Mrs Jodie Vassallo on 0405 255 272.

New School Shirt

Back to Basics has informed us that the new everyday school shirt should be available for purchase at the beginning of next year. They will confirm this once the shipping container they receive in the coming weeks is unloaded. We will advise parents as soon as we are informed. Our current blue check polo everyday shirt will still be able to be worn as part of our uniform for at least the next two years as the phase out period begins.

Canteen News

The canteen wishes to remind parents and students that Pancakes are not available to purchase on a Friday as a lunch order item.

Donation of Toys

We are in need of some toys for our quiet play area. If you have some cars, trucks, dinosaurs, dolls, etc that students could use and you no longer need, please drop them into our front office.

ANZAC Medallions

There are some ANZAC Medallions left over from our Centenary Commemorative Service. If you wish to purchase one of these as a keepsake you may do so at the front office. The cost of the medallion will be \$3.00.

Tea Bag Tags

Mrs Maiden is still collecting tea bag tags! Please hand in to the office or to Mrs Maiden in 3ML. Below is an excerpt from a card sent to Mrs Maiden as a thank you.

*"Dear Lena and Surveyors Creek Public School,
Thank you so much for collecting the tea tags for a friend's daughter who needs a wheelchair. They were overjoyed with your great help. Thank you and may God Bless you all abundantly" Yours sincerely Judy.*

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

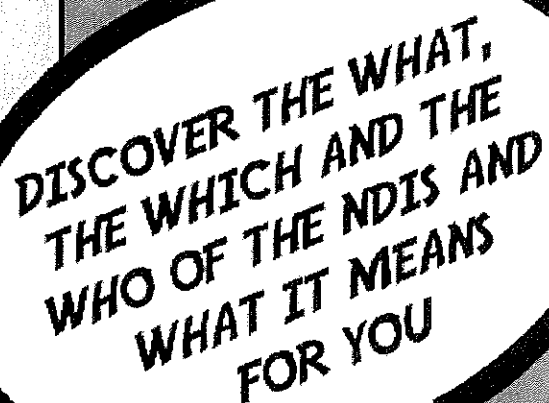
3 ribbons = a banner

Mr John Lister

Assistant Principal

PBL Awards for Weeks 4 & 6 - Term 3

Luke McCarroll	1L	Ribbon
Bailey Trotter	2D	Ribbon
Charlotte Bromirski	1L	Ribbon
Brianna Vassallo	6L	Ribbon (x 2)
Callum Robinson	KCW	Ribbon
Charlee Maher	1B	Ribbon
Jackson Debono	KK	Ribbon
Hana Howells	KMW	Ribbon
Mason Chetcuti	KCW	Ribbon
Amelia Burnett	3CL	Ribbon
Christian Hajduk	1L	Ribbon (x 2)
Anica Savic-Hernandez	2N	Ribbon
Isabelle Hennessy	KCW	Ribbon
Rajeev Pant	KCW	Ribbon
Kyra Newman	5JM	Ribbon
Harrison Rushbrook	3ML	Ribbon
Annlyn Biju	6L	Ribbon
Jackson Childs	1L	Ribbon
Morrissey Estevez	KCW	Ribbon
Ethan Sexton	6L	Ribbon
Analise Zammit	6L	Ribbon
Cooper Beck	5CW	Ribbon
Katie Farrell	5CW	Ribbon
Yvette Naudi	1B	Ribbon
Cooper Ovington	2N	Ribbon
Tamsyn Le	KP	Ribbon
Rory Wilson	1B	Ribbon
Emma Fysh	KP	Ribbon
Jayapreet Bhatthal	5JM	Ribbon
Jamie Leslie	2-6M	Ribbon
Jackson Pinn	1W	Ribbon



DISCOVER THE WHAT,
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WHO OF THE NDIS AND
WHAT IT MEANS
FOR YOU

*** FREE ENTRY * FREE PARKING * FREE CHILDCARE**

**The Early Roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme for
Young people aged between 0-17 years in the Nepean Blue Mountains Region.**

Where: Penrith Panthers Jamison Room
123 Mulgoa Road Penrith

When: 16th July 2015 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Repeats: 17th July 2015 10:00am – 12:30pm

Repeats: 13th August 2015 10:00am – 12:30pm

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**Refreshments will be served, everything FREE, but Registration Essential
for catering purposes and childcare!**

Register at: www.ndiscommunityforums.com.au

Phone for any query IDEAS 1800 029 904

YOU WILL HEAR:

What is the National Disability Insurance
Scheme?
What does it mean for you and
your family?

YOU WILL BE TOLD ABOUT:

- What is preplanning
- The Value of dreaming
- How to use mainstream options to
maximise value and inclusion

**Hear stories about what it is really like from a family member already accessing the
scheme.**

Get real about what to do when things go wrong, complaints process, know safeguards, and your right to
access supports including advocacy.

Bring your own questions for the Q&A

Be advised by the facilitator about what steps to take next.

Bookings

Bookings are essential for all groups, seminars, or workshops. All groups, seminars, workshops are free unless there is a cost for workbooks.

If you register for a group, and then are not able to attend, please contact us to let us know that you are not coming. We often have a waiting list for groups and when you do not attend, you deprive another parent of coming to the group.

Group & workshop flyers are available at <http://handsheartsminds.wordpress.com/parenting-groups-and-workshops/>.

Refreshments

Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own snacks. Most of the groups do not have a scheduled break.

Child minding

Child minding is available for some groups. Bookings are essential to ensure we have the correct carer-to-child ratio. Child minding services are provided by Care Pair and/or Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services.

Please bring snacks, lunch, and drink bottle for your child (no peanut products please). Please dress your child in play clothes and sturdy shoes. Please bring a hat and nappies. And label everything. Parents are responsible for toileting or changing their child.

Transport

All venues have parking available. The venues are also accessible by public transport—please ask for more information when booking your place.

Contact Details

Narelle Smith

Family Worker

Mobile Phone:

0409 986121

Centre Phone:

4721 8520

Email:

Narelle@nepeancommunity.org.au

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Parenting Groups and Workshops Term 3, 2015

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GROUPS	DAY, DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Triple P parent group (Positive Parenting Program) <i>for parents of 2 to 12 year-olds</i> Need some more tools for your parenting toolbox? Build strong and positive relationships, manage mistaken behaviour, make parenting more enjoyable and less stressful. Child minding available.	<u>Wednesdays</u> 5 sessions 29th July to 26th August 9:45am to 12pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre 3 Trent St
Teen Triple P parent group (Positive Parenting Program) <i>for parents of teens</i> Tips and tricks for living with teens and making the experience more positive for everyone.	<u>Tuesdays</u> 5 sessions 18th August to 15th September 10am to 12:15pm	Koolyongarra corner of Pendock Way and Kington Place Cranebrook
Stepping Stones Triple P seminars <i>for parents of children with disabilities</i> 1. Positive parenting for children with a disability 2. Helping your child reach their potential 3. Changing problem behaviour into positive behaviour These are seminars NOT a group. You are free to attend any or all of the seminars. Child minding available.	<u>Tuesdays</u> 3 seminars - 28th July - 4th August - 11th August 11:30am to 1pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre 3 Trent St
Circle of Security Increase your awareness of your children's needs and your responses to those needs. Become aware of the learned patterns that get in the way of being able to be a bigger, stronger, wiser, and kinder parent. Learn the importance of belonging and connection, and relationship repair.	<u>Wednesdays</u> 7 sessions 29th July to 9th September 12:30pm to 2:30pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre 3 Trent St
Cool Little Kids This group is a treatment programme for parents of children aged 3 to 8 years who are excessively shy or are demonstrating anxiety at home and in the community. This group has a 1 week break after Session 3.	<u>Fridays</u> 4 sessions over 5 weeks 7th August to 4th September 10am to 12pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre 3 Trent St

SUPPORT GROUP	DAY & TIME	LOCATION
ADHD Parent Support Group - Monday night	20th July 2015 17th August 2015 21st September 2015 7:30pm to 9:30pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre 3 Trent St

BY APPOINTMENT (Daytime only) ...	DETAILS
Triple P <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Traps Coping with your anger Partner Support Coping skills 	Do you need extra support to get Triple P going in your family? For parents who have completed the Triple P parent group. These are individual modules.
Triple P <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster Recovery 	For parents who are needing parenting support after a natural disaster.
Triple P <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Transitions (separation & divorce) 	For parents who are experiencing parenting challenges associated with separation and divorce. Cost: \$45 for the workbook & CD
Triple P <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stepping Stones 	For families who have a child with a disability. This is an individual consultation to address parenting challenges.
Resilience Doughnut	Resilience Doughnut is a tool that parents can use to measure their child's resilience.
Special Playtime	Special Playtime helps parents to build a relationship with their child through play. Special Playtime has been shown to reduce child behavioural difficulties in children under 7 years of age.