



The Surveyor

A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 4

Week 4

Wednesday 2nd November 2016

Dates to Remember

04/11/16	SCPS Sports Fun Day
07/11/16	Learn To Swim Program (First Day)
07/11/16	Kindy Story Time 2.45pm
08/11/16	P&C AGM – 6.30pm Staffroom
08/11/16	Story Bus Years 4 & 5 Free
09/11/16	Leadership Workshop Year 5
14/11/16	Grand Final Public Speaking
14/11/16	Kindy Story Time 2.45pm
16/11/16	Kindergarten Information Evening
18/11/16	Learn To Swim Program (Last Day)
21/11/16	Kindergarten Story Time Last Day
22/11/16	Parent Helper Morning Tea - 11am (In the hall)
23/11/16	Kindergarten Orientation Visit 9.30am To 10.30am
24/11/16	Cake Stall – Kindergarten & Support
25/11/16	Sports Assembly
29/11/16	Kindergarten Orientation Visit 9.30am to 10.30am
01/12/16	Last Day of Scripture
05/12/16	Author Visit Workshop
06/12/16	Year 7 2017 Orientation
06/12/16	P&C Meeting Christmas Dinner
07/12/16	Year 6 Graduation Assemblies & Year 6 Farewell
08/12/16	Yellow Day
09/12/16	Responsible Pet Visit Years K-2
12/12/16	Presentation Day Assembly
13/12/16	Class Christmas Parties
14/12/16	Moving Day
15/12/16	2017 New Classes
16/12/16	Last Day of Term for Students

PAYMENT/PERMISSION REMINDERS

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

Spare notes in the rack in the admin office foyer or on the school's website

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

Graduation Bear/Owl/Ball

Please return order slip and payment by 9.10am Friday, 11th November, 2016

Notes home this fortnight

SCPS Sports Fun Day
Sydney Writers Festival 2016
Year 6 Farewell

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!

Important Dates

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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 2016: 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

Staff News

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Catherine McCann-Smith who was successful in gaining our Deputy Principal position. This position will begin day 1 of Term 1 2017. Well done Mrs McCann-Smith and thank you for all your hard work in making our school great.

Leaving Us in 2017- Permanent Staff

Mrs Bronwyn Whelan will be taking the first two terms on Long Service Leave before her retirement in July of 2017.

Mrs Amanda Porter will be taking the first term off on Long Service Leave before retiring from Term 2 2017.

Mrs Colleen Kilgour will be leaving us due to gaining a transfer to another school.

Leaving Us in 2017- Temporary Staff

I am in the process of finalising staffing for 2017 and I will inform you of any Temporary Staff leaving us in subsequent newsletters.

Staffing Up Date

We are currently in the process of filling permanent positions for 2017. Those positions include 2 Assistant Positions, 2 classroom teaching positions and the Librarian position.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2017

If you have a child, or know of someone who has a child in our schools drawing area that is eligible to enrol for Kindergarten in 2017, could you please do so at your earliest convenience. We are in the process of finalising numbers for 2017.

Leaving Us in 2017

If you know for sure that you won't be returning to Surveyors Creek in 2017 could you please put it in writing and give it to the girls in the front office. It would be very much appreciated.

Classes for 2017

If you have any request regarding your child's class for 2017 please put it in writing and give it to your child's class teacher. **Please do not send it in to the office.** If you have already made a request to me could you please send a copy to your child's teacher as well.

Playground Update

We are beginning to make modifications to our playground. A deck will be constructed around our sand pits with shade over the top. The Fixed playground equipment has been ordered and hopefully will be constructed before the end of term. A big thank you to our wonderful P&C for their kind donation of \$42,000.00 for its purchase.

Yours in Education
Mrs Kathy Browne
Principal

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

Nicholas Suffield	Ribbon	4M
Ryan Attard	Ribbon	1/2W
Sneha Subedi	Ribbon	5/6I
Lucas Nuttall	Ribbon	KMH
Mackenzie Skof	Ribbon	5/6I
Alexi Kloosterman	Ribbon	1B
Luke McCarroll	Ribbon	2MH
Zach Carney	Ribbon	KMH
Stephanie Dillon	Ribbon	3M
Montana Jay	Ribbon	3L
Neave Bottrill	Ribbon	3/4C
Alicia Morales	Ribbon	1S
Charlotte Bromirski	Ribbon	1/2W
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Isaac Dobson	Ribbon	1/2W
Capri Allaf Boyd	Ribbon	2MH
Noah Buttigieg	Ribbon	4M
Cameron Smoth	Ribbon	4M
Breeana Loschiavo	Ribbon	3/4C
Connor Banovic	Ribbon	3/4C
Zoe Bromiski	Ribbon	5/6I
Stephanie Cammans	Ribbon	KMH
Elyse Galuszka	Banner	5/6CW
Will Hejduk	Banner	2MH
Dominic Godfrey	Ribbon	2MH
Brooke Morgan	Ribbon	5/6I
Vanessa Dillon	Ribbon	5/6I
Jake Leishman	Ribbon	3/4C
Vanessa Dillon	Ribbon	5/6I

The Sounds of Surveyors

The school leaders have initiated “The Sounds of Surveyors” suggestion boxes to help students share their achievements, express their feelings and assert their ideas about the school. This fortnight the students of Surveyors have given us some more excellent feedback about our school.

‘More organised note system’

‘More Canteen Days’

‘More Gymnastics’

Thankyou for all your feedback

School Leaders

Stage 3 Bounce Back Essay – 2016

Bounce Back coming to an end for 2016

Bounce Back lessons are coming to an end for this year. It has been an inspiring experience listening to children use new ideas and language to solve problems. As usual in a learning context, these ideas and experiences need to be relevant and continually practiced by our children so they can become more resilient and independent.

I have included an essay by a Year 6 child that encapsulates the learning experience. I feel the essay is inspiring. Our world will be a better place with insightful, honest and empathetic individuals like this author.

Essay 1- Stephanie Year 6

Bounce Back has taught me not to catastrophize. A big thing it has changed is I've learnt to be more resilient.

An important value I have learnt more about is responsibility. Being responsible is an important value to have in life. Responsibility is when someone believes or trusts you to do something.

Although interfering in a situation where someone is getting physically bullied isn't usually the safest thing to do, it doesn't mean you can't help. If it is in school grounds you should get a teacher. If you are getting bullied verbally it is important to tell a parent or an adult as bullying is not okay.

It can be hard to bounce back from a bad time but it doesn't mean it's not possible. Usually an easy way to bounce back is to do something you enjoy. If it is something you need to get off your chest. It is always good to express how your feeling to someone (preferably an adult). This method has helped me a lot.

Courage to me is when you're willing to do anything for anyone. Anyone can be courageous as long as you show it.

To look on the better side of things knows that a good change will happen you just need patience. Don't always be so negative try to be more of an optimist.

It is normal to feel different emotions. If you're sad you cry or feel upset, if you're mad you may yell. We all feel different emotions and to manage them is to stay calm and/or be resilient with them.

I find that bounce back has made me more of an organised person emotion wise and not care so much of what people say about me.

Thank you

Stephanie Year 6

Brooke's Car Rally

Rallying to make a difference!

My car rally event is now only 3 weeks away and I would love to see you there!

My vehicle registrations are now open and can be done either on my website at www.brookescarrally.com or by email back to us!

Date - Sunday 13th November 2016

Time - 9am for a 10am start (there will be tea and coffee for sale at the start)

Start Place – Panthers Leagues Club Car Park.

All money raised this year is for the benefit of the Nepean Cancer Care Centre.

I have just cracked the \$30,000 mark total raised for charity and I am excited to see what the total will be after this event!

Any further enquiries please contact

Mobile: 0430 049 189 (Amanda – Mum)

Website: www.brookescarrally.com

Email: brookescarrally@gmail.com

LIBRARY NEWS

Year 4 and 5 students will have the opportunity to visit "Russ the Story bus" on Tuesday 8th November. Students will meet author and illustrator Mr Dub Leffer before entering the bus designed and illustrated by Mr Shaun Tan. What a wonderful experience for our 2017 senior students.

Last borrowing day for 2016 will be Friday 18th November. Students will then be asked to return all books promptly.

Each year Surveyors Creek Public School encourages students to participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge. Did you know books you read over the Christmas break count towards next year's quota? Might be a great chance to visit Penrith library and keep a record of the books you read to kick start your challenge next year.

Book Club has returned but won't be handed out until next week. I've had a few parents request their child not receive the package as it contains gifts for Christmas. If you would like to pick up your order it will be available in the library until next Wednesday (9th November). All remaining orders will be sent home with students on this day.

Happy Reading

Mrs Farrell

Nepean River to Host a Festival of Fun and Discovery for Kids

From 4th – 5th November

For further information tourism@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au Tel: 1300 736 836

Penrith Observatory in November

Gravity (and Wonder); At Penrith Observatory

19th November 2016 - 8pm to 10pm

Telephone 4736 0135 Email r.sommer@westernsydney.edu.au

Office Hours: Tues, Wed and Thursday

Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2018 – Government schools

Applications are now being taken for selective high school placement for 2018.

We have copies of the booklet: 'Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2018' at the school office for parents who would like a copy.

Applications open online on 11 October, 2016 at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Parents must apply online. Applications close on 14th November.

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 9th March 2017.

All About Hosting

- It's the perfect way to discover a new culture and share your own!
- It's fun for the whole family!
- You'll form part of a wonderful community of host families!
- You'll make connections for life!
- You get to choose your student (Term, semester and year students available)
- Its voluntary but you'll get a tonne of support from WEP

For further information - Request a free info pack!

Wep.org.au/host - 1300 884 733

Clothing Pool

Due to the school gates remaining locked until 3pm the clothing pool that is held every second Thursday (that's even weeks) will be just outside of the administration block starting at 2.30pm.