



The Surveyor

A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 2

Week 2

Wednesday 4th May 2016

Dates to Remember

05/05/16	Mother's Day Stall
06/05/16	District Cross Country Carnival
10/05/16	Naplan - Language Years 3 & 5
10/05/16	Naplan - Writing Years 3 & 5
11/05/16	Naplan - Reading Years 3 & 5
12/05/16	Naplan - Numeracy Years 3 & 5
13/05/16	PSSA Starts (note to come)
16/05/16	P & C Meeting 3.30pm in Staff Room all welcome.
17/05/16	Digital Technologies (ICAS)
19/05/16	Book Fair Opens
24/05/16	K-2 Fun Run
26/05/16	Book Fair Closes
31/05/16	Science (ICAS)
03/06/16	School Disco (note to come)
08/06/16	Synergy Dance Rehearsal
08/06/16	Mass Choir Rehearsal
09/06/16	Showcase of Talent
14/06/16	Writing (ICAS)
15/06/16	Spelling (ICAS)
15/06/16	Synergy Dance Festival (Matinee)
16/06/16	Stage 3 Cake Stall
16/06/16	Synergy Dance Festival (evening)
17/06/16	Writing (ICAS)
21/06/16	Athletics Carnival
24/06/16	Last day for PSSA Term 2
30/06/16	Stage 1 Featherdale Wildlife Park Excursion
01/07/16	Reports go home
01/07/16	Last day of Term
27/07/16	Opportunity Class Placement Test
02/08/16	English (ICAS)
16/08/16	Maths (ICAS)

PAYMENT/PERMISSION REMINDERS

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

Synergy Dance Group Payment & Permission Note
\$65.00 due by Friday 20th May, 2016
No late payments will be accepted.

Featherdale Wildlife Park Excursion (Stage 1)
Permission slip and payment due by Friday 17th June, 2016 9.10am.

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.

Notes home this fortnight

Mother's Day Stall
Opportunity Classes Year 5 - 2017
PSSA District Cross Country
Synergy Dance Festival
Featherdale Wildlife Park Excursion (Stage 1)

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!

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

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 2 I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday!

Term 2 is an extremely busy term and our school will begin the transformation of the DOE new accounting procedures. Please be patient with the girls in the front office over the next two terms as the transition takes place. There is information going home about 'POP' our Parental Online Payment facility so please read.

We have started the term off with all our staff being trained in Resuscitation and Anaphylaxis procedures by the Royal Life Saving Association. This was a 3hr course after school on Monday afternoon. On Tuesday evening Stage 2 and 3 students, parents and teachers participated in the 'Interrelate' course held at school last night.

Our Annual School Report for 2015 will be up on our school website by the end of this week as well as our updated School Plan.

NAPLAN will take place next week for students in Years 3 and 5. Please ensure that students get a good night sleep and have breakfast each day. Do not put any added pressure on to your child. NAPLAN is a snapshot of what your child is able to do at this given point in time. It informs the school of areas to focus on and validates programs already in place.

District Cross Country is on this Friday. Thank you to Mr Lister Jr and Mr Ross for the time they have given to train the students in readiness. Good luck to all of our students participating in this event on Friday!

Hand Sanitisers

There are now hand sanitisers outside the toilets please encourage your children to use them.

Parking, Kiss and Drop, Unsafe Driving Practices and students riding bicycles without helmets and in an unsafe manner!

Once again I find myself having to address the issue of illegal parking, unsafe driving practices of our community and students riding bicycles and scooters in an unsafe manner! While I acknowledge that most of our parents do follow safe driving practices and follow the road rules and laws governing safety outside schools, there are a few community members who regularly ignore these and put others, including their own children at risk!

I have witnessed the following:

- Parking in the Kiss n Drop after 2:30pm and staying there until their child exits the school.
- Community stopping at the crossing when the Kiss n Drop is full and not moving until there is a vacant spot causing the traffic to back up all the way down Andrews Drive.

- Parents have called their children across the road. ***Carl, our Crossing Supervisor has also reported to me that one parent has encouraged their child to walk up the middle of St Andrews Drive and jump into the car while it is in the line of traffic on numerous occasions.***
- Students riding out of school on their bikes and scooters in an unsafe manner and riding and in the middle of the road.

To say I am frustrated is an understatement. I have addressed this through our newsletter on several occasions over the course of the past 3 years and I am sad and horrified to say that these practices are continuing. As a Principal I am pleading with you to take the extra time to ensure that students are safe when they exit our school each afternoon by adhering to the simple rules below.

1. Do not park in the Kiss n Drop after 2:30pm. Only stop to pick up your child if they are out the front.
2. If your child isn't there continue driving down to the roundabout on Garswood Road and then come back up to the roundabout on St Andrews Drive thus creating a loop effect.
3. Please talk to your children about safe riding and ensure that they come to school with a helmet.

I have had no choice but to call the Penrith Police Traffic Supervisor and have outlined the issues we are continually facing. I have asked them to begin patrolling our school at the end of the school day.

Student Achievements

The wonderful students below have achieved some amazing things and should be congratulated for their achievements.

Harrison Rushbrook - Sydney West Hockey Team, Regional Soccer Team, Cross Country District Team and was a Grand Final Winner for the District Touch Football Team.

Thomas Eastham - Sydney West Hockey

Matthew Bax - Regional Soccer

Ryan Hope - Regional Soccer, District Cross Country,

Jared Potts - Sydney West Hockey

Kaleb Ah-Colt - Sydney West Rugby League

Tyler Rushbrook - Sydney West Hockey

Josiah Van-Stolk - Regional Drama Ensemble and the State Drama Ensemble

Well done to all those students!

If your child has achieved something please feel free to send in a little blurb and we will endeavour to include it in the newsletter. It is always good to show the diverse talents of our students at Surveyors Creek Public School.

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 1 & 2 – Term 2

Lucas Touma	Ribbon	IS
Kelsie Kennard	Ribbon	1/2W
Nawaab Qaumi	Ribbon	5/6N
Callum Robinson	Ribbon	1B
Beau Odgers	Ribbon	1B
Hannah - Kate Proud	Banner	2MH
Jamie Leslie	Banner	3/5M
Jamie Leslie	Ribbon	3/5M
Tahlia McIntosh	Ribbon	1/2W
Kiara Kerr	Ribbon	2R
Kiara Kerr	Banner	2R
Lincoln Campbell	Ribbon	1/3CS
Jamison Proud	Ribbon	5/6I
Jamison Proud	Banner	5/6
Alicia Morales	Ribbon	IS
Cooper Morrissey	Ribbon	4L
Zac Thompson	Ribbon	5/6CW
Nicholas Galuszka	Ribbon	3/4C
Charlee Maher	Ribbon	1/2W
Negah Qaumi	Ribbon	5/6CW

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 quotes are as follows:

‘We would like to get some new sports equipment’

‘We want soccer and football during the whole year’

‘We need more shelter at the gates’

‘We like the way the basketball and netball courts are set out’

‘The fellow students of Surveyors Creek need to share the Football and soccer fields’

Thankyou for all your feedback
School Leaders

Go Blue for Autism

At the end of last term Surveyors Creek held their second Go Blue for Autism Day to raise money for the Luke Priddis Foundation. It was wonderful to see all students and teachers wearing blue for this fundraiser. We raised \$982.45. The SRC would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that supported us on this special day.

SCPS Student Representative Council

Penrith Observatory

Astronomy Night – Dr Jill Rathborne guest speaker, Saturday 14th May, 2016 (7.00pm – 9.00pm).

Cost: \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50 family

Bookings essential: To book and pay for tickets visit westernsydney.edu.au/observatory

Contact: 4736 0135

Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services

Please see the noticeboard regarding Parenting courses and workshops for – Term 2, 2016.

Contact Details: Narelle Smith, Family Worker – Mobile Phone: 0409 986 121

Centre Phone: 4721 8520

Surveyors Creek PS Library News

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What's on?

- Scholastic Book Club orders are due on Wednesday 11th May.
- Annual Book Fair will be held in the library from Friday 20th May to Wednesday 25th May.
- New Library catalogue system OLIVER coming soon!
- Premier's Reading Challenge online registration is now open.

Trivia Question:

What colour are Dorothy's shoes in the novel, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz?

Trivia Question (Answer):

Potter.

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

The library will be holding its Annual Book Fair from Friday 20th May to Wednesday 25th May a little earlier this year. This is an excellent opportunity to add to your child's home library, or purchase birthday gifts. The more books purchased during the Book Fair equals more resources the library gets from Scholastic.

Parents must accompany their child/children before school (8:40 - 9am) and/or after school (3:20 - 4pm) in order to purchase. Unaccompanied students can purchase during their regular library lesson or by arrangement with Mr Darlington. Please be aware that popular items sell out quickly due to limited supply and will need to be purchased then ordered. Your patience is appreciated. Please let your child/children know they may not get to take a book home on the day. All orders must be paid for before they can be ordered.

BOOK FAIR OPENING TIMES:

Friday 20th May - 8:40 to 9am Parents with students only

Monday 23rd May - 8:40 to 9am and 3:20 to 4pm Parents with students only

Tuesday 24th May - 8:40 to 9am and 3:20 to 4pm Parents with students only

Wednesday 25th May—3:20 to 4pm Parents with students only.

K.O.A.L.A. (Kids' Own Australian Literature Awards)

This fantastic program is aligned with the Premier's Reading Challenge, however KOALA encourages students to nominate their favourite Australian books, and vote on the shortlist. The program aims to promote a lifelong love of reading as well as involving students the awards process. The highlight is an invitation in Term 4 to the Awards ceremony where a small group of students represent the school at this prestigious event and mingle with many Australian authors and illustrators. Previous participants included: Malcolm Ball, Deb Abela, Andy Griffith, Terry Denton, Kim Gamble, Emil Rodda,.

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

Online registration opened on 7th March.

All Years 3 –6 students will be reading and recording PRC books during their library lessons. Years 3-6 must read 20 books independently before the closing date in August. K-2 students will have 30 PRC books read to them by their Class Teacher and the Teacher Librarian who will register K-2 students online by the closing date.

Author Visit - Jacqueline Harvey last term

A fantastic visit from Jacqueline Harvey, I'm sure you'll agree. The feedback from students, staff and parents was extremely positive. A great opportunity. The event was featured in the local newspaper.



Library Opening Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:40 - 9:10am and 3:10 - 3:30pm (Except Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, closed due to staff meeting)
2nd Half of lunch (1:50 - 2:10pm) Mondays K-2 computers, Tuesdays 3-4 computers Wednesday 5-6 computers, Thursdays games, drawing and reading only. Support any days.