



The Surveyor

A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 3

Week 4

Wednesday 10th August 2016

Dates to Remember

11/08/16	Orienteering Championships
15/08/16	Mass Choir Rehearsal
16/08/16	Maths (ICAS)
16/08/16	Penrith Performing Arts Choir Festival (Night)
18/08/16	Cake Stall Stage 1
19/08/16	PSSA Winter Finish's
22/08/16	Book Week
23/08/16	Book Week Character Parade
24/08/16	Zone Athletics
25/08/16	Zone Athletics
26/08/16	Public Speaking K-2
26/08/16	Public Speaking Semi Finals Stage 2
30/08/16	Debating Semi Final
30/08/16	Blue Mountains Dance Festival Rehearsal
30/08/16	Maths Parents Forum
01/09/16	Father's Day Stall
02/09/16	Public Speaking Semi-Final Stage 3
06/09/16	Blue Mountains Dance Festival (Matinee Performance)
07/09/16	Stage 3 Mini Fete
09/09/16	Blue Mountains Dance Festival (Night Performance)
16/09/16	Primary Public Speaking Finals
16/09/16	School Disco
23/09/16	Last Day of Term 3
10/10/16	Students Return Term 4
17/10/16	Treetop Adventure (3L 3M 2-6B, 3-5M)
18/10/16	Treetop Adventure (4L 4M and 3/4C)

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.

Learn to Swim Program payment is due by 9.10am 24 August 2016. There are 60 places available.

Notes home this fortnight

Learn To Swim Program
Support Unit Swimming Scheme
2016 Public Speaking Expo K-2
Mass Choir Dress Rehearsal
Blue Mountains Dance Group

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

02/12/16	Sports Assembly
07/12/16	Year 6 Graduation Assemblies & Year 6 Farewell
12/12/16	Presentation Day Assembly
13/12/16	Class Christmas Parties
14/12/16	Moving Day
15/12/16	2017 New Classes

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

Special Dates

Please put the following dates in your diaries

2/12 Sports Assembly

7/12 Year 6 Graduation Assembly & Year 6 Farewell

12/12 Presentation Day Assembly

13/12 Class Christmas Parties

14/12 Moving Day

15/12 2017 New classes

16/12 Last school day!

Bump It Up Strategy!

Surveyors Creek has been identified as one of 137 NSW Schools that have been included in the 'Bump it Up' Strategy. This strategy will be implemented from 2016-2019. Below is some information on what the strategy entails and the implications for our school. More information will be communicated as we progress.

Bump It Up strategy – Fact Sheet

Meeting the Premier's Priority to increase the proportion of NSW students in the top two NAPLAN bands for reading and numeracy by 8% by 2019

Students with strong literacy and numeracy skills are more likely to remain at school longer, complete their Higher School Certificate and continue on to tertiary education.

The Department of Education is proud of the work that public schools do to improve outcomes for all of our students. Principals, teachers and school communities have welcomed the opportunities available through our recent initiatives and reforms to make decisions at the local level that have led to improved educational outcomes for our diverse cohort of students across New South Wales.

The *Bump It Up* strategy focuses on identifying students who are doing well and who, the data suggests, have the greatest capacity to achieve in the top two NAPLAN bands. By identifying students who are currently achieving in the middle bands of NAPLAN, and implementing locally-developed targeted initiatives, we can improve their performance in reading and numeracy and enhance their overall education outcomes.

Principals will lead their school team to improve the reading and numeracy achievement of students at their school through strategic planning and the identification of targeted initiatives. Each school team will develop a plan for improvement that is explicit and focused on targeting assistance to all students at their level of need.

Teachers will focus on the needs of students in their class achieving in the middle two bands of NAPLAN.

Directors Public Schools NSW will work closely with Principals of participating schools to monitor the progress of initiatives and impact on student achievement.

Support for schools

Ongoing support and professional learning will be provided for all stakeholders delivering the *Bump it up* strategy. The School Operations and Performance Division will provide feedback loops and learning opportunities through operational and state office directorates.

The Centre for Educational Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) will provide a capability building program for Directors and Principals to strengthen evaluation and use of evidence in schools.

Through Directors Public Schools NSW, principals will have the opportunity to access assistance from Educational Services teams, communities of practice and Principals School Leadership.

Friends and Neighbours of our school

Please remember when you are arriving and exiting our school each day you are respectful of the houses that are along St Andrews Drive. Please do not cut across their front yards either by foot or by bike.

Mr Lister Snr

Mr Lister Snr will be taking Long Service Leave from Wednesday of Week 5. He leaves us to go to warmer lands of Europe. I am sure he will be thinking of us when he is lying in the sun of the Greek Isles!!! Safe Journey Mr Lister. Mrs Bronwyn Kibble will be continuing with the Bounce Back Program while he is away. Mr Lister will return at the beginning of Term 4.

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 and sending out letters for Kindergarten Interviews in Term 4.

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.

We welcome calls from our parents and community for enquiries and urgent matters. We would greatly appreciate it if you could discuss playdates, pick up arrangements and social activities with your child before they come to school in the morning. Your assistance with this matter will minimise disruptions during the school day.

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 3

Max Formby	Banner	1S
Makayla Hoegel	Ribbon	1E
Jessica Fog	Ribbon	1/2W
Lucas Nuttall	Ribbon	KM
Tannah Ashford-Wykes	Ribbon	KM
Briseis Taylor	Ribbon	KP
Katelyn Norris	Ribbon	KP
Byron Kerr	Ribbon	KA
Zachary Griffiths	Ribbon	1S
Levi Allaf-Boyd	Ribbon	1S
Jayden Grace	Ribbon	3M
James Homann	Ribbon	4L
Amber Beauchamp	Ribbon	4L
Aarav Kumar	Ribbon	1S
Hannah Allison	Ribbon	5/6CW
Cooper Bressick	Banner	3M
Jazmyn Butt-Tompkin	Banner	3M
Zoe Hejduk	Banner	1S
Benjamin Jones	Banner	5/6N
Kaitlyn Wilson	Ribbon	3/4C
Nathan Erquieza	Ribbon	3/4C
Nawaab Qaumi	Ribbon	5/6N
Jett Stevens	Ribbon	1S
Ella Richter	Ribbon	4M
Phillip Deak	Ribbon	4M
Kimaya Pillay	Ribbon	2MH
Sara Hallani	Ribbon	2MH
Claire Pruss	Ribbon	3/4C
Thomas Benton	Ribbon	3/4C
Filip Adzic	Ribbon	3/4C
Joshua White	Ribbon	3/4C
Taylah Grech	Ribbon	5/6H
Noah Buttigieg	Ribbon	4M
Xander Banning	Ribbon	4M
Keira Plevy	Ribbon	1S
Faith Manning	Banner	5/6H
Elyse Galuszka	Ribbon	5/6CW

Cooper Beck	Ribbon	5/6CW
Melita Haramis	Ribbon	5/6CW
Haden Calder	Ribbon	5/6CW
Negah Qaumi	Banner	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:

'I like that we have the inclusive kids here'

'The Debate was awesome we liked seeing the great speakers'

'No hat no play'

Thankyou for all your feedback

School Leaders

Library News

Premiers Reading Challenge closes on Friday 19th August. Every student started this in library lessons this year. ALL K-2 children have completed the challenge. Students in 3-6 were required to complete the challenge at home or in class. Their reading log can be updated online at the Premiers reading challenge website or by handing their student log to the Librarian by Friday 19th August.

Overdue notices will be sent home this week. If you believe your child has returned their book please assist by coming and looking for it on the shelves. Sometimes the scanner does miss numbers.

Book Week begins Monday 22nd August. Don't forget our book character parade on Tuesday 23rd August. I am looking forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes the children will be wearing on this day. All classes are currently reading books by Roald Dahl and stage 3 are making "showbags" for display about Roald Dahl and his stories.

Happy Reading

Sandra Farrell

Penrith Observatory In August

Saturday 13th Astronomy Night – National Science Week, Special Event Probing Pluto's Atmosphere with light from passing stars.

Saturday 27th Astronomy Night (Topic to be announced – check website in August.

Cost: \$18. Adult, \$12 child/concession, \$50 family

Bookings are essential: To book and pay for tickets visit

http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

P&C New

The P&C Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 1st September, 2016. Notes have already gone home to purchase tokens. Order forms and payment need to be returned to the P&C box in the office foyer by 9-10am Friday 19th August, 2016. Please note that all payments for P&C events are either cash or cheque. **No online payments can be accepted.**