



The Surveyor

A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 1

Week 6

Wednesday 1st March 2017

Dates to Remember

06/03/17	Strategic Direction Meeting 5-7pm
07/03/17	School Photo's
08/03/17	AFL Clinic Day
09/03/17	Selective High School Test
09/03/17	Cake Stall Stage 3
13/03/17	GPHS Yr 6 - Yr 7 Open Night
14/03/17	P & C Meeting 6.30pm
21/03/17	Interrelate Session 1 – 6pm Session 2 - 7.15pm
23/03/17	Cross Country
29/03/17	Years 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion Depart
31/03/17	Years 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion Return
04/04/17	Crazy Hair Day
07/04/17	Last day of term 1
26/04/17	Students Return term 2
09/05/17	Naplan
10/05/17	Naplan
11/05/17	Naplan

PAYMENT/PERMISSION REMINDERS

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

Extracurricular Technology Program payment is due by 9.10am Friday, 24th March 2017.

P & C Easter Raffle tickets to returned by 9.10am Friday, 31st March 2017.

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

Stewart House Donation Drive
Interrelate
Extracurricular Technology Program
Stage 3 Canberra Excursion Fee adjustments
Stage 3 Excursion Requirements
P&C Easter Raffle

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS 8:40am to 3:25pm

School Banking will be every Tuesday of school terms.

Clothing Pool will be every second Thursday afternoon (that's even weeks) and every Tuesday morning (odd weeks) of school terms.

ASSEMBLIES FOR 2017: K-2 odd weeks on Friday afternoons at 2-15pm

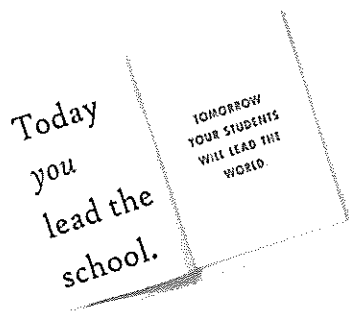
3-6 even weeks on Friday afternoon at 2-15pm



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From the Principal's desk

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School Strategic Directions 2017

It is our mission this year to have more parents and community members involved in how our school runs and the direction that we take.

Please join us next Monday 6th March from 5-7pm in the school library for our annual School Plan meeting.

This is an excellent opportunity for you and other parents to have a voice in the planning of our school directions in Learning, Growing and Connecting the Community for 2017.

Could you please follow the link to indicate which direction you would like to be a part of by Friday 3 March. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M6P295W>

Light Refreshments will be supplied.

Please contact myself or Mrs Smith if you would like further information.

School Parking

As you will be aware from my previous Principal Reports we have had a number of issues in regards to parking in and around our school and of course the 'Kiss and Drop'. I have been liaising with Penrith Council to look at solutions on how to overcome the dangerous practices we see drivers take on a daily basis. We will be taking the changes below to Traffic Control at council for consideration.

1. The last two bus bays closest to the round-a-bout on St Andrews Drive and Garswood Rd will become 15minute parking.
2. The large parking bays on Garswood Road near the back gate will be unrestricted.
3. The bus bays on Sunningdale Dr will change from unrestricted to 15min parking.

If we continue to have issues with the Kiss and Drop bay outside the school, the council will restrict it to parking bays which means there will be no Kiss and Drop and parents and community members will need to park their car and walk to the school to pick up students.

Please remember if your child is not waiting to be picked up out the front of the school in the Kiss and Drop bay when you get there please do the loop and go down to the round-a-bout on Garswood and St Andrews and back up to the round-a-bout on Sunningdale Dr and St Andrews Dr. The council and police will be making random checks on safe practice and appropriate parking.

P & C Playground Equipment

As you will see our playground is starting to take shape and our fixed equipment has been put in! Thank you to our wonderful P & C for making funds available for the purchase of the equipment. It will be a little while before it is fully operational. We will conduct a risk assessment and go through the rules with all students before they are allowed to play on it. We will introduce a roster at first until we can map the usage.

The sandpit is also being completed and I have put some money away to fund a shade cover over the pit when it is completed! Thank you to Mr Lister for organising parent helpers to help complete the sandpit. Your support and help is very much appreciated.

Bay Blades, Ooshies ,Yugioh Cards and other assorted collectables!

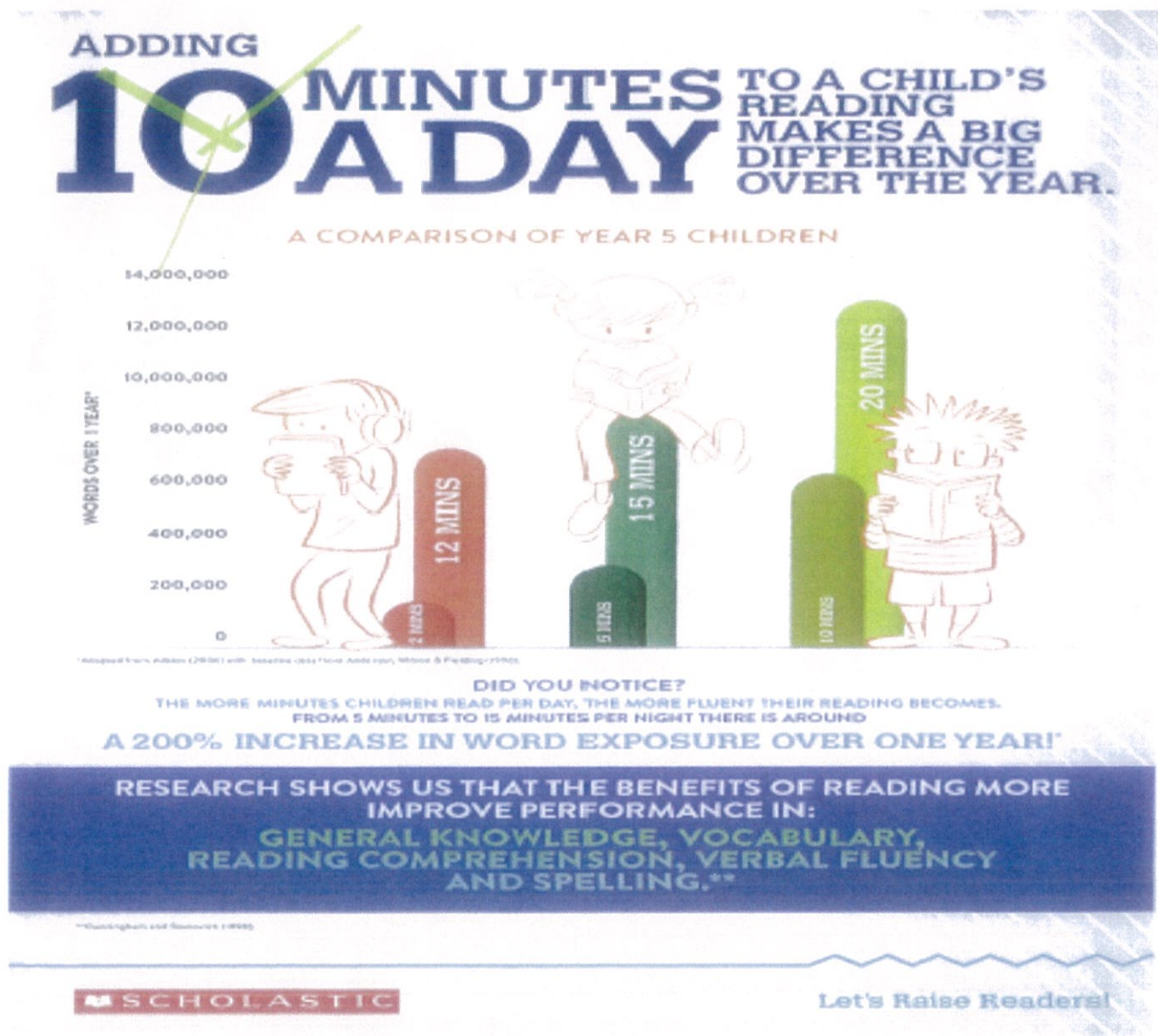
As always at the beginning and throughout the school year we have issues with students bringing to school cards the trading collectables. Please only send these types of items if students have multiples or are happy to trade. Do not allow your children to bring rare items! If your child does trade the school will not be responsible for getting cards returned when students change their minds. The best advice is not to bring items to school if they are important! If we have any more issues regarding these types of problems I will have to take action to ban them. Please talk to your children about not trading with others!

Pets in School

We have had a growing number of parents who are bringing dogs and pets in to our school in the morning and afternoons. While I am sure that these dogs are lovely family pets, and are on leashes, there is still a safety issue because of the unpredictable nature of animals especially when there are lots of children around. I ask you please to not bring dogs and pets in to the school yard. By all means you can walk your pets to school when dropping off and collecting your children at the beginning and end of the school day but please drop off at the school gate and pick up. There is an Animals in School Policy and we must follow SACEC approved activities which requires us to fill and keep records of any animal that comes on to the school premises. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter as we have a duty of care to keep everyone safe who is on our school premises.

Yours In Education

Kathy Browne





My name is Mrs Sue Burke and I am the new Teacher Librarian at Surveyors Creek P.S. I have been the Teacher Librarian at St Clair P.S. for the last 16 years. By now all of the classes have visited the Library and I have had a chance to introduce myself.

I look forward to the activities planned for the Library this year.

Could you please ensure that your child has a Library Bag for borrowing.

Premiers Reading Challenge

All students K—2 will complete the challenge as part of the Library Program.

Stage 2 students will be supported and encouraged to complete the challenge as part of my 'Book It In' initiative.

Stage 3 students will be supported and encouraged to complete it independently.

The Library is open from 8.40am each School morning.

Bookclub will be sent out twice a term.

**"The more that you read,
the more things you will
know. The more that you
learn, the more places
you'll go." - Dr Seuss**

2017 Activities

Some of the activities planned for this year include -

- World Read Aloud Day
- Bookweek
- Scholastic Bookfair
- KOALA awards
- National Simultaneous

Storytime

More information will follow as they each get closer.

Penrith City Library is a valuable resource. I encourage all students to join the Library and take advantage of its services.

If you have any queries please come and visit me in the Library.

If you are able to help in the Library please also call in and let me know.

