



# The Surveyor

A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 3

Week 6

Wednesday 23rd August 2017

## Dates to Remember

24/08/17	Zone Athletics Day 2
25/08/17	Wanders Soccer Clinic
28/08/17	Blue Mountains Dance Festival Rehearsal
29/08/17	GPLA Literacy
29/08/17	GPLA Maths Challenge Day
30/08/17	Debate Semi Final
31/08/17	Father's Day Stall
05/09/17	Maths Olympiad
05/09/17	Stage-1 Rouse Hill Excursion
06/09/17	Stage-1 Rouse Hill Excursion
07/09/17	Stage 2 Cake Stall
08/09/17	Blue Mountains Dance Performance – Evening Performance
11/09/17	State Dance Festival – Seymour Centre
12/09/17	Public Speaking Grand Final
12/09/17	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
14/09/17	Stage 3 - Pancake Day Year 6 Fundraiser
14/09/17	Author Visit
20/09/17	Stage 3 Mini Fete
10/10/17	K-2 Life Education week
13/10/17	K-2 Life Education last day
18/10/17	Year 6 Showcase of Talent Fundraiser

## PAYMENT/PERMISSION REMINDERS

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

**Stage 1 Rouse Hill House and Farm Excursion**  
payment of \$40.00 is due by 9.10am, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

**Stage 3 Mini Fete** – payment for your coupons to be returned by 9.10am, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Stage 3 Showcase of Talent** – Payment of \$5.00 to be returned by 9.10am, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Stage 3 Year 6 Pancake Day Fundraiser** – Payment of \$2.50 to be returned by 9.10am, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Early Stage 1 - Life Education Program** – Payment of \$10.00 to be made by 9.10am, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 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

Life Education Program  
PSSA District  
Celebrating Book Week  
2017 Public Speaking Expo for K-2

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

**31/08/17 Father's Day Stall**

## 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



## **The Surveyor** **Term 3 Week 6**

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

### **From The Principal's Desk**

#### **Book Week**

It was absolutely fabulous to see all our parents, grandparents and community members watching our fantastic Book Week Parade! Thank you to our Mrs Burke for organising the parade and our Book Fair. Well done to all the students and teachers who dressed for the occasion.

#### **Kindergarten Enrolments 2018-ASAP**

Just a reminder if you have a child or know of a child that is eligible to start school in 2018 (child must be turning 5 by 31st July 2018) could you please start the enrolment process by visiting our school Administration Office and filling out the enrolment forms. At Surveyors Creek we interview all of our new Kindergarten students prior to starting. This year interviews will commence the beginning of Term 4. It would be very much appreciated if we could have letters for interview times out to parents by the end of Term 3.

#### **Unexplained Absences – notes home**

Please check your child's bag this afternoon for a letter regarding any unexplained absences that your child may have had. We have run a whole school audit through our attendance system and we have discovered that 451 students have one or more unexplained absences for this school year. It is a legal requirement that all absences must be explained. If you could return the note asap we will update our systems. Also please remember to avoid these reminders in the future just ensure that you send a note with your child to school on the day they return explaining their absence. We greatly appreciate and thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**The Tell Them From Me Parent Feedback Survey (Term 3, 2017)!!!!!! We need your responses!!!!**

**So far we have only had 17 families who have completed our survey.....! This is your opportunity to tell us how we are going. This survey is important to us as it helps us to improve processes and practices if needed and to celebrate success!!!!**

This Term, 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 on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted

between 21 August and 13 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at:

[http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/TTFM\\_Parent\\_Survey\\_FAQs\\_Parent\\_and\\_Carers\\_T32017.pdf](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/TTFM_Parent_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T32017.pdf)

### **GPLA Literacy Parent Forum**

Please put Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August into your diaries. Information has already gone home. Please check Facebook!

### **GPLA Writers' Festival**

*A selection of Stage 3 students from Surveyors Creek PS will be presenting their stories at the Writers' Festival tonight. Good luck to all our students.*

**Wakakirri Performance** Both Mrs Smith and I attended our Stage 3 Wakakirri performance at the Riverside Theatre Parramatta last night. They were absolutely fabulous and took out the 'Best Story' and 'Best Recycling of costumes'. A huge amount of gratitude must go to Mrs Johnson, Mrs Wilson, Ms Quinlan, Mr Nicolle, Ms Heeps, Mrs Cracknell, Mrs Burke, Ms Lane and Mr Jones for all their hard work in coordinating Stage 3, coming up with the story line, fabulous choreography and logistically organising over 100 students to perform. Also to the parents and community who helped make costumes and last but not least our wonderfully talented Stage 3 students. A special shout out to Miss Woodhouse for helping on the night as well! They all did themselves and our school proud.

### **Collecting Students during the school day**

I understand that there are times when students need to be picked up during the school day for purposes such as doctor appointments and family issues and emergencies. We ask that if you need to take your child out of school that you do so before the recess and lunchtime breaks. It makes it hard to find your child during those times and when they do come to the office we then have to find their teacher to open up the classroom as classrooms are locked during those times and we can't send a student down to the classroom unsupervised. Alternatively, if you have to pick them up during those times can you let your child or the class teacher know that they will need to come up to the front office with their bag and wait for you to collect them. This would make the process more efficient and cause less stress, especially if you have time constraints.

### **Validation**

We have finished collecting and presenting our evidence for Validation. It has taken 17 team members over 100 hours collecting and sorting evidence into the areas of Learning, Teaching and Leading. I would like to thank all the teachers who examined evidence, annotated and analysed our schools data and also to Mrs Robyn Koen and Mrs Belinda Rushbrook from our P&C who also participated in the process. A formal meeting will now take place on 7<sup>th</sup> September where the EV Team will meet with a Principal School Leadership and a Peer Principal from another school.

**Yours in Education**

**Kathy Browne**

**Principal**

## **Stage 2 Cake Stall**

We have had to change the Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Cake Stall to **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017** as the original date clashed with the Zone Athletics Carnival. A note will be coming home with the students closer to the date.

## **ICAS University Competitions**

### **Writing**

#### **Merit**

Mali Polutele  
Joshua White

#### **Credit**

Nicholas Galuszka  
Ann Thomas  
Luka Milacic

#### **Distinction**

Sara Hallani  
Elise Hackworthy  
Jaida Timbs

### **Science**

#### **Merit**

Jaida Timbs  
Alana Suffield  
Joshua White

#### **Credit**

Luka Milacic  
hiyao Lin

#### **Distinction**

Jerrin Jomon  
Nicholas Galuszka  
Leah Tomarchio  
Bradley Koen

### **Spelling**

#### **Merit**

Jerrin Jomon  
Nicholas Galuszka  
Jacob Ilijeski

#### **Credit**

Jaida Timbs  
Joshua White  
Hasrat Bhatthal  
Kaleb Irawan  
luka Milacic

#### **Distinction**

Elise Hackworthy  
Sara Hallani

### **Digital Technologies**

#### **Credit**

Cordell Dean  
Thomas Farrell  
Jerrin Jomon  
Luke McCarroll  
Nicholas Galuszka  
Bradley Koen

#### **Distinction**

Luka Milacic

### **Lost Property**

Just a reminder to parents that if you could please double check that your child has not mistakenly taken home the wrong jacket, jumper or hat as we have had quite a number of students who are missing various uniform items. Also it is always a good idea to put your child's name on jackets hats lunchbox's etc.

### **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 5 & 6 – Term 3

Emma Norrish	Ribbon	5/6H
Kaleb Irawan	Ribbon	4/5JH
Malachi Cini	Ribbon	4/5JH
Arman Sidhu	Ribbon	<b>4/5JH</b>
Lucas Norrish	Ribbon	4/5JH
Jayden Grace	Ribbon	3/4B
Montana Jay	Ribbon	3/4B
Harrison Saliba	Ribbon x3	3/4B
Kristopher Haramis	Ribbon	3/4B
Harrison Saliba	Banner	3/4B
<b>Austin Richardson</b>	<b>Banner</b>	<b>4/5JH</b>
Amos Pridham	Ribbon	KA
Eileen Cao	Ribbon	K/1HM
Max Formby	Ribbon	3/4L
Cooper Smith	Ribbon	KA
Abigail Suffield	Ribbon	KA
Archer Soriano	Ribbon	KA
Jayden Snell	Ribbon	1C
Avah Rose Parry	Ribbon	1C
Joshua Vide	Ribbon	1C
Callum Daggar	Ribbon	4/5JH
Aditya Balegar	Ribbon	1C
Mason Tongia	Ribbon	k/1HM
<b>Damon White</b>	<b>Banner</b>	<b>1C</b>
Isabella Madden	Ribbon	KA
Zachariah Forster	Ribbon	K/1HM
Shae Champion Dawes	Ribbon	2C
Archie Crichton	Ribbon	KA
Leighton Dunn	Ribbon	KS
Noah Mitchell	Ribbon	KMS
Gemma Banham	Ribbon	KA
Medha Behl	Ribbon	3/4B
Zachary Griffiths	Ribbon	2M
<b>Zachary Griffiths</b>	<b>Banner</b>	<b>2M</b>
Zachary Griffiths	Ribbon	2M
Zachary Griffins	Ribbon	2M
Neha Aji	Banner	2Uw
Joel Attard	Ribbon	KL
Raphael Qu	Ribbon	KL

### Lowes Penrith

Lowes is closing for renovations from 4<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Uniforms will be available online during this time.