



The Surveyor

A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 3

Week 8

Wednesday 6th September 2017

Dates to Remember

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 – Held in Staffroom
13/09/17	Wakakirri Finals - Rehearsal and Evening Performance
14/09/17	Stage 3 - Pancake Day Year 6 Fundraiser
14/09/17	Author Visit
20/09/17	Stage 3 Mini Fete
22/09/17	Last Day of Term 3
09/10/17	Students Return Term 4
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 3 Showcase of Talent – Payment of \$5.00 to be returned by 9.10am, Monday 18th September 2017.

Early Stage 1 - Life Education Program – Payment of \$10.00 to be made by 9.10am, Tuesday 19th September 2017.

State Dance Festival Workshop – Payment of \$10.00 to be made by 9.10am, Friday 8th 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

Wakakirri Finals Performance

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

13/09/17 Wakakirri Finals

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 8**

I can ^{Learn} Anything!
I can ^{Know} Anything!
I can ^{Be} Anything!

From The Principal's Desk

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.

Notes and Payments

Attention all Parents and Caregivers

I have addressed the matter of payments for school activities many times over the past four and a half years and at the end of last year when our new accounting system came in.

Our school prides itself on giving families ample notice to pay for things such as excursions, incursions and school activities, sometimes as much six weeks prior to the event. We communicate through notes home, school newsletter, Facebook, School Bag app, our electronic noticeboard and Mrs Clark does her daily announcements and reminders so that no one misses out. Deadlines for payments are placed for a reason and not to be an inconvenience to our community. Schools are now run like small businesses and we need processes to ensure that it all runs smoothly and our financial accountabilities are adhered to.

We get increasingly frustrated that after everything we do to ensure that parents and carers are kept informed, and with plenty of notice to pay, we still have payments coming after deadlines! It has been particularly difficult this week for our wonderful staff in the front office. It saddens me to say that parents and carers have not been very respectful when they have been told that deadlines have passed. We do understand how busy everyone is and that is why we give as much notice as we can. If there is a reason why you can't pay by a deadline please let us know and we may be able to help, but do it before the due date!

I have made exceptions this time but in future deadlines will be enforced!!! To avoid disappointment please ensure that all monies are in before the due date. That way we won't have upset parents, carers or students when we refuse or refund payments for activities and events.

Just so that there is no misunderstandings! There will be **no exceptions** unless arrangements have been made prior with Mrs Poli, Mrs Smith or myself. Please remember that you might think you are the only one but when you multiply that by many it becomes an issue. We appreciate your support, understanding and cooperation in the future. Once again so that it is clear, below are the cut off times for payments.

POP-Online payments cut off is 6pm on the day before due date.

School payment cut off is 9am on the due date.

Be Kind To Our Neighbours

I have been contacted by a number of our neighbours regarding students walking on their lawns in the afternoons on their way home. Whilst they understand the difficulty of living near a school and the traffic that it brings they do draw a line to students peering in their windows. Please ask your children to respect our neighbours and try not to invade their front yards. It is best to walk straight home and not play along the way.

Wakakirri, Blue Mountains Dance Festival and State Dance Festival

Oh my goodness! What a week we are ending into! Friday night sees our performance at the Blue Mountains Dance Festival followed by Monday 11th September at the Seymour Centre for the State Dance Festival and then to top it off on Wednesday the 13th September we will be at Homebush for the Wakakirri State Finals. Thank you to all the staff and parents who have helped throughout the process and good luck to all our wonderfully talented students.

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%20Parent%20Survey%20FAQs%20Parent%20and%20Carers%20T32017.pdf)

Validation

Our school will participate in the validation process this Thursday between 10am-12pm. Thank you to the 15 staff members on our EV Team and to our parent reps Mrs Belinda Rushbrook and Mrs Robyn Koen for all their hard work.

Yours in Education

**Kathy Browne
Principal**

Canteen News

Term 3

Friday 15 September - 'Red' Day & lunch orders as usual

Wednesday 20 September - Last day to order lunch orders this term

Friday 22 September - Canteen will be **closed** for all lunch orders and over the counter sales

Term 4

Wednesday 11 October - Canteen open as usual for lunch orders and over the counter sales

Friday 18 October - Canteen will open for over the counter sales including 'Red' Day but **closed** for lunch orders (Year 6 Fundraiser - Showcase of Talent pre-ordered BBQ Lunch)

Friday 3 November - Canteen will open for over the counter sales but **closed** for lunch orders ('Wacky Walkathon' - pre-ordered BBQ Lunch)

'Red' Day is where students are able to purchase additional sweets and treats from our canteen including Zappos, Giant Straws, Lolly Bags, Double Dips, etc.

The canteen is also in need of some volunteer helpers for Wednesday and Fridays, if any of our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles have some free time just once a month and you have your Working with Children Check please see Cherie in the canteen or the front office.

Lost Keys

Car Keys have been handed into the office they were found in the hall last Thursday they are for a Subaru. Please see the office lady's for further details.

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.

Mulgoa Public School P & C Movie Night

Mulgoa P&C is hosting a movie night on the 23rd September 2017 at Mulgoa Public School.

Fernhill School

Fernhill School would like to invite community members to visit our school to look around the great learning facilities. We will be offering a sausage sizzle, tea and coffee, and a cake stall so please come ready to buy your lunch and take home a treat. This will be held on Saturday 16th September 2017 from 10am to 2pm.

Wakakirri Photo and CD Supplier

A CD of all your performance photos for **\$250** - A great record of your school's experience.

2. A large format poster (50x75cm) for **\$220** with up to 15 photos to hang in pride of place throughout your school.

Add it to your Hall of Fame or start one

Please find attached flyer with website details

Parent Interactions with Students

Our school is committed to building a safe and happy environment for students, staff, parents and the broader community.

We encourage parents and carers to advocate strongly on their child's behalf and, as part of this, expect them to raise concerns about their child.

Sometimes these concerns may relate to the way a child may have been treated by another student at this school.

It is natural for parents and carers to feel protective of their children.

However you must not raise any concerns you have about the behaviour of another child directly with that child (or his or her parents while they are at school) but should instead report your concerns to the principal or a member of the executive team.

Your concerns will be taken seriously and responded to promptly.

If a parent, carer or other community member raises their concerns directly with a child (or their parents while they are at school) this may result in the access that person has to the school site being restricted or withdrawn.

We greatly value the contribution parents, carers and other community members make to the school community and do not wish to take any action that impacts on their participation in school activities.

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 7 & 8 – Term 3

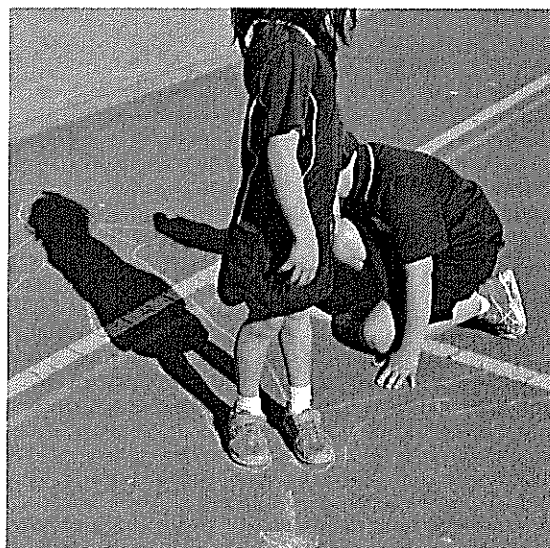
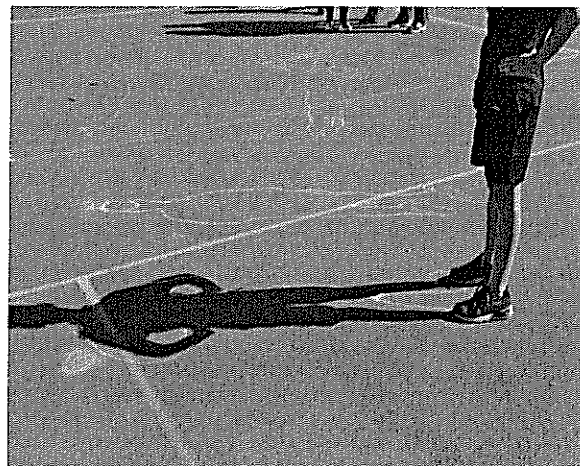
Cordell Dean	Ribbon	3/4B
Nayshan Dunnet	Ribbon	3/4B
Jackson Debono	Banner	2C
Charlotte Bellamy	Ribbon	5/6N
Eva Allan	Ribbon	3/4L
Joshua White	Ribbon	3/4L
Alicia Morales	Banner	2L
Sara Hallani	Ribbon	3/4H
Austin Richardson	Banner	4/5JH
Dalanie Miller	Ribbon	2C
Chloe Homann	Ribbon	2C
Braxton Weir	Ribbon	KA
Makayla Richardson	Ribbon	2C
John Plume	Ribbon	2C
Jaida Timbs	Ribbon	4/5JH
Lana Adzic	Ribbon	2C
Megan Buffett	Ribbon	1G

Jessica Fog	Ribbon	2UW
Bailey Green	Ribbon x 2	2UW
Paityn Jones	Ribbon	2UW
Jamie McManamon	Banner	2C
Armaan Sidhu	Banner	2UW
Armaan Sidhu	Ribbon	4/5JH
Kaleb Irawan	Ribbon	4/5JH
Dylan Long	Ribbon	3/4H
Lachlan Green	Ribbon	5/6Q
Indianna Grech	Ribbon	3/4H
Sarina Pedri	Ribbon	5/6H

Learning about shadows – Class 2M

On the 31st of August our class 2M were learning all about shadows. In the morning 2M went out on the netball courts and drew their shadows. We all had a partner. In the afternoon 2M went out and drew their shadows again and our shadows were pointing a different way because the world was moving and the sun was not moving but because the world was moving the sun was going in different directions.

By: Zara and Isla



FERNHILL SCHOOL



INDEPENDENCE THROUGH
LEARNING

We'd like to invite the wider school community to visit our school to look around the green learning facilities.

We will also be offering a sausage sizzle, tea and coffee, and a cake stall
— so come ready to buy your lunch and a take home treat!

OPEN DAY

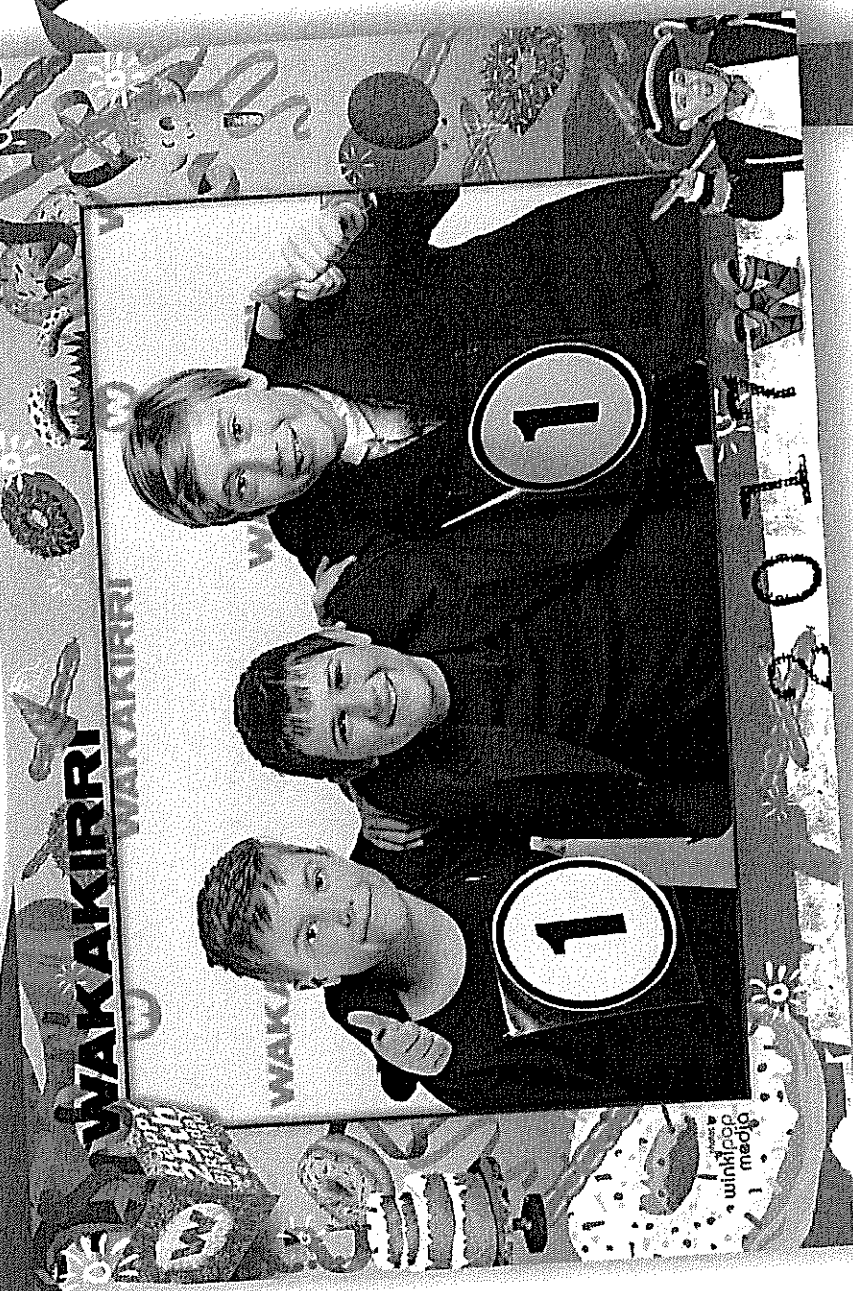
SATURDAY 16TH SEPT 2017

12-40 Ridgeway Drive Glenmore Park 2745

10AM - 2PM

Check out your 2017 **WAKA** photos

go to www.winkipopmedia.com.au
password: gift



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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SHARING STORIES!