PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

FAREWELL MRS KERR
Mrs Kerr, our Assistant Principal and highly regarded teacher of KK, has been successful in her application for the position of Assistant Principal at Murray Farm PS (pending a 10 day appeal period). She will be leaving our school at the end of the term. Mrs Kerr’s new school is a much larger school and will provide her with some exciting new opportunities. It is also closer to home allowing more time to spend with her family.

Mrs Kerr is an exceptional teacher and Assistant Principal and we wish her the very best for the future. The executive staff and myself will be looking at our options for a suitable replacement for Mrs Kerr and will inform the community by the end of this term regarding teaching and supervision arrangements.

JUNIOR GIRLS AGE SWIMMING CHAMPION
In last week’s newsletter we missed congratulationing Ashleigh Pottinger for becoming the Junior Girl’s Age Champion for Zone.
This is a great achievement, one to be proud of.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
These will be held for all students over the final two weeks of term 1. A letter explaining how you can book an interview time will be sent home early next week. As usual some teachers will offer additional times. This will be clearly explained in the note.

PRINCIPAL

SUN SAFETY
Mrs Borys organised a representative from the Sun Safe Program to speak with staff yesterday morning. We are currently reviewing our school policy and hope to be an accredited school in the near future. In the meantime, please remember that it is important to be sun safe all year round. We were reminded yesterday that some of the worst damage done to our skin happens when we are very young. It is possible to get sunburnt on cloudy days and wearing a hat and putting on sunscreen is always a good idea.

CPR TRAINING
Year 6 students will be participating in CPR training on Thursday April 3. This program is especially set up for our Year 6 students to provide them with the confidence and skills to deal with such emergencies.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

HARMONY DAY
Our school is celebrating Harmony Day and National Action Day against Bullying next Friday March 21st. We are looking forward to seeing students and staff wearing something orange. The teachers will be discussing ideas with students next week and it can be as simple as some orange crepe paper made into wristbands or head bands. This in not compulsory and we don’t want parents rushing out to buy orange clothing, we just want to raise awareness. The message of Harmony day is ‘Everyone Belongs’ It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. This is a message worth celebrating.

A CASE OF DISCOVERY
Just a reminder to all our Years 3-6 students that this exciting event is coming up soon. March 25 is the date. Let’s get science going at TPS.

KINDY IS OFF TO THE ZOO
Did you know that Kindergarten are off to the Zoo on April 8. How exciting! Their first excursion and it is all the way to the city. Keep an eye on this space for some great photos.

P&C MEETING
Thank you to those parents who came to our meeting earlier in the week. Please check our website next week for the full minutes of the meeting. It looks like another busy year. I hope you can make it to the next meeting in May. There will be no meeting in April due to the holidays.

LIBRARY NEWS - Premier’s Reading Challenge
This year’s PRC opened this week. K-2 students complete the Challenge with their teacher. The Challenge is optional for students in years 3-6. Students wishing to participate can advise me for registration. Reading records can then be logged online. The Challenge ends in August. For more information please visit: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Renata Redman TEACHER/LIBRARIAN
PARENT AUXILIARY PEDLARS’ PARADE

The K-2 Pedlars’ Parade is to be held on Thursday 10 April, commencing at 9.30am to 11.00am in the K-2 playground. A separate note explaining the details has been sent home. However, at recess students from years 3-6 will be able to purchase lucky dips, cakes and sweets from the stalls for $0.50 - $1.00. This is the 49th Pedlars’ Parade so it has been a tradition at our school for many years. We would appreciate donations of cakes that we can sell on the cake stall. Small cakes, sweets, toffees are most appreciated and will be sold to the students in years 3-6 at recess.

We are also holding an Easter raffle. If you would like to donate Easter Eggs, Easter novelty or baskets to go towards the making of the prizes, we would be very grateful. Donations may be left at the office. Tickets will be sent home shortly.

Parents, grandparents, friends are all most welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Thank you in anticipation.

Jacki Hogan - CONVENOR

CANTEEN NEWS - HOT DOG and SOFT DRINK

The first Meal Deal for this year will be held on Wednesday 19 March. It will be a hot dog and soft drink for $4.50. If you would like to order this meal deal, please write your name and order on a brown paper bag and hand it to the canteen before Tuesday 18 March. We will also have a vegetarian option available. Please note there will be no other hot food available on this day except for noodles.

Janice Smith - CANTEEN MANAGER

PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL

Parramatta Council is running a family-friendly free outdoor cinema on Parramatta River Foreshore every Friday evening from 21 March – 11 April. The movies are classic much-loved children’s movies. Bring your picnic blanket and picnic tea and enjoy the free movies. Movies such as Finding Nemo, Babe, Toy Story and Wall-E will be shown. Come along and have some fun on Friday evenings beside the Parramatta River.

PSSA DRAWS FOR 21 March, 2014

Softball vs Newcombe Ball vs Tee Ball vs AFL Whites vs AFL Reds vs to be advised

CAONEEN TREAT – PBL FAIR (Tuesday)

To celebrate our BEE FAIR, the Canteen will be selling

ICE CREAM WITH HONEYCOMB FOR 50C PER CUP.

at the side window of the canteen at recess

PEDLARS’ PARADE

Thursday 10 April

commencing at

9.30am – 11.00am

in the K-2 playground

Come along and buy a lovely tray.

Plenty of bargains

cakes, sweets, lucky dips also available

Lots of lovely Easter Baskets also to be won in our raffle.
WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR

TO BEE FAIR

next
Tuesday 18 March, 2014

11.30am in the hall

Classroom activities
11.45am – 1.00pm

Afternoon
PBL Lesson / Reflection
In own class

PARENTS ARE VERY WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN

Please check the attached information from the government about the first child tax offset.

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Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the 'First Child Tax Offset' and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement, so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

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