Principal’s Report

We are coming to the last few weeks of the school years and busy times ahead. Our Yr6 students are exploring the venue for their “special day out” and the schedule for our Yr6 Farewell. Presentation Day is currently being organised and we look forward to welcoming our families to join us for that very important event.

End of Year School Reports
Teachers are collecting information to inform their comments when writing the Semester 2 Reports. The School Reports will be sent home on Friday 5th December. With the report you will receive an invitation to a Parent/Teacher Interview. The Interview will be a 10 minute conversation about your child’s achievements, improvements and/or needs. The Interviews will be held on Wednesday 10th December from 3pm to 6pm. The interviews will be held in the library by all class teachers at that time, so that parents with students in two or more classes can organise appointment times close together.

Staffing Changes
We welcome Ms Lesly Sheldon to our school. Ms Sheldon will become the teacher for the Champions Class on Monday 10th November. Ms Sheldon comes to our school with many years of teaching experience and is keen to see how the Champions class enjoy some drama activities.

Mobile Dental Clinic
Thank you to all families that returned the permission note for the Mobile Dental Clinic. The van will be arriving at our school in about 2 weeks. I will advise you of the date, once confirmed. The Dental Clinic is quite a long vehicle and will be parked within the school car park. Please ensure that all vehicles travel slowly as children will be entering and exiting the van throughout the school day.
**Stewart House Donations**

We have quite a few bags of clothing that have been returned to the school. I know that he children at Stewart House will be most grateful. Thank you for your generosity.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

Our new Kindergarten students have enjoyed two sessions with the Superstars class. Thank you to the buddies that have been such good friends to our new students. The final session for Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Friday 14th November, from 9am to 11am.

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**University of Western Sydney**

As our school is growing, the Department of Education and Communities has supported our efforts to clean up rooms, re-paint and re-establish a safe learning environment. We have collaborated with The University of Western Sydney (UWS) and they have agreed to relocate some of our school items. The major science exhibits and the planetarium will now be located at the UWS Observatory at Penrith. This will allow many schools and students across Sydney to access the resources throughout the year.

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**Ms Colleen Potter**

Principal

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**GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS**

**Stewart House Clothing Appeal**

Thank you to the families who returned bags of clothing for collection. If you would like to know more about the work that Stewart House does please visit their website www.stewarthouse.org.au.

**NSW public school terms and holidays**

Here’s a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.


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**2015 Kindergarten Enrolment & Orientation**

Enrolments are still being taken for Kindergarten 2015 of children, who will beturning 5 years old on or before 31st July, 2015. Please pass this information on to friends or neighbours who do not receive this newsletter. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

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**Jargon explained**

I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can’t accept not trying.

Michael Jordan
Empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Artists Workshop

Date: Monday 24 November 2014
Where: Seminar Room, Parramatta Visitors and Heritage Centre, 346A Church Street, Parramatta
Time: 10am-2pm
Speakers: Suzanne Derry [morning session], Terri Janke & Company [afternoon session]
Cost: Free [lunch and refreshments provided]

Call Steve Ross 9806 5465 or sross@parracity.nsw.gov.au to book! Or book online: artforum.eventbrite.com.

This day is aimed at artists, managers, arts workers and those working across the sector, responding to a range of situations in real life. In these informative and interesting sessions, learn about copyright through a hands-on workshop format where you will work through practical examples of encounters on copyright and infringement hypotheticals. Examine moral rights through case studies, contracts and licensing, and workshop copyright licensing negotiation. Learn about specific Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights (ICIP) and Protocols. Participants can bring general questions or submit questions prior to the forum on the day for speakers to answer via the eventbrite registration page.

This professional development opportunity is free. Lunch and refreshments will be provided on the day.

Speakers:

Suzanne Derry has been a lawyer at the Arts Law Centre of Australia for over 7 years. Suzanne has worked for a number of community legal centres and a boutique entertainment law practice. Suzanne provides legal advice on copyright, contract, defamation, debt and business structures. Suzanne enjoys educating artists about their rights and providing practical advice across a range of arts areas.

Terri Janke & Company is the only specialist Indigenous law firm and consultancy based in Australia. Terri Janke developed a lot of the principles and guidelines that apply to Indigenous cultural and Intellectual property today. Terri is regarded as a leading international authority on Indigenous cultural and intellectual property rights (ICIP), and in 2000 she has been commissioned by the World Intellectual Property Organisation to conduct the first feasibility study of Protection of Traditional Knowledge.

Corroboree Sydney 20 - 30 November 2014


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