From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night I enjoyed watching our talented Senior Dance group perform in the Sydney West Dance Festival. This group were trained by Mrs Turner and Miss Ingram and they did a superb job. They will be performing again on Friday night and I am sure they will do us proud.

On the sporting field we had some success last week with our AFL girls and the Opens Rugby League. Both made it to the finals with the Rugby League team winning the final. All represented the school well and displayed great teamwork, skill and sportsmanship.

Representing the school is considered a privilege, whether it be for dance, choir, sport or debating. Students who breach our discipline code and are placed on detention or suspension will forfeit their access to these events for the next week. This applies to the next occasion they will represent the school and is a valuable incentive to ensure students treat each other with respect, make safe choices and take responsibility for their actions.

As you may be aware, smoking has been banned in a range of public outdoor places under the Smoke-free Environment Act since 7th January 2013. This includes public transport stops and stations, within 10 metres of children’s play equipment, spectator areas of sports grounds and within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance or exit point from a public building. Some parents have raised concerns about parents smoking just outside the school gates, so this current campaign is a timely reminder to please refrain from smoking in or around our school gates and bus stop areas.

I hope everyone enjoys this long weekend and we look forward to seeing all our students return on Tuesday.

regards,
Delphine Annett
Principal

Notes sent home this fortnight:
Stage One Chinese New Year Incursion
Senior Dance Group Rehearsal

Have you returned?
Chinese Incursion Note and money Yrs 1 & 2

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Curriculum Corner

Our school has been selected to be part of a research study by the Department of Education and Newcastle University. The study will involve 8 teachers working in teams to develop and share best practice based on the Quality Teaching Framework. The first step involves the university research team coming to observe the teachers delivery of lessons and having these teachers and their students completing an online survey. The next steps of the process will be determined once all schools involved have their data collated. It is fantastic to have more than 8 teachers volunteering to participate and having to choose the final participants. It demonstrates the commitment of our staff to continually reflect and improve their teaching.

Show and Tell

*I have been learning about The First Fleet in their Australian History study. As part of their learning, they wrote imaginative texts about an adventure of travelling in a boat near an island.*

Once upon a time mum, dad and me went on a boat. It took us to a beautiful island. I went hunting around the island with my dad. We found a big coconut and a big apple too. We had coconut stew and apple juice.  

*By Nawal*

One day I went on a boat and I saw James and Jamal and we landed on an island. Me, James and Jamal saw a treasure box next to the coconut tree. After that we made coconut stew and apple juice. I made a tent with leaves and a tree and we made a fire. Then we blew the fire out. Then we went to sleep. I felt happy.  

*By Everlyn*

Once upon a time my family were on the boat. It took me to an island. My dad, my mum and I were feeling sad. I saw a big boy. He was standing on a hill near the water. I took a tasty coconut from a tree.  

*By Mosa*

Once upon a time I was in a boat with my family and it had rocks and lots of water. It was sunny and I came with my mum and my dad and me. We found some girls. "Oh my goodness!" I yelled. I saw some hills. I loved it. My dad gave us some food and it was some coconut. The flavour was vanilla. I said to my mum, "Where are we going?". She said "We are going somewhere".  

*By Faith*

A long time ago I got stolen from a pirate and they pushed me into the boat and I didn’t know any mean pirates. They took me to a different island, not with my family. There was no food and water. I was thirsty! I didn’t have food. I felt sad.  

*By Cohen*

*2/3M have enjoyed creating a range of visual artworks using a range of media such as charcoal, crayon, paint and oil pastels. These have been created by Ryan, Esther, Makaylah, Cooper, Ashor and Ivana.*
P & C News

The P & C will be holding a father’s day stall again this year in September, we will let you know of a date later in the year. We are asking for any donations that we could use for the stall, if you can donate it would be very much appreciated. Can you please drop the items off at the canteen anytime until the end of August.

Some ideas are: Face washers (male colours blue, black, brown etc), men’s hankies, soap, shaving cream, men’s deodorant, men’s shampoo and conditioner etc.

Creative and Practical Arts Disco

The costs of the disco tickets are $3.00 for Infants and $5.00 for Primary. Tickets will be sold in AREA ONE in front of the canteen at 8:30am from Monday 9th June, 2014. A cake stall will also be running throughout the day, items will range from 20c to $2.00.

Congratulations to our winners

Oxley Park 7-a-side Rugby League team winners of the Greg Alexander A Division competition
**6H, K Green and K Blue love Buddy Time**

I like buddies because…

...they are always nice.
Lily (KB)

...they’re nice, cute and sweet.
Maddison (6H)

...they’re playful, kind, some share the same culture as us.
Rav (6H)

...they read to us.
Chloe B (KG)

... they are nice people.
Amber (KG)

...they’re funny and share stories.
Jacob (6H)

...creativity and not afraid to speak
They have good imaginations.
Prayer (6H)

... they’re funny and good at doing everything.
Zainab (KB)

...helpful, kind and looks after me.
Talarra (KG)