From the Principal

Last Friday many of our 3 – 6 students participated in the Colyton Learning Community Sports competition at Colyton High School. The students have the opportunity to play Oz tag, Softball, T-ball, Newcombe ball and Kanga Cricket against other local schools and are supported by the Colyton and St Mary’s Senior High School students who referee and set up fields and equipment. In other sporting news congratulations to Jessica 6L who has been selected to represent the school in the Zone girls Soccer team for 2015 also to Lexee 4/5S and Emily 5/6H who made it into the Zone Basketball team. Good luck also to our District Swimming team who are competing on Friday March 6 at Mt Druitt Pool.

We are looking forward to opening the school to our Grandparents on March 20 when we celebrate Grandparents Day and Harmony Day. Please see the details in the body of the newsletter.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that you are welcome to attend our assemblies every Friday. For K – 2 they are held at 12:10pm and for Year 3 – 6 at 2pm every Friday.

BE IN LINE BY 9
This is the mantra we want all students to know and adopt in 2015. So many children get dropped off at the gate at 9.02, 9.05, 9.10 etc. If parents can get their child to school just after 9 surely it does not need too much of an adjustment at home to get them here before 9am. Feedback from our parents every year about our staff is that our teachers care about each student and know them well and make adjustments for their learning, social and behavioural needs. I agree, our staff are exceptional and spend a great deal of their time preparing lessons, organising and running extra after school activities and opportunities, all we ask from our parents is to have the students at school on time every day to give the students their best chance to gain 12 months worth of learning.

Regards,
Delphine Amett
Principal

Calendar

Week 6
March 6
SRC badge presentations
District Swimming carnival at Mt Druitt Pool

Week 7
March 12
K-2 Disco – Lunchtime
3-6 Disco – 5 - 6:30pm

Week 8
March 20
Harmony/Grandparents Day from 10:30am

Week 9
March 23
Nursery Rhyme Day Kindergarten
March 24
Eat it to beat it Healthy lunch workshops
9 – 9.45am
March 25
School Photos
March 26
Koori Yarn Time
March 27
Stage one Aquarium excursion

Notes sent home this fortnight:
District Swimming Carnival
Colyton Learning Community (CLC) Sport
Stage 1 Excursion – Sydney Aquarium Darling Harbour
Scripture Note

Have you returned?
District Swimming Carnival permission
CLC Sport Permission Note
Sydney Aquarium permission Yr 1 & 2
Scripture Note
2015 University of NSW competitions permission
Curriculum Corner
Our staff are undertaking additional training in the teaching of Mathematics to explore in detail different activities to support students in the acquisition of basic number facts and operations. In P – 2 we will continue utilising the Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) strategies with Miss Walden and Miss Rositano supporting the teachers and students to assess, teach and review progress. In Year 3 – 6 Miss Bennett will be leading the Taking off with Numeracy (TOWN) strategies with all teachers undertaking lesson study to refine explicit teaching, maximize engagement of students and improve their understanding of place value and basic number operations.

School Photographs
We are having school photographs for all classes, Pre-School through to Year 6, on Wednesday 25th March. Photos are once again being taken by ‘The School Photographer’. Please make sure you get a copy of the payment envelope with this newsletter to get an overview of all the options available. Sibling photos are offered once again, with envelopes being made available in the school office. Sports and Performing Arts photos are being taken later in the year.

Mathletics
Last Monday, all students had their Mathletics usernames and passwords sent home with their homework. This allows students to access Mathletics at home and complete homework tasks set by the teacher, challenge other boys and girls from around the world, or just try some new things to strengthen their mathematics skills. The school pays for the membership, so we can ensure every child has access at home. More information regarding certificates will be coming soon. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask your child’s teacher, or ask Miss Bennett.

School Disco
On Thursday the 12th of March, Oxley Park will be holding its first Disco for the year. The infants Disco will take place during lunch whilst the primary disco will be taking place from 5 - 6:30pm that evening.
Costs are as followed:
$3 for Infants
$5 for Primary
Tickets will be sold during week 6 from 8:30-9:00, during recess and lunch.
On this day Infants can wear multi and primary are to wear school uniform. Come with your crazy hair! See you all there.

Grandparents and Harmony Day Celebrations
Always a highlight on the Oxley Park calendar for Term 1 is the annual celebrations to commemorate Grandparents Day (for Seniors Week) and Harmony Day, occurring this year on Friday, March 20. This year is no exception, and we have planned a full schedule again for 2015:

10.30 Grandparents morning tea in the hall
11.00 Enjoy recess with your grandchildren
11.30 Classroom visits across the school
12.10 Infants’ Grandparents Assembly
1.10 Bring a picnic lunch to share with your children
2.00 Primary Grandparents Assembly

Grandparents Day Display - Friday 20th March For our Grandparents Day display in the hall this year we are putting together a collection of photos of grandparents, students with their grandparents or students with any other older significant person in their lives. We want to emphasise the important role that older people play in the lives of our children, our families, the school and the broader community. Please bring any of these Grandparents’ Day photos to the front office, and we’ll make sure they’re looked after before our display.

Come in and enjoy our Harmony Day displays on ‘Buildings Around the World’ and our Grandparents Day photos in the hall. We’d love to see you there!

P&C News
The P & C will be running an Easter raffle again this year, donations of Easter eggs would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the canteen before the 20th March. All money raised is going towards buying new maths and reading equipment for our school. If you are ordering Easter buns the orders need to be returned to the school canteen by Wednesday 4th March. The order can be picked up from the school canteen on the Tuesday 31st March. Parents just a reminder that school photos are coming up and if you need new shirts we recommend that you come in and order them before next week so we can guarantee that they will be available.
The next P&C meeting AGM is Monday 30th March, 2015.