Dear families,

What a fantastic week we had last week celebrating Education Week. It was just wonderful to see the number of parents that joined us on Wednesday for our open classrooms, picnic lunch and showcase assembly.

On Thursday I had the pleasure of welcoming a number of parents to the school to be ‘Teacher for a Day’. The parents each shadowed one of our staff members for the entire day giving them a small insight to what a day in the life of a teacher entails. It was an absolute pleasure having these parents join us for the day and the feedback I received was that they all thoroughly enjoyed their time with us.

Yesterday I had the absolute pleasure of attending the athletics carnival. This year our carnival was held at Campbelltown Sports Stadium, the feedback I have already received from our students and parents has been extremely positive. We will provide a full report and photos of the carnival in our next newsletter.

Next week (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) Mrs Clarke and I will join Miss Dash, Mrs Alone and Years 5 and 6 on their three-day excursion to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains. This is an extremely exciting opportunity for our students. I am very much looking forward to spending time getting to know our senior students in this informal setting. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for camp photo updates next week.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

Kindergarten 2014

If you have a pre-school child turning 5 years old on or before 31st July 2014, they are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten for 2014.

If you haven't already done so, please collect an enrolment form from the office and return to school ASAP. If you are aware of neighbours or friends with eligible children, please advise them to come and introduce themselves and ask for an enrolment form and information about the school.

Child Protection Education

In government schools, child protection education forms part of all students learning in Personal Development Health and Physical Education from Kindergarten to Year 10.

Students learn skills in recognising if they could be unsafe and strategies for protecting themselves.

Strategies including saying ‘no’ if they can, going away from the situation and telling a trusted adult what has happened as soon as possible.

Learning is organised into three themes: Recognising Abuse; Power in Relationships and Protective Strategies.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the content covered in child protection please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.
P&C Update
The P&C would like to thank all families who supported their recent Christmas in July discos. These events were extremely successful with all money raised will be used by the P&C to support school initiatives.

The next fundraising event will be the The Smurfs 2 P&C movie night. We have booked the Dumaresq Street Cinema on Tuesday 17th September. All tickets will be $8 and will be on sale each Friday from 16th August between 8.30am - 9.00am and 2.30pm - 3.00pm. There will only be 300 tickets available for this event, so please get in quick to ensure you don't miss out.

Education Week Ambassador
Last Thursday evening I had the pleasure of attending the South West Sydney Region Education Week Ambassador's function. All schools in the region (over 200) were asked to nominate a student as their ambassador. Our ambassador for 2013 is Lina Nabuka from 6D.

Lina had the opportunity to spend the day with all of the South West Sydney Ambassadors. Please read her recount of the day below.

On Thursday we went to the University of Western Sydney - Campbelltown. The first thing I did was go and see reptiles. Then we learnt the three Ls. They are: listen, link and lead. We then had a healthy lunch then we had a plaster cast put on our arms then played a game called around the world.
In the afternoon we travelled to Revesby for dinner and a special regional presentation. I had a lot of fun on Thursday and wish to go again.

Student Medical Forms
During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

Mr Sperling - Long Service Leave
As some of you may be aware Mr Sperling will be taking Long Service Leave from next Monday 12th August 2013 until the end of the term.

While Mr Sperling is on leave Mrs Martin will teaching 4/5S on a Monday and Tuesday and Ms Maxwell will be teaching 4/5S on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mr Sperling will return in term 4.

Should you have any questions regarding this organisation please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Happy Birthday
Anthony Cooper, Kayden Fox, Saula Nabuka, Ryan Rickett, Ronald Rickett, Kadhim Hussien, Kalena Harris, Tarni Fonofehi, Tatiana Tangamaki Vaipapa, Cyprus McFarland, Kelera Nabuka Atu, Leila Schwarze, Laurence Phengsmay, Joshua Gillon, Latisha Gillon, Nyxon Ieremia, Joyce Leituala
Schools National Tree Day

Schools National Tree Day was held on Friday, July 26. On this day students nation-wide learn how to plant and care for seedlings as they grow. This is a fun and rewarding experience for students as they learn about the importance of the environment and its future care.

To celebrate Schools Tree Day Campbelltown Council supplied our school with various native seedlings. A student who displayed an interest in the environment was selected from each class to receive a seedling to take home to plant and nurture. Other seedlings will be planted within the school grounds.

To celebrate the opening of School's Food Gardens, The Royal Botanic Gardens donated a new variety of Lilly Pilli that bears large edible fruits. This was planted by the Blairmount Indigenous Group to celebrate the importance of planting and caring for indigenous plants, thereby ensuring the sustainability of Australia's unique native flora and fauna.

Ready, Set, School

The Ready, Set, School Program is well under way again this term. The children are enjoying a variety of activities, which have been designed for the children to get ready for Kindergarten in 2014. The program will run for 8 weeks and it is very important that your child attends every session. Parents are asked to stay with their child for the first three weeks only.

All activities within the program have been carefully planned to increase each child's readiness for Kindergarten and help engage parent/carers to understand the education process. Each session has a very specific focus with a variety of activities including music, art, craft and social play. There will also be opportunities to visit the library, computer lab and become more familiar with different areas of the school. Many different skills will be highlighted including some simple, cheap and effective ideas for you and your children at home.

You and your child will be made to feel part of the school community and will get to know some of the staff. I encourage you to take this opportunity to help get your child ready to start Kindergarten. There are limited places for the program so please contact Penny Golledge on 4626 1795 to confirm your place for Term 4.

Before School Activities

Before School Activities are continuing this term with the children developing their skills in Taekwondo. This term Master Paul is using the belt system & allowing each child the opportunity to develop their skills. This is a great opportunity for all children to attend. The classes begin at 8.30am sharp with K-2 on Mondays, 3-4 Thursdays & 5-6 Fridays. Why not come along to the classes and join in the fun.

The attendance champions for week 4 are

KR

- 100%
- 98%
- 96%
- 94%
- 92%
- 90%
- 88%

Our Target: 93.6%
Where we are now: 92.98%
Education Week Open Day

Last week parents were invited into our classrooms to see some of the great work that our students have been doing in Mathematics. Our students were engaged in a variety of activities across the school. Our Kindergarten students participated in a range of measuring activities with their teddy bears. Our Stage 1 and 2 students made 3D objects, strengthened their numeracy strategies by playing addition, subtraction and multiplication games and used iPads to record how they solved problems. Our Stage 3 students learnt all about how to budget, earn and save money so that they could spend it on the fun activities at the county fair.

It was great to see our students working mathematically and sharing this experience with their parents.
Education Week
2013
Come to the Book Week 2013 Performance!

When: Monday 12th August
Where: School Hall
Cost: $4.50 per student (1 hour show)

Aleesah Darlison

The Author: Aleesah Darlison
Aleesah Darlison is a multi-published children’s author. She writes picture books and novels for children and young adults, both in the contemporary fiction and fantasy genres. She also reviews books for The Sun Herald.

Aleesah’s picture books include Little Meerkat, Beary There (NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge), Puggle’s Problem (NSW PRC) and Warambi (2012 CBCA Notable Book Eve Pownall Award: Non-Fiction; 2012 Wilderness Society Award for Children’s Literature Shortlist, NSW, QLD & SA PRC). Her chapter books include Fango and Little Good Wolf (VIC PRC). Her novels and popular series are I Dare You, the Unicorn Riders Series (SA PRC), the Totally Twins Series (NSW & SA PRC) and the Squig Shepherd Series.

Aleesah has won numerous awards for her writing including an Australian Society of Authors (ASA) mentorship. Aleesah’s short stories have appeared in the black dog books Short and Scary Anthology, Chicken Soup for the Soul, Hopscotch: Packed Lunch Anthology, Fight or Flight Anthology, The School Magazine and Little Ears Magazine.

URL: www.aleesahdarlison.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/AleesahDarlisonFanPage
Youtube Channel: http://www.youtube.com/user/sahsiez72

Should you have any questions regarding this event please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Burden at school.

Mrs C Burden
Teacher/Librarian

Please detach and return to the school office with payment—last day for payment is Friday 9th August 2013

I give permission for my son/daughter .............................................. In class...........
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to attend the Aleesah Darlison performance on Monday 12th August 2013. I understand the performance is in the school hall. Please find enclosed $.......... .

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