PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Australian Oz Opera Pie Production returns in 2015
There was a very positive response by students, staff and parents to the “Barber of Seville” performances this year. As a result it is pleasing to announce that next year 2 performances of “Cinderella” have been booked for the 8 of May. If you are already putting things on a calendar, here is a date to be added. It would be lovely to have some more parent and community members attend.

Blackboard Café and School Hats
Mrs Reynolds and the lovely Café staff have come to an arrangement to ensure that school hats are available whenever the café is open. As a result a range of hat sizes will be available on Wednesdays and Fridays from the Café for $10.00.

Greater Western Sydney Giants Presentation
Four representatives of the GWS AFL club were at the school on Wednesday to give a free presentation. The facilitator and the 3 players spoke to students from Year 3 to 6 about living well. The key messages were very clearly articulated and are repeated here because I believe we should have these ongoing inspirational conversations with young people:

- Follow your dream and do what you love but also have a plan B.
- Don’t give up - in the face of setbacks work and train hard and keep trying.
- Be healthy- eat nutritious foods and exercise regularly.
- Make the most of your school years and value good friendships because they last.

It was very fortuitous that their presentation came so soon after the increased school focus on having a healthy life style.

Plumbing Issues
On top of the puddles caused by rain on Monday there was even more water than expected in the playground near the fixed play equipment. After a day of digging by hand, and on the second day, with machinery, the corroded water pipe causing the problem was capped. We now have an area of playground which is out of use until the soil settles and turf can be laid over the disturbed areas.

A Busy Fortnight
As we are now all aware it never rains but it pours. The same is true of events. On Monday the intensive swimming scheme commenced and every day more than 50 children are participating in lessons to improve their safety in the water.
The students involved in the 3 dance groups attended rehearsals at the Joan Sutherland Centre of Performing Arts on Tuesday. On Wednesday we had a visit of the GWS Giants. This Friday in the Primary assembly and I look forward to presenting ICAS certificates to the primary students who have been participating in the range of assessments on offer from the university of New South Wales. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing “pouring rain” the zone Athletics carnival has been postponed.

Next week is just as busy.
- Monday – Father’s Day wrapping night
- Tuesday – Dance Festival, matinee performance
- Wednesday – Dance Festival, evening performance
- Thursday – Father’s Day Stall
- Friday – Father’s Day Breakfast, K-2 Assembly, Athletics Zone Carnival (we hope!)
- Saturday – Mulch Fest Working Bee (weather permitting)

Weather Permitting Events: - Zone Athletics Carnival
Some events are affected by the weather, which we can’t control. A case in point is the Zone Athletics Carnival this year. This has now had to be postponed twice. Weather permitting it is now scheduled for Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} September. If the worst case scenario occurs and the carnival cannot be held on the 5\textsuperscript{th} due to ongoing weather conditions, the carnival will be cancelled. We will keep students and their parents informed about what is happening as soon as possible. However, please be aware that those students who have been selected to participate are expected to prioritise their attendance at the Zone Carnival ahead of other commitments.

Weather Permitting Event: - Mulch Fest Working Bee
Mr Simon Ebbeling has organized the delivery of a dingo for the working bee but if the ground is as wet as it is now it might not be able to be used without damaging the grounds. While long range weather forecasts are changeable, at the moment it is predicted the coming week will continue to be cloudy with the chance of rain. As I am an optimist, I hope that the working bee will go ahead; therefore I hope there is a parent who is able to operate a dingo to move our lovely piles of mulch into garden beds. Then we need volunteers to rake and even out the mulch. If you are available on the Saturday morning please let me know by ringing the school. If no one is available or able to operate the machine we will need to cancel its hire.

Dorothee Lean
Principal

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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Gold Achievement Awards Week 7
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Ashleigh D, 2J Holly C, Amelia H, Danielle H, Rhett G, Amelia G,
2T Rosalie D

ICAS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved excellent results in the ICAS Writing and Spelling competitions.

Writing

**Distinction** – Abigail B
**Credit** – Emma H, Oliver S, Sophie J, Liam S
**Merit** – Stephanie M

Spelling

**Credit** – Joel A, Abigail B, Lindsay E, Oliver S, Stephanie M

Book Club

The latest issue of Book Club orders and money is due tomorrow Friday 29th August.
Please ensure that your name is on every order form to avoid confusion when orders are returned.

**SORRY - NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

Thanks

*Mrs Reynolds*

UNIFORMS

The Uniform Shop will no longer be open on Mondays.
All orders for new uniforms, including hats, are to be placed and paid for at the office by Friday each week from now on.
They will be distributed to the children on the following Monday.

**THURSDAY 8.15am- 8.45am**
The uniform shop will sell Pre-loved uniforms ONLY.
Father’s Day Breakfast Friday September 5th

The Blackboard Café would like to open early on Friday September 5th to celebrate Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and Special Friends. What a wonderful opportunity to come along and bring someone special to share breakfast with you.

Breakfast will be served from 7:30am – 8:45am.

We will have bacon and egg rolls, banana bread with ricotta & honey, delicious espresso coffee, hot chocolate, tea and fruit juices. Please note that we will not be able to serve any student without an adult present.

Your child will receive a note with more information shortly.

See you there!
Recipe available from School Office

School Banking News
When: Fridays from 8.30-9.00
Where: Under the Big Top

Stock Update
We’ve received word from the bank that they have run out of the Penguin Keyring. There are plenty of great prizes still to choose from –

- Shark plush toy keyring
- Whale shark pencil case
- Dollarmites moneybox
- Swimming bag

There is still time to hand your tokens in this term and we will try our best to get your prize back by the end of the term.

Calling all parents of kids who bank...remember we are still looking for some helpers. You don’t need to be there every week or for the whole banking session, even half an hour every second week will be a big help.

See you Friday,
The Banking Team
LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK - Theme: “CONNECT TO READING” - moved to WEEK 9, Sep.8 - 12

Our school’s timetable is always amazingly full so a decision was made to move this special week in our calendar from week 6 to a later week in the term, allowing more time to organise library displays and lunchtime activities that encourage students to “connect to reading.”

In library lessons throughout Term 3, time is spent focusing on the Children’s Book Council’s shortlisted books, especially in the Picture Book category. Students are asked to rate each book as it is read to them, illustrate part of the story and then, finally, vote for their favourite.

Classes and their teachers have chosen a variety of ways to participate and will contribute to a library make-over, basing their artwork, performance or technology skills on one of the shortlisted books or the theme.

Monday, September 8, is National Literacy Day. This will be our Reading Picnic Lunch day. It will have an Indigenous Literacy focus (to help celebrate Indigenous Literacy Day, Sep 3), with students and teachers reading some of our Aboriginal Dreamtime stories as they have lunch on the oval. Any picnic rugs that could be provided on the day would be very useful.

A silver snail trail of silver coins will also be held on our picnic day in an effort to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation which places books in the hands of indigenous babies, toddlers and families in remote communities. Perhaps our children could earn some extra pocket money to put towards the trail!

I invite and encourage parents to continually take an interest in your child’s reading, to connect with them by reading with them or to them or reading as a family.

I also invite those who enjoy the Blackboard Cafe to bring along something to read or share (perhaps a favourite book?) as you sip your coffee during Week 9.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Students have now concluded their reading challenge for the year with a number of classes managing 100% success. Congratulations to all students who challenged themselves and met the deadline! Well done! You will be awarded your certificates, some GOLD (4 years) or PLATINUM (6 years) at the end of Term 4.

EDUCATION WEEK BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all who supported the Book Fair.

Just over $2,000 worth of books were sold with some families generously donating a number of lovely books to the library. Special stickers have been placed in those books which are now almost ready for borrowing.

A generous commission of 35% meant that another $700 worth of books were chosen for both our library and literacy resources.

VOLUNTEERS for book covering has been steady with some mums (and one of our staff) continually refilling bags with more books on a weekly and sometimes daily basis. A huge THANK YOU from the staff and students!

Happy reading!

Diane McKay  Teacher Librarian
RESULTS FROM AUGUST BLUE GUM MARKETS
It was another wonderful achievement for the cake stall at last weekends Blue Gum Markets that saw $239 raised. It was a rainy morning that could have easily dampened the spirits for those market goers who were deciding whether to venture out or not. The donations of delectable treats and the generosity of time given to man the stall and prepare the goodies again showed us how we can all come together to support the school and classes. Another close one... Congratulations 2/3T!

12R $112 47% of money raised
2/3T $127 53% of money raised
A special “THANK YOU” to Naomi Rosso for donating her time and materials to fix up our cupcake stand (which now looks fantastic) and also for donating all of the price tag holders.

FATHERS DAY WRAPPING NIGHT
If you enjoy wrapping gifts and feel like sitting and having a chat, please come along to the teachers staffroom on Monday, 1st September at 7pm to help wrap all of the Father’s Day gifts.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
We are hoping to get just a few more volunteers to come along and help in the canteen at the District Athletics Carnival which is being held on Friday, 5th Sept. If you can spare an hour please contact me on president@fpspandc.org.au. Many hands make light work 😊

REMINDER FOR “COOL KIDS MUSIC COMPANY”
Earlier this year the P & C put out an “expression of interest” form to parents and carers of students in Stage 1 for The Music Bus. It was amazing to see how many of you responded with an interest. We were then advised of the “Cool Kids Music Company” which had a higher reputation and lower fees! The classes will commence in Term 4 and are to be held on the school grounds straight after school concludes. Enrolment notes were sent home with students offering sessions for keyboard, guitar, drums and singing. These notes are due back to the office on Wednesday, 3rd September. There are additional forms available in the office if required.
www.coolkidsmusic.com.au

“SAVE THE DATE”
The Annual Twilight Markets at being held on Friday, 7th November from 6 ~ 8.30pm. We have over 65 stalls booked in (with no more spaces available). So start saving your pennies for this fun evening! Stall holder names will be listed soon on the P & C webpage (please note web address above).

Ginett Mills – P & C President
It’s not too late!
Cricket registrations
still open for 2014-15

Places are still available for boys and girls in Faulconbridge Cricket Club teams playing ‘up the hill’ in the Blue Mountains competition. Training occurs each Tuesday afternoon from 4pm at Lomatia Park, Springwood – with first pre-season training on the 2nd of September. We have teams to suit players aged 5 to adult and provide all equipment and training. Playing shirt and cap included in the registration fee.

For more information, contact
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fletchis@bigpond.net.au
faulconbridgecc.nsw.cricket.com.au

SWOT
SPRINGWOOD WORLD OF TENNIS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC
SPRINGWOOD WORLD OF TENNIS, SPRING STREET, SPRINGWOOD
Mon 22nd to Fri 26th Sept 2014
(9AM to 3PM)
Juniors 5yrs to 16yrs. Beginners to advanced. Full supervision. For further details please ring 47 515383 or 0416083472. Students graded into groups depending on age and ability. Coaching held wet or fine, racquets available for hire. Lunch provided on Thursday in conjunction with prize giving.

ENTRANCE FEE: $150 (inc. GST)
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

FUN! GREAT TROPHIES! PRIZE

The simplest way
...to inspire a healthy breakfast
A healthy breakfast improves energy levels, alertness and concentration. It’s also a good way to get a serve of fruit + veg in.

Here are some quick winter warming breakfast ideas:
- Sliced bananas or avocado make a yummy addition to toast
- Chop and add left-over vegies to an omelette or savoury pancake
- Add fresh or canned fruit to porridge
- Top a wholesome muffin with cooked tomato, mushrooms, baked beans or creamed corn

Nutrition Snippet

NSW Health
Napier Blue Mountains Local Health District
Eat It To Beat It

For more information visit www.eatittobeait.com.au or join us at: facebook.com/eatittobeait

Cancer Council
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