Principal’s Message

Today I had the privilege of attending the prefect’s induction ceremony with their very proud families. I look forward to sharing the year with them in their duties. Congratulations to Isabella Nerso, Daniel Ferreira, Thanh Binh Duong, Angelina Vu, Jeremy Tran, Bianca Wong, Mona Alkashwan, Alma Ademovic, Karen Nguyen and Salote Fa.

Our student numbers are continuing to rise over the last few weeks and we may find that there may well be new class created next week once the new families complete their enrolments. At this stage it appears as if we might be able to create four Year 1 and Year 2 classes without a composite between them.

My thanks to the many parents that attended our first P & C meeting for the year. I appreciated your many questions and look forward to working with you throughout the year and the sharing the update sessions I mentioned with you.

Paul Bates
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR
Term 1, 2014

February

Week 5
25th Yr 6 overnight excursion – Wooglemai
26th Yr 6 return from Wooglemai

MARCH

Week 6
4th Zone Swimming Carnival at Fairfield
5th Wacky Wednesday – Mufti dress

Week 7
11th Disco

Week 8
18th SSW Swimming Carnival – Campbelltown

Week 9
25th Stage 3 – Puberty Day
26th School Photos
27th Back to School Day

Week 10
APRIL
1st School Athletics Carnival – The Crest
2nd Parent information meetings, 3.30pm – 7.30pm

Week 11
9th and 10th NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival
10th End of Term Assembly
11th Easter Hat Parade, 9.30am

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“Mistakes are the portals of discovery.”
James Joyce
CLO Messages

Parents & Carers’ Luncheon

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to invite you to our luncheon this Thursday, 20th February 2014, at 11:30am at Club Marconi, Bossley Park. We will meet at the front entrance of the club prior to our luncheon buffet. It would be lovely if you are able to join us.

Parents’ Café

We are delighted to announce that our Parents’ Café will continue each Thursday from 9:00am to 10:00am in our School Hall. Please join us to discuss our children’s learning and take part in our many upcoming activities.

P&C Meeting and Annual General Meeting

Next month, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM), where we will be electing our new office bearers for 2014. Our AGM will be held on Thursday, 6th March 2014, at 9:05am in our School Hall, with our first general meeting to follow. Positions for our office bearers will be elected by financial members of our P&C.

Officer positions to be elected are President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Minutes Clerk, Uniform Shop Coordinator and Fundraising Coordinator.

The Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) at Fairvale Public School brings together parents, staff and community members to facilitate, enhance and address our children’s educational needs and welfare.

Bashar Hanna and Maria Ha
Community Liaison Officers

SCHOOL GATE INFORMATION

- Monday to Thursday, the school gates will be locked at 9.30am, except the main gate near the office. On Friday, the gates will be left open and then locked at 10am, after the K-2 Assembly.
- The driveway to the staff car park is NOT to be used to enter or leave the school. This is ONLY for car access and is not safe for access to the school.

Keep out School Clean!

We have had a complaint about rubbish being left outside the school grounds. Cigarette butts, tissues and scrap paper have all been dropped in the gutters at all entry gates. Please be respectful and mindful of the neighbourhood surrounding our school and ensure that rubbish is placed inside bins.
FAIRVALE NEWS

19th February, 2014

Term 1 Week 4

Fairvale’s Community Playgroup will be continuing throughout 2014. This educational program is run by an experienced Teacher and is designed to help prepare children for all areas of school life. Our school data has shown that children who have attended Fairvale’s Playgroup achieve high academic results once they start school.

There are a very limited number of vacancies left for Playgroup in 2014. If you have a preschool aged child and would like to bring them to Playgroup so they can start preparing for “big” school, fill in an application form now, before you miss out.

Application forms are available from the Front Office.

What: Playgroup for preschool aged children and their parents/carers

Where: Fairvale Public School Hall

When: Every Monday 9.00am – 11.00am & 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Starting Monday 17th February 2014

Cost: $2.00 per session

Fun and educational play activities for children and their parents/carers.

- Please bring a healthy morning/afternoon tea for your child and yourself –

*Limited places available*

For further information please call 9724 3470 or collect an application form from the Office.

Please note:

Parents or carers MUST stay and interact with their child during the Playgroup.

This is not a child minding service.

Mrs Casonato
Playgroup Teacher

INFORMATION FOR PAYING FOR ACTIVITIES/EXCURSIONS

We would appreciate it if parents/guardians could follow the following guidelines:

- All money is to be given to the classroom teacher in the envelope provided or an envelope from home.

- If you have more than one child, each child has to have their own envelope and pay their own teacher. PLEASE DO NOT combine payments for all your children, as we will be unable to accept it.

- Please not the ‘cut off’ date for payment. Payments cannot be accepted after this date. If the activity is ‘first come, first served’ due to limited numbers, please send the permission note with the deposit as soon as possible to secure your child’s place.

- The school office does not accept payments made with large amounts of coins. It would be appreciated if you could please pay with notes wherever possible.

- All money is to be paid IN THE MORNING. The office/teacher cannot accept payments in the afternoon due to security purposes.

- The office and the canteen cannot give change in the morning. If you don’t have the correct money, please go to a shop and get change before coming to the school. Change is not held on school premises.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Office staff.
Congratulations to Macquarie House, the winners of the School Swimming Carnival, held at Prairiewood Leisure Centre on Monday, 10th February, 2014.

Macquarie received 495 points, Sturt came second with 489 points. Parkes received 431 points and Wentworth received 397 points.

SPORT HOUSE CAPTAINS – 2014

Congratulations to the following students who were voted to be Captains and Vice Captains for their respective Sport Houses.

**STURT**
Captains – Apelu Fenenuiti and Angella Pham
Vice Captains – Johnny Bechara and Merna Matta

**WENTWORTH**
Captains – Jasmine Tran and mika Taulu
Vice Captains – Vika Ratabua and Cameron Huynh

**PARKES**
Captains – Stevan Simic and Cecilia Nguyen
Vice Captains – Ahmad Al Salman and Ashorena Warda

**MACQUARIE**
Captains – Catherine Do and Benjamin Whippy
Vice Captains – Kalvin Epati and Jocelyn Pauja

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

What an amazing day was had by all students and teachers!! Every student had a great time not only swimming in races, but also enjoying the novelty events which included kickboard and noodle races. There were many records broken, with Stevan Simic breaking the Senior Boys 50m Backstroke record, Angela Pham breaking the Senior Girls 50m Breaststroke record, Marija Gasic breaking an amazing 3 records and Shantel Luong breaking an extraordinary 5 records. In the end Macquarie came away as the house winners, for the 2014 Swimming Carnival. I would like to thank all students for their amazing behaviour and all teachers for their hard work on the day.