The first Student of the Week for Week 9 is Armin Sisic from 2S. Armin’s award is for being a fantastic class member who always does his very best. Keep up the good work Armin!

The first Student of the Week for Week 10 is Marcelina Youssef from 3/4T. Marcelina’s award is for always applying herself to all tasks both inside and outside the classroom. Well done Marcelina!

The second Student of the Week for Week 9 is Cindy Lam from 6S. Cindy’s award is for consistent application and being enthusiastic about all set tasks. Well done Cindy!

The second Student of the Week for Week 10 is Elliot Toulmin from 1/2PK. Elliot’s award is for always working well in all learning areas. Keep up the good work Elliot!
Principal’s Message

Classroom Visits
Over the last fortnight, I have visited 1K and 4B on behalf of Mr Pitt. It was fantastic to spend some time in the classrooms, working with our students. Please find my report in this edition of the newsletter.

Attendance Blitz
The school is always monitoring the attendance of our students. This fortnight, we have had an ‘Attendance Blitz’ to identify students who have been regularly absent or late to school. Communication has since been made with the parents of these students. Please support your child’s learning by having them arrive at school on time each day.

Dental Clinic
During Week 9 and 10, the school has hosted the Australian Mobile Dental Care Clinic. I am pleased to report that there has been a very strong response to this program, with a large number of our parents granting permission for their children to receive a dental health check. Due to the overwhelming response, the clinic is likely to stay until the end of the term and possibly into the first week of Term 4. I encourage parents to read through the report provided by the clinic and to follow up on any concerns regarding the oral health of their child/children.

End of Term Assembly
We look forward to our End of Term Assembly, to be held on Thursday 17th September in the school hall at 11:30am. The assembly showcases the outstanding academic achievements and efforts made by our students throughout the term. I look forward to seeing many parents at the assembly. Thank you in advance to Mrs Dale and Miss Brady for their organisation of the event.

Stewart House
During Week 7 and 8 this term, 4 students from our school had the opportunity to attend Stewart House. Our students had a wonderful time and enjoyed the opportunity to participate in new experiences and to meet students from other schools. Please find student reports in this edition of the newsletter.

School Holiday Message
Thank you to our staff and students for your hard work this term. Thank you also to our parents for your continued support of the school. I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday. Monday 5th October is a public holiday, therefore, Term 4 will resume for students on Tuesday 6th October, 2015.

Mr C. Smyth-Gapps
Relieving Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

TERM 3

Week 10
16th Milo T20 Blast School Cricket Cup
27th Class newsletters to go home
End of Term Assembly – 11.30am
Spelling Bee final

STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER, AS MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

TERM 4

Week 1
5th PUBLIC HOLIDAY
6th Students return to school
Parramatta Eels clinic
7th Stage 3 Camp
Public Speaking K-2 Assembly, 11.20am to 12
8th Stage 3 Camp
9th Stage 3 Camp students return

Week 2
12th Parramatta Eels Clinic
13th Parramatta Eels Clinic
Public Speaking final
14th Woodville Alliance Parenting program
9-11am, Hall

Week 3
19th Parramatta Eels Clinic
20th Parramatta Eels Clinic
21st Woodville Alliance Parenting Program
9-11, Hall
23rd Kindergarten Transition Parent Meeting
10-11am
500 TREE PLANTING
On Wednesday 9th September, we attended a planting program called the ‘500 Tree Planting Program’ at the Western Sydney Parklands. We planted around 200 trees at Lizard Log Park, Abbotsbury. We travelled on a bus so that we could participate in the program to have fun and learn about the different native plants. We were planting the trees to help with the creation of the wildlife corridor. This spreads throughout the parklands and helps the native animals survive in the parks. All students had a great time and worked very hard. Great job everyone!

Miss Brady and Vivian Trinh

NEW SCHOOL APP

Occupational Therapy
Crawl like a caterpillar
Aim: To develop upper body strength, core strength, body awareness and motor planning.
Activity: Start standing on the floor with your hands on the ground near your feet. Walk your hands forward until your body is in a straight line and then walk your feet to your hands. It is important to keep your legs and arms as straight as possible.
What to look for: Can your child hold and maintain the position? Can your child keep feet still while their arms move and their arms still while their feet move?
How to change the game: You can make the action harder by asking the child to have their arms and legs locked in a straight position. This will also help with muscle flexibility.

Speech Language Pathology
Sound out alien (fake) words
Aim: To increase awareness that sounds make up words. Sound awareness is important for spelling, reading, and writing tasks.
Activity: Make up alien (fake) names for items with your child e.g., a book becomes a ‘wob’. Ask your child to sound out and spell the alien words. Increase the difficulty of this activity by asking your child to sound out longer alien words e.g., ‘splont’.
Talk about letters and the sounds they make.
What to look for: Is your child able to sound out words? Can your child name everyday objects and items?
How to change the game: Get your child to guess your alien names for items by telling them the sounds that make up the alien word e.g., ‘s t u m’. This activity requires children to blend (join) individual sounds together to make new words. The ability to blend together sounds in words is important when trying to read new and unfamiliar words.
“BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA” COMMEMORATION

In Week 8 our school captains, Jasmina Bawa and Kalvin Epati attended Smithfield RSL to participate in the first commemorative celebration for the Battle for Australia. We were provided with an intriguing recollection of the battle that protected Australia from Japanese invasion in 1942. Kalvin and Jasmina were lucky enough to be invited to lay a wreath on behalf of our school. They were excellent ambassadors and representatives of our school community. I would like to congratulate Kalvin and Jasmina on their level of maturity during the commemorative celebration.

Miss Taryn Brady
SRC co-ordinator
Kindergarten’s First Excursion
On Thursday 27th August, Kindergarten went on their very first excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park. They had a great time, saw lots of different animals and were very well behaved. Remember to take a look at our school app for some more photos.
Ms Byrne

Term 3 ‘Arts & Wellbeing’ Community Engagement Program

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Bashar Hanna & Maria Ha
Community Liaison Officers

PUBLIC SPEAKING ASSEMBLY
In Term 4, Wednesday 7th October, we will be celebrating the achievements of students in Public Speaking through the annual Public Speaking Assembly.
K-2 grade finalists will be presenting their winning speeches to family and friends.
We invite all parents and caregivers to attend the Public Speaking Assembly held between 11.20am and 12.00pm on this day.
Year 3-6 stage winners will be invited to present their speeches during their normal assembly held at a later date during Term 4.
Hope to see you all there.
Miss Pracy and Mrs Bruzzese
I had the honour of attending the opening of the Operation Art Exhibition at the Newington Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park, on Saturday 5th September, where the artworks of students Annabelle Frederick 3M and Anthony Nguyen 6A were displayed. Anthony’s artwork was chosen to be displayed at the office of the ‘Advocate for Children and Young People’ for one year. After that, it will be donated to a regional hospital.

The exhibition runs until Sunday 25th October 2015. The exhibition is open to the public. Admission is free. For more information about the exhibition, please visit http://www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au/whats_on/arts_and_culture_events/operation_art

Congratulations again to both students!
Ms Michael (Art Club Co-ordinator, Years 3-6)

Speech and Occupational Therapy
OPEN DAY

On Monday 14th September, Kindergarten parents had the opportunity to visit a Speech and Occupational Therapy lesson with K Purple. Parents got to see the great work Miss Ally and Miss Lisa are doing with all of our Kindergarten children and to see how beneficial it is for children to be engaging in Speech and Occupational Therapy activities.

Please keep a look out in our newsletter for suggestions and tips that you can use at home to help your child. Thank you to all of the parents who attended, it was great to see so many of you there.
This has been a very exciting and busy term in the Music Room.

We made our very first music clip, ‘All about the book’ for the launch of the new refurbished library.

Lots of students and teachers had a great time participating in both the music clip and items presented at the Education Week concert.

Expanding Horizons Choir performed at the Opera House in a fantastic concert. Miss Laughlin and I would like to thank all the students that participated in the concert for their hard work and excellent behaviour on the day. We would especially like to thank our parent helpers, Mr Hanna, Miss Ha and Mrs Huynh for their exceptional help as it is a very long and exhausting day.

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In class there are lots of exciting projects happening too. Kindergarten and stage 1 students are movie making! They are all turning out to be great superstars. I look forward to sharing with you their films when we finish next term.

Stage 2 and 3 are creating ‘Ostinato compositions’. They sound great.

The whole school is also learning the ‘Cup Song’, as you probably have heard. We will be presenting it as a whole school performance for our Multicultural concert in Term 4.

Our Multicultural concert will be on 26th November. We are currently working on a great concert. We hope you can all make it.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday everyone!

Mrs Olivera
Music And Drama Teacher
SCHOOL GARDEN
Last week, our school had three new flag poles installed in the front garden in time for the National Flag Day Assembly. The three flags on display each day are the Australian flag, our State flag and the Aboriginal flag. The gardening group has now started to make this area a centerpiece of the school by beautifying the garden. This will continue over the coming term. Have a look at the changes each time you come into the school.
Thank you Miss Brady and the gardening group, for your great work!

STEWART HOUSE REPORTS
Over the past two weeks, I have been at Stewart House. What is Stewart House? Stewart House is an exciting place to go. It’s where we make friends and have fun. We have been on excursions to places like the Aquatic Centre, the beach, Taronga Zoo and to a park. We also got to have lunch with the stars! It was fun and interesting. We also had an opportunity to cook things for the other children. We made meatball subs and they were delicious!

Natalie Mekha 6A

To get to Stewart House, we travelled by bus. I made friends and Josiah saw some of his friends from PSSA. Josiah and I were in the same cabin. We unpacked our bags and then slept downstairs in our bunk beds. The people that were well behaved, were allowed to go out at night for special activities like crab hunting. We also visited Taronga Zoo, the aquatic centre and the beach. The cook was really good! We got to eat shepherd’s pie, meatball subs and chicken pizza. We also went to the cinemas on one of the days and watched “Home Alone 2” with our friends.

Levi Daws 6A
This week, I visited 4B to learn about the projects that they were completing. Students were using the internet to research a variety of topics including murmuration (which I did not know about!), potholes, camels and gondolas to name but a few. Students were required to answer questions about their topic and then present it as an electronic presentation for the class. It was great to see the students working in groups, sharing responsibilities and working together to complete their presentations. Well done to everyone in 4B. A fantastic learning experience!

Last week, I had the opportunity to visit 1K for a Maths lesson. The students were using a skill called ‘hefting’ to compare the mass of different objects. Students needed to collect objects from around the classroom and heft them (using their arms like a pan balance) to decide which object was ‘heaviest’ and which object was ‘lightest’. It was great to see the students working in groups and using the correct language to compare the mass of objects. Well done 1K for a fantastic effort!

Please do not forget that your child is still able to access Mathletics during the school holidays. If you do not have their login username or password, please ask their teacher. Students do receive points every time they complete an activity which leads to a Mathletics certificate.

Thank you,
Miss Danyal and Mr Ly