**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

The first Student of the Week for Term 4 Week 1 is Lucas Bui from Kindergarten Blue. Lucas’ award is for amazing writing. He has made a wonderful effort sounding out words on his own. Well done Lucas!

The second Student of the Week for Week 1 is Andrea Blagoevich from 3M. Andrea’s award is for always putting 100% effort into her work and displaying perfect manners in the classroom. Keep up the good work Andrea!

The first Student of the Week for Week 2 is Leona Due from Kindergarten Purple. Leona’s award is for always trying her best and following the FAIR rules. She is kind and caring towards her friends and always uses her manners. Keep up the good work Leona!

The second Student of the Week for Week 2 is Mike Melkonian from 5B. Mike’s award is for making an improvement in all aspects of schooling. Well done Mike!
Principal’s Message

WELCOME BACK
Welcome to Term 4. I am hoping that you all enjoyed the two week break and did some exciting things during this time. Newsletters for Term 4 will be going home in Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

STAFF NEWS
We officially said goodbye to Miss Melissa Laughlin last Friday. Miss Laughlin was successful in gaining a promotion to Lansvale PS as Assistant Principal. We wish her all the very best in her new role. I would also like to welcome Mrs Laura Karam to Fairvale PS. Mrs Karam is our new permanent Assistant Principal. Mrs Karam will also teach 3L for the rest of the year. I would also like to thank Mr Smyth-Gapps for relieving as Principal during the last 2 weeks of Term 3.

CLASS VISITS
Over the last two weeks, I visited 1/2PK and 4L. Check out my report in this edition of the newsletter.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE GRANT
Thank you to the families who have returned the survey. As mentioned, there is no guarantee that we will be successful in receiving the grant. I will keep the community informed about the grant.

STAGE 3 CAMP
Thank you to Miss Elks, Mrs Assad, Miss Spagnolo and Mr Kinniburgh for attending camp with our Stage 3 students. Although looking very tired on arrival back at school, I can report that the students had a fabulous time away. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students and one they will remember for a long time.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING
Since returning this term we have seen our debating teams take part in debates against other schools. We also had students compete in the Public Speaking Final. See the report in this edition of the newsletter. We are very proud of you all.

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**LANSDOWNE ZONE PSSA**

This Friday, 16th October, we will play Round 4 matches against Chester Hill North PS at Endeavour Sports Reserve. A reminder that team members will need to pay their coaches BEFORE the bell on Friday morning.

PSSA students need to be wearing full sports uniform and a hat. They also require a water bottle filled with water on the day.

If you are ordering your lunch from the canteen, remember to put PSSA on your lunch bag, so it can be available for you early.

Mr Kinniburgh
Sports Co-ordinator.

**STAGE 3 CAMP**

The Great Aussie Bush Camp, Kincumber

In Week 1, Stage 3 students went to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber. They had a fun-filled, dirty, hilarious time with many students learning new skills and overcoming their fears.

The activities they participated in were: rock climbing, giant swing, lost island, canoeing, raft building, initiatives and orienteering. At night they were able to verse the teachers during the spot light commando challenge ...the teachers won!!

Thank you also to the teachers – Mrs Assad, Miss Spagnolo and Mr Kinniburgh, who attended and gave up their own time to make sure it was a rewarding experience for all.

Miss Elks,
Assistant Principal – Stage 3.

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE (continued)**

**HALLOWEEN SCHOOL DISCO**

Notes went home on Monday about our Halloween School Disco on Thursday 29 October. Please return the notes and payment before this day. It is going to be a lot of ‘spooky’ fun!

**SCHOOL SWIMMING & WATER SAFETY PROGRAM**

I cannot stress how important it is for all of us to be confident swimmers. I am continually astonished by how many children cannot swim at all. It is a life-skill and just as important as lessons in our classrooms.

In saying that, we have our Special Swimming Scheme for children from Yrs 2 to Yr 6 who are not confident swimmers. If your child cannot swim 25 metres on their own, unaided, then this program is meant for them. The program is for one week and the cost is $45. This cost is only for the bus and pool entry, DoE (Department of Education) covers the cost of the lessons. Please contact Mrs Pereira or Mrs Newman, the program coordinators, for more information.

**ATTENDANCE CHATTER**

Remember to start Term 4 off the right way and make sure children are at school every day and on time. School executive staff and class teachers continue to monitor attendance every day. Parent meetings will occur if needed along with contact from Mr Craig Maloney, our Home School Liaison Officer, if regular absences and/or lateness continue. Your support is most appreciated.

Have a great fortnight,

Anthony Pitt
Relieving Principal
PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE

On Thursday the 17th of September, four of our students attended the Regional Premier’s Spelling Bee Final which was held at Busby Public School. Each one of them should be proud of their achievements and the manner in which they represented our school. Special congratulations to Shelby Lakisoe for finishing 8th out of 47 students in the junior division.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

On Tuesday the 13th of October, Valentina Arcaba, Joanne Nguyen, Natalia Ivanisevic and Bryton Yau represented our school at the Fairfield Public Speaking Competition. This was held at Cabramatta Public School. Well done to all of these students for their fantastic efforts! Special congratulations to Joanne Nguyen in 1/2PK for her first place achievement! She did an amazing job and took out the district title for Stage 1.

Miss Pracy
Public Speaking Co-ordinator
CLO Messages

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to an exciting term. We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable break.

Tomorrow, our P&C meeting will be taking place in the staffroom from 9:00am to 9:30am. Please join us in this opportunity to be updated about our children’s education and the wonderful initiatives taking place in the school.

It is also a lovely opportunity to network and exchange ideas to make our school a strong, supportive and vibrant community for our children. Your kind participation and valuable input is deeply appreciated.

Bashar Hanna & Maria Ha
Community Liaison Officers

Message for Yr 5 Students

Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2017

Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

If you would like an information booklet, please contact Miss Elks (Room 18).

DEBATING

This week Fairvale will participate in two debates. On Monday the 12th of October, Kayla Tran, Steven Trinh, James Toma and Amir Rahmany had a debate against Governor Phillip King. Our opposition was highly experienced and unfortunately we lost. Thank you also to our other members of the team, Pirla Khaii and William Yousif, for being our chairperson and timekeeper.

The experience our debaters are gaining is invaluable. We wish them luck for their debate against William Stimson on Thursday.

Mrs Fedele
Debating Coach

PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNER!!!!

This is Joanne Nguyen from 1/2PK, who won the District Public Speaking Stage 1 Competition. Congratulations to Joanne for your wonderful achievement!
CLASSROOM VISITS WITH MR PITT

4L

Last week I visited 4L during a reader’s theatre lesson. Children worked in small groups practising their part in the play. There were 3 groups and I was able to work with one group. My group worked really well together and were on task during the lesson, using lots of expression when it was their turn to read. I also had the opportunity to briefly see the other groups during the session. It was evident that the students really enjoyed reader’s theatre. Each group will perform their play to the class on Friday.

CLASSROOM VISITS WITH MR PITT

1/2PK

Yesterday I visited 1/2PK. The children have been learning about Fact and Opinion. Firstly we played a game where children needed to read out a sentence and work out whether it was a fact or an opinion. After the game, children worked in small groups to create a poster about being healthy. Groups wrote factual sentences and also included many illustrations. Some groups found pictures from magazines. It was a fun lesson with everyone participating.
MORE STAGE 3 KINCUMBER PHOTOS

John Lin enjoying the flying fox

The boys are making a raft, but not too sure where everything goes!

Maybe this bit goes here? What do you think?

Another challenge!

John Toma way up there on the rock climbing activity

Miss Spagnolo! What have you been doing??

Life is just one big swing!!!