Wednesday 31 July – Week 3 Term 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Track and Field Carnivals**

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in last Friday’s Field Carnival and in Monday’s Track Carnival. The weather on both days was sensational and it looked like everyone was having a great time. I was particularly pleased to see the children supporting and congratulating each other throughout the day. A big thank you to Mr David Hearnshaw for organising both events and to Ms Grace Wong and Ms Jessica Wolujewicz for their coordination of the K-2 events. Students will be notified shortly if they have been successful in qualifying for the Zone Carnival.

**Open Day Tomorrow**

Please join us tomorrow for our Semester Two Leadership Induction for Eco Ambassadors and Student Representatives. This ceremony will commence at 9am and conclude at 10am at which time you will be invited to share in some morning tea before visiting your child’s classroom to observe their learning from 10.15-10.55am. It would be wonderful if you could join us as we celebrate Public Education Day.

**Lower Pacific Playground Landscaping**

The school is forming a Working Party responsible for coordinating landscaping works in the Lower Pacific Playground. If this is something that you would be interested in, I have included more information on page 3 of this newsletter.

**Tree Planting Day**

Join us on Friday as we celebrate National Tree Planting Day. Eco Ambassadors from Years K-6 will join Mr Falkenmire and any parent volunteers between 9.05am and 10.55am as they plant new seedlings that were kindly donated by North Sydney Council as part of the Green School’s Grant.

Myra Wearne, Principal
Dem News and Notices!

Library News

4 weeks until the end of PRC 2013!
Since we returned from holidays we have been busily giving out bookmarks to those students who have reached the halfway mark (for K-2 15+ books, years 3-6 10+books) with their reading. Well done you are on your way to reaching the finishing line!

So far we have 238 students who have finished this year’s reading challenge and more than 100 students are well on their way. Fantastic effort guys!

Book Week competition – entries due Friday 2 August
Quick reminder, this year our library has teamed up with Mosman Council Library for the annual Book Week Competitions. All entries for the Competition must be returned to our school Library by Friday 2 August to be sent to Mosman library to be judged and displayed in time for Book Week. Late entries will be accepted and displayed in our library.

Book Week volunteer readers needed
Parents, grandparents and carers are invited to take part in this year’s Book Week celebration. You can take part in this fun celebration of books and reading by signing up to read aloud a Book Week shortlisted book to the whole school during the week: Monday 19 Aug to Friday 23 Aug.
Please contact Mrs Bennett the library teacher for more information.
(alice.bennett3@det.nsw.edu.au)

Spelling Bee Final: Thursday 8 August in School Hall

Years 5 & 6: 9:35am to 10:55am
Years 3 & 4: 11:15am to 12:35pm

Plant a Tree Day: Friday 2 August 2013
The Eco Ambassadors from K-6 will plant a variety of native trees across the school from 9am to 10:55am. Parent helpers are welcome.

Thank you to all the families who have donated bags of clothes for Stewart House!

Please return or donate uniforms and clean underwear for younger children to the School Office. In the colder weather students are having a few more accidents. If you have borrowed or have any spare uniforms, underpants or socks for younger children please bring them to the School Office. Thank you very much.
North Sydney Demonstration School is planning to improve the Lower Pacific Playground for K-2 students. This playing space is located at the front of the school adjacent to the library.

The process will involve;

- Forming a Working Party made up of representatives from: the school staff, DEM Care, the P&C, the Student Executive and the general parent population.
- Collecting the views of all interested stakeholders including students from Year K-2. This information will, where appropriate, inform the briefing that will be provided to a chosen landscaping company. The landscaping company will be selected based on merit.
- Publishing the design drawings on the school website for a consultation period of two weeks. During this period, parents, students, school staff and other stakeholders such as DEM Care can provide feedback which will be used where appropriate to inform the final design.

Work is expected to commence and be completed over the summer break.

In addition to the landscaping of the Lower Pacific Playground, Phase Two of the Bay Road Landscaping Project which commenced in 2012, is anticipated to be completed during 2014. This work includes the widening of the path with a porous surface to allow for the large volume of foot traffic and easier stroller access as well as controlling the flow of rain water during heavy rain.

More details of the Bay Road plans will be provided in 2014.

If you are interested in being on the Working Party for the Lower Pacific Playground please email Christina Silk at christina@silkcla.com.au
FABStar!

Features

FABStar! is an initiative to recognise positive behaviours in the playground. Two FABStar! slips (one from K-2, one from 3-6) were drawn from all the students who received FABStar! slips in recognition of their positive behaviours on the playground last week.

The K-2 FabStar for this week is Caroline from 1JD. Caroline displayed wonderful friendship and caring when she comforted a friend who had been frightened by a loud noise. Thank you Caroline!

This year North Sydney Demonstration School will be performing a Disney stage production adapted for young performers of Lewis Carroll’s timeless classic, Alice in Wonderland.

There will be two performances at North Sydney Girls High School, a matinee and evening show, both on Wednesday 13 November 2013 during Week 6 of Term 4.

Ticketing information will follow later in Term 3.

Dates for your diary

BAND NEWS
• **1 August** – Education Week open day performance – Senior Band
• **6 Sept** – North Shore Primary School Band Festival – Senior Band
• **9 Sept** – Band Committee meeting, 5pm in the staff room
  all band parents welcome
• **11 Sept** – Festival of the Arts – details TBA
• **12 Sept** – Junior Band Concert – NSDS Hall - Junior Band only
• **2 Dec** – End of Year Band Concert – NS Leagues Club – All Bands

**Education Week – Open day performance – Thursday 1 August**
At the Education Week Open Day (a normal rehearsal day), the senior band will perform the three pieces they played at their Gold-winning Yamaha Festival performance.

Senior band members are to wear their band uniform for this performance. Band uniform consists of band t-shirt, blue pants/blue culottes, blue socks/blue stockings and black shoes.

**North Shore Primary School Band Festival**
Information and intention to participate forms need to be returned to Melissa Lanigan ASAP. The note can be downloaded from the school website or you require a replacement.

**Parents can you play a woodwind or brass instrument?**
If yes, we invite you to bring your instrument along and join in on a band rehearsal session or two. The students love having guest performers joining in on their rehearsal sessions. The strength in sound and extra support is wonderful for the students. Don’t be shy - we welcome your involvement. Thanks to Rob (Senior Band parent) who jumps in every now and then with his trumpet.

**Interesting music facts – trumpet or cornet??**
The trumpet or cornet is the smallest and highest member of the brass family. As with all brass instruments, the sound is produced by buzzing the lips into a mouthpiece. The difference between a trumpet and cornet is very minor. They both play the same notes and they sound virtually the same. In appearance, the trumpet looks a bit longer and more slender than a cornet. The real difference has to do with the way the tubing of the instrument flares. A cornet is more cone shaped or conical than a trumpet. For all practical purposes they are the same instrument for beginners.

Typically Junior Band students start with a cornet and move to a trumpet in Intermediate or Senior Band. Either is a good instrument for a beginner. The trumpet is used in all kinds of music including jazz, rock and classical music. They are popular in high school Stage bands.

**Enquiries**
Band Committee Secretary, Melissa Lanigan  MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au
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Join us for a free trial class, contact us on 0411-821-531 or send us an email at inomaq@ozemail.com.au
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