At a Glance…

Term 1
Week 11

Wednesday 9/04/14
Anzac Day Service

Thursday 10/04/14
Easter Activities

STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Lateia
Class: Gawura
What do you like to do on the weekend?:
I like to play netball
Favourite TV Show/Game:
The Movie "Mean Girls"
Favourite Food:
Cheese pizza
Favourite thing about LaPa:
I like cooking in the kitchen, using the computers and I like maths.
Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the last week of school for the term, I’d like to take the opportunity to thank all staff and the community for your ongoing support of the school. It has been an extremely busy start to the year, but students have settled well and almost everyone has had their Personalised Learning Plan developed in consultation with parents. This is terrific news. Parents, please keep those evaluations coming in as they will help us to improve what we do.

**Easter Celebration**

Please come and join us next Thursday as we celebrate an early Easter with our children. Mr Ninyo has been coordinating the event this year and it promises to be full of fun and adventure for everyone. The festivities start at 11:45am.

**ANZAC Day**

Next Wednesday we will have our ANZAC service to commemorate our soldiers that have fallen. All community members are invited to attend and share this special time with us. The assembly will start at 10.30am.

On Thursday, Mrs Clarke will be taking three of our school leaders to the Matraville RSL as representatives of the school to participate in a special morning tea and commemorative service.

**Reading**

It is absolutely essential that your child reads for at least 15 minutes every day. With the holidays fast approaching, please set some time aside each day and encourage reading time. If you need books sent home, please contact your classroom teacher. Also, if you would like additional work sent home for the holidays, the classroom teacher is the point of contact and will be only too willing to help you out. We are starting to see some extremely positive gains in student reading because of the MultiLit program but this needs to be sustained over the holiday period. We can only do that with your support.

**Coming up in Term 2**

**Staff Changes**

Congratulations to Mary Smith and Wendy Barker who will be taking long service leave in term 2. Mrs Barker has already started her leave and will be away for the whole of next term. Mary is away for the first 5 weeks of term. Although their absence will leave a large hole in our school, I’m very happy to hear that these two very hard working ladies will both be travelling and enjoying their time off with loved ones.

Having said that, I would like to welcome Mrs Rhonda Chigwidden who will be joining us. Rhonda will step into the role of School Administration Manager having worked at Matraville Sports High School as a School Administration Officer for the past 5 years. She will be here Monday to Thursday each week. On a Friday, we will have Mrs Kelly Robinson in the office. Please make both people feel welcome. We’re very lucky to have such skilled and enthusiastic professionals to step up and take on these important roles in our school.
Vision/Hearing Screening

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to our Community Morning Tea, particularly the Elders in our community who were mobilised in impressive numbers. As a follow up, I am very pleased to announce that we have been able to secure both vision and hearing screening for all students in the school at no cost to parents. This is an amazing achievement for our students as the link between health and education generally stops when children are 4 years old. There will be a letter from the Learning Support Team explaining everything in detail in the next few days so please be looking for this in your child/rens bag and take full advantage of this opportunity.

**HEARING ASSESSMENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED NEXT TUESDAY 8th April – please ensure that your permission notes are returned immediately.**

Sister School Relationship with Maroubra Junction Public School

Following an extremely successful Harmony Day celebration with our sister school this term, there are plans ahead to have a combined schools disco on 22nd May. There will be further news early next term but this is a date for everyone’s diary. Parents and students will be welcome to attend and it will be the first joint fundraising venture for the La Perouse and Maroubra Junction P&C Organisations.

Change of class names

Following ratification from both the school community during our School Community Meeting (25/03/14) and the AECG (03/04/14), I would like to inform parents that the names of our classrooms will be changing from the start of Term 2. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me. Thank you once again to all community members that participated in the consultation process.

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Anti-Bullying Policy

As a staff we have conducted an informal review of our anti-bullying policy and this will be distributed to parents in Term 2 after it is tabled at the next Parents and Citizens meeting for endorsement.

Term 2 Holiday and return to school dates

The last day of school is next Friday 11th April. All students are expected to attend up to, and including this day.

School commences again on Monday 28th April for teachers only (Staff Development Day)

*School commences for all students on Tuesday 29th April

Please travel safely over the holiday period and I wish you and your family all the very best.

Dace Elletson
Principal
What's new on the website

This week on our website we have added to our Social Media and to our Our school pages. If you haven't already checked us out on our website, do so now and catch up on all of our news and upcoming events.

Find us on Facebook
Follow us on Twitter

Multicultural Education - Harmony Day

Students visited our sister school, Maroubra Junction PS to join in a variety of activities celebrating the rich cultural diversity of our communities. Some of the activities students were able to participate in included dance instruction in a fusion of Aboriginal and hip hop dance styles, Indonesian mask making, a small group trivia competition with all the questions being about different cultures, the making of a really long friendship chain and playing basketball together. The day was topped off with a good old Aussie barbeque.
After some assessing we observed some areas that students needed to work on.

Our first focus was CHANCE! The pictures above show a whole class activity where we sorted statements into the different language of chance. One of the maths groups extended this knowledge by including percentages when talking about weather.

Below you can see where we revised SYMMETRY! First as a whole class we looked at shapes and images to see how many lines of symmetry they had. We discussed that the pieces needed to mirror each other. Then students had to compete the pictures where they a line of symmetry had been drawn.
Daringyan students have been learning about the life cycles of frogs. The children have been keeping a diary on our tadpoles. We know facts about frogspawn, tadpoles and frogs.

This week we had a green tree frog come into our class. We were very lucky to hold it and watch it eat crickets. Its webbed feet are sticky and it could attach itself to the whiteboard without falling!

We needed to wash our hands before touching the frog so that we did not spread our germs to the frog.