Welcome back to term 2!!

Happy Birthday to:
- Kelly - 1st
- Maui - 13th
- & Kirrawan 25th

STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Tori
Class: Buri Buri

What do you like to do on the weekend?:
I go to my mums and play handball and jump on the trampoline

Favourite TV Show/Game:
Tom & Jerry

Favourite Food:
Chinese

Favourite thing about LaPa:
I got to meet all different people and they're all fun!

At a Glance…

Term 2
Week 3&4

Thursday 8/05/14
Mothers day stall

Tuesday 13/05/14
Mothers day morning tea

Wednesday 14/05/14

Thursday 15/05/14
NAPLAN
Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to term 2! It was so lovely on Tuesday walking through the school gates and seeing all of our beautiful children happy, healthy, refreshed and ready to start a new term of learning. Also, I was thrilled to see the number of students in school uniform – thank you to all parents for your support in making sure that this happens. Our school uniform shows the wider community who we are and how proud we are to belong to the La Perouse School Community.

**Staff changes**

You will probably remember that I have already written and let you know this, but Mrs Wendy Barker, our School Administration Manager has taken leave for the entire term. Filling in is Mrs Rhonda Chigwidden (Monday to Thursday), and Mrs Kelly Robinson (Friday). Both Rhonda and Kelly will be ‘learning the ropes’ in their new roles this term, so please make them feel welcome.

**Attendance**

I have some very exciting news to share and celebrate with you. For the past 5 years (and perhaps before that, I don’t have the records), we have had an average student attendance rate at La Perouse PS of 88%. This is below state average (94%), and local area averages (95%). In term 1, due to the hard work of teachers, Aunty Selina, Mrs Park and the Learning Support Team, we hit a student attendance rate of 93%! This is a phenomenal improvement and can I thank all parents for being so diligent in making sure that notes are being written and/or phone calls are being made to explain student absences.

THANK YOU!

In term 2 we aim to hit the 95% mark or better so please keep letting us know when your child is away and for what reason, especially as we head into the winter months.

**Maths Extension Program**

Thank you to all parents who registered their child for the maths extension program that will be running in conjunction with the Australian Catholic University starting this coming Monday. Unfortunately due to the lack of university graduate volunteers, we will have to limit the number of students attending to 12. This will mean that we will take students into the program from years 3-6 only. I’m terribly sorry about this but circumstances were beyond our control on this occasion.

**Opportunity Class placements in 2015**

If you are interested in an application form for an opportunity class placement for your child in 2015 (year 5), please make an appointment to come and see me. The Department has a website that has all of the details that you may require in making a decision - [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). If you don’t have the internet at home, I am more than happy to distribute a paper copy to you or make available a school computer for you to conduct your own research.

**Cross Country**

Congratulations to all students who ran in the cross country today. I look forward to making an
announcement in the next newsletter about our winners and results from the next round.

Thank you as always to our parents who attended to support their children and the school.

OneSight Free Vision Screening

Undetected vision problems can interfere with your child’s ability to learn and meet their full potential. We are committed to making sure your child has everything that they need to succeed in their learning and have organised for eye care professionals from Onesight to attend La Perouse Public School on 27th May to conduct a free screening clinic. The purpose of the testing is to pick up and measure any problems affecting your child’s vision.

There will be more information following from the Learning Support Team very soon, but I am happy to say that if your child requires glasses, OneSight will pay for them, FREE of charge. This is a terrific opportunity for our students and I hope that you support us in filling in the required permission notes and returning them at your earliest convenience.

Hearing Screening

If there are any parents who have been unable to follow up on their child’s hearing screening outcome as yet, please call or make an appointment and I’ll see what we can do to assist you.

Until next time, please take care of yourselves and your family. The weather is starting to become colder so please make sure your child has a school jumper with them each day. They’re available for sale through the office of course if you need a new one.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

Dace Elletson
Principal

What’s new on the website

Did you see our principal locked up at Eastgardens on April 5? See the article from the Courier here.

Have you seen all our galleries? We regularly add photos of students working in the classrooms and special events. Click here to view or go to:

www.laperouse-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Girawaa

Last term Girawaa were lucky to have a friendly frog hop on into the classroom. We were learning about the lifecycle of the frog. We learnt that frogs have webbed feet, frogs can see forwards, sideways and upwards and frogs have long sticky tongues.

The Girawaa class has started the term learning about the human body. This is the second chapter in our unit on ‘NEW LIFE’. As part of our science unit the students will learn about:

- The Human Body
- How it is assembled, major organs, looking after our body, staying healthy.

Buri Buri

Students have started a new investigation and have been participating in activities about ‘area’. One of the lessons required students to work in groups and use newspaper to create square metres. They then used their square metres to estimate and measure the school basketball court.