La Perouse P.S. Newsletter

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HAPPY, SMART and PROUD

16/05/14

STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Shannyia
Class: Buri Buri
What do you like to do on the weekend?: I like playing on the swing and with my baby cousin, I love being outside.
Favourite TV Show/Game: Scooby Doo
Favourite Food: Chocolate Cake
Favourite thing about LaPa: Its fun playing in the playground.

At a Glance...

Term 2
Week 5&6

Monday 19/5/14
Homework club

Tuesday 20/05/14
No bus run next Tuesday

Thursday 22/05/14
Disco @ MJPS

Friday 23/05/14
Zone Cross Country

Tuesday 27/04/14
Eye testing

Staff at La Perouse Public School would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family of a respected Elder who sadly passed away this week.

Our thoughts and warmest regards are sent to the entire community and its loss.
Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely seeing so many people support the school last week for our Mother’s Day morning tea – thanks very much to everyone who was able to make it. I hope that all of our mothers, grandmothers and aunties were spoilt rotten on your special day.

Arrival at school

I realise that it’s harder to get children out of bed as we approach winter but it is essential that all students arrive before the 9:00am bell so that they start the day in a positive way. We are aiming to reach a 95% attendance rate this term and we’ll only be able to do this if everyone helps out by being here. If you’re having trouble getting your children to school on time please contact me.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all of our year 3 and 5 students who participated in NAPLAN this week. The results of these tests are published and distributed to parents and schools in the middle of September. Stay tuned.

Gardens

We are constantly trying to improve the look of our school and I’d like to extend a huge thank you to our volunteers from the Australian Army and Gracepoint Church who’ve done a fantastic job of remodelling the Paul Travini memorial garden at the front of the school. Unfortunately a lot of the original plants in the garden had died or were in the process of dying, and what we’ve been left with now is an almost blank canvas from which we can start again. If you have any plants at home that you’d like to see planted in our garden we’d love to take them off your hands.

I’d like to extend a special thanks also to Jordan Tonnet who helped to clean up the leftover garden mess and gave up a part of his weekend to do so. Thanks Jordan, your time is appreciated!

Uniform

It is essential that every child is in full school uniform each day. This includes the school jumper. We have plenty of sizes in stock so please come and see Rhonda in the office or Kellie Tonnet on canteen days to purchase any of your school uniform needs.

Kellie Tonnet has very kindly reorganised all of our school uniforms, including a mountain of lost property. Each week, quite a number of unlabelled items of clothing are placed in lost property. If your child has lost anything please come in the next week to claim it.

We realise that children grow rapidly and often outgrow their uniform. If you have any old uniforms that no longer fit your child can you send them back to school please? We are setting up a second hand uniform pool for parents. Every item of second hand clothing will be sold to parents for $5.00 a piece, with all proceeds going to support the fundraising efforts of the P&C. At the time of purchase, Kellie or Rhonda will mark your child’s clothing clearly with their name, either with a laundry marker or iron on labelling system. This will make identification of lost items easier in the future.
Disco at Maroubra Junction Public School

On the 22nd of May we will be having a joint disco with Maroubra Junction Public School on their school site. Tickets will be sold on the night and are $5 for a single student entry; $8 for a family. The time frames are: Years K-2: 5.30pm – 6.45pm and Years 3-6: 7pm – 8.30pm. Fresh pizza will be sold at both discos, as well as drinks (poppers and water), chips and popcorn. Glow in the dark/light up items will be on sale as well. Please support our sister school relationship with Maroubra Junction PS by bringing your children along. Some of the proceeds of the night will be given to our P&C.

Homework Club

Homework Club was a huge success last Monday and will continue weekly for the rest of the year. Thanks to all parents who sent their children along. For everyone else, homework club runs each Monday afternoon 3:15pm-4:15pm and is open to any student at our school (those participating in the maths extension program on the same day are excluded). Parents need to collect students at 4:15pm sharp please.

Please take care of yourselves and your family and if there are any problems, comments or feedback please call me and make an appointment.

Until next time.
Dace Elletson
Principal

Reminder ...

For the safety and health of all students we ask that the following food and drink items are not brought to school.
* Sandwiches WITH Peanut Butter OR Nutella
* Nutella snack packs
* Juices, sports drinks and soft drinks
* Lollies and chocolate

Homework survey

The homework survey is available on our web-site. You can do the survey online here, or pick up a copy at school. Thanks for your input.

Consultation on strengthening public secondary education in the inner Sydney area

The NSW Department of Education and Communities is looking at how to address changing needs for public secondary education in inner Sydney. They want feedback from the community and have organised a number of ways this can occur. Full details are available at www.dec.nsw.gov.au/sydneyhsconsultation

Consultation is open to parents, teachers, students and the wider community. Comments can be made online, by attending a workshop or by hosting a Kitchen Table Discussion - please go to the website for more information.

The consultation period is from 16 May – 27 June 2014.
Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php

Aboriginal Child Health & Wellbeing

- Are you interested in helping us improve the health of Aboriginal children?
- Would you like to discuss your concerns about Aboriginal child health with us?
- Do you think current services for Aboriginal children could be better?
- Are there community matters relating to child health & wellbeing that you want to focus on?

You are welcome to discuss these issues at the

ABORIGINAL CHILD HEALTH FORUM
Yarra Bay House Hall, Yarra Bay House
Elaroo Avenue, La Perouse

Wednesday 21st May 2014
10.30 am – 1pm
Morning tea provided

Any questions please call us on 9362 8472
Contact person for the forum: Dr Katarina Klem (Aboriginal Child Health Fellow) or Dr Karen Zwil (Community Paediatrician), Sydney Children’s Hospital Randwick

Foster Carers NEEDED NOW

Why?
Aboriginal kids needing care deserve to be placed with loving people and families who will not only care for and support them but who will also ensure that their culture and identity is maintained.

No experience required
Training is provided

Help us make a difference!

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