La Perouse P.S. Newsletter
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HAPPY, SMART and PROUD

School photos Wed 11/6

If you don’t get into school you miss out on seeing our students amazing art adorning our walls. Hit our website for a sample:


Radical Reader

Name: Tahlia
Class: Girawaa

Our radical reader of the week is Tahlia Brown. Tahlia has worked really hard for the past 10 weeks and has improved 10 levels. Tahlia reads every day, both at school and at home and is a keen story writer.

When asked what she likes best about learning to read Tahlia said, “I love reading to my mum”.
Keep up the good work Tahlia!

At a Glance...

Term 2
Week 6&7

Monday 2/06/14
Homework club

Monday 9/06/14
Queens birthday
public holiday
Wednesday 11/0614
School photos
Dear Parents and Carers

I’d like to start this fortnight’s newsletter by extending a huge congratulations to our zone cross country runners – Maui Mongta, Kiani Duckett, Carmen-Lee Ingrey, Riley Foster and Jermane Cheung. All students put in a massive effort last Friday and I was so proud to see them all performing so impressively against other much larger schools in our area. Well done to you all, particularly to Kiani who now advances to the regional.

Congratulations also to Tymekqwa Duckett who has secured herself a place in the zone netball team. I’m sure you can imagine that these positions aren’t just given away and Tymekqwa has won her place through sheer skill, hard work, and the support of her family. We wish her all the very best.

Attendance

I wrote to you recently about our terrific result in term 1 where we achieved an impressive student attendance rate of 93%. Unfortunately in term 2 this is slipping slightly, mainly because of partial absences due to students arriving late to school - particularly on a Monday and Friday. I understand it becomes difficult for all of us to get out of bed as the colder weather encroaches, but as a school we are committed to high standards of attendance for our children. The Education Act 1990 states specifically that all children must attend school regularly and on time. Please make sure that you are taking advantage of the free PCYC bus service on a Tuesday and Thursday and that your child/ren are at school, on time, every day.

If you are having trouble getting your child to school on time please call and we’ll assist you in any way we can.

Capital Works

After what I can assure you have been many phone calls, emails, complaints and applications for funding, I am extremely happy to announce to the community that the fenced off retaining wall near the front of our school is going to be fixed in the coming months. At a cost in the vicinity of $100,000, this is going to be a huge undertaking and I will keep the community abreast of all developments and access limitations to the school as they arise. This is very exciting news for all of us. As I’m sure you’ll agree, the current look of the school from the street is extremely unattractive because of the temporary fencing.

Enrolment

The ongoing viability of any school relies on a steady number of student enrolments and we are no different. As a school we believe we are offering a high quality product to the local community and this has been confirmed to us just recently when we assessed our students and are seeing some jump as many as 13 reading levels in 1 TERM! I think many parents are going to be thrilled with the progress that their children have made when they receive student reports on Monday 23rd June.
If you know of any parents or carers in the community who are looking to enrol their children in a school please ask them to contact me so that I can personally take them on a guided tour and show them the amazing work of our teachers and your children. We’re proud of what we’re achieving at La Perouse Public School and are relying on you to spread the good word through the community please. Thank you in advance.

Reconciliation Week

I was extremely proud of our School Leaders this week when, on Monday, we travelled to Bare Island to each plant a hand in commemoration of Reconciliation Week. Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir gave a heart-warming speech as did Adam Goodes and the event was well attended by the local community. Reconciliation Week is one of the most important on the calendar for all Australians and I was extremely proud to be there with our students representing our school.

News in Brief

- **School Camp:** Please keep making payments for school camp. Now that we have the minimum number which will allow us to attend, there are additional places available if you’d like your child to attend and they’re in year 4, 5 or 6. Can we extend a huge thank you to all parents for the recent support of fundraising events.

- **A date for your diary:** Our school NAIDOC celebrations will be happening on Wednesday 25th June. Further details will be following in the next week or two. Please keep this day free and come and join with us in celebration.

- **Uniforms:** Second hand uniforms and items of clothing are being sold by the P&C at only $5 an item – please see Kellie on a Tuesday or a Thursday.

- We know how hard it is to get to the shops at times and so the P&C are also selling pencil cases filled with everything that your child needs at school (pencils, pens, ruler, rubber etc.) at a VERY reasonable price of $5 each. If you would like to buy one of these pencil cases please see Kellie on a Tuesday or Friday.

- Mr Shaun’s Homework Club continues to grow and students who attend love it! It is on every Monday from 3:15pm-4:15pm. Please encourage your child/ren to attend.

- We are very lucky to have had our students hearing and vision checked. If your child has received a referral for further testing and you’re unable to follow this up or are unsure of what to do next, please contact me and I’ll see what we can do to support you. Your child’s health and welfare is our number one priority. Without being able to see and hear clearly, their learning will be compromised. None of us want that.

As always, I wish you and your family all the best. If ever you need to contact me I’m always happy to meet or problem solve any issues with you. Until next time.

Dace Elletson
Principal
We have been learning about the Human Body. We have learnt the name of some bones in our body, such as, clavicle, femur, sternum, rib cage and spine. Please ask Girawaa students and they will be able to show you where these are located. We will be starting to learn about the 5 senses and how they work in our everyday lives.

We have been doing a lot of reading in class. We are very proud to announce that all our kindergartens have started to read on a level 1 or higher. Our year 1 students are working so hard on their reading and have been reading every night. Congratulations. Lastly our year 2 students are working towards their personal targets and have been reading with fantastic fluency.

We have been very proud to receive some data this week on all our student's reading and writing. ALL STUDENTS have made improvements and they should feel proud of themselves. We continue to change groups and focus to ensure that this growth continues.

In our integrated unit - Our Earth - we completed discussing and wrote joint and independent explanations of the water cycle. We have now moved onto developing weather reports. Students are in small groups and together they have investigated various weather conditions - swells, rainfall and winds for example. We watched and analysed some real life weather reports. Students noted that diagrams were bright and clear; the presenter smiled and had a clear, fluent voice. In the groups jobs have been delegated, diagrams designed and scripts written. In the following days weather reports will be recorded on the iPads and presented to the class.

The next stage of our unit will be looking at how the weather and climate change our landscape over time. WE are looking forward to looking at the local area changes.