Dear Parents and Carers

Can I first start by wishing all of our students competing in the NSW PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival the best of luck for tomorrow and next week. This year we have more students than ever before qualifying for the carnival and I’m sure they will all represent the school with pride and determination! Go team!

An extra thank you must go to all parents who attended (and participated in) the La Perouse PS athletics carnival a couple of weeks ago, and also to Mr Jarius for organising the highly successful day. Well done everyone!

Yesterday afternoon staff and community members gathered at the school to start developing our school Statement of Purpose. Discussions yesterday were very much focused on continuous improvement, students as learners and the community as partners. Our work so far is being displayed in the staff room for feedback and further input from the school and its community. I would encourage everyone that was unable to attend yesterday to pop into school and make a contribution to this statement, which will form the basis of how our school will operate over the next three years. A DRAFT of the statement will be distributed to parents for feedback late next week and will also be sent to the AECG and Alliance for their contributions. Thank you to all parents and community members for your contributions so far in shaping the future path of our school.

If you have still not had your PLP meeting please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Feedback from parents has been extremely positive so far, and to show that we are listening to what you’re asking as a parent body, we will also be having additional PLP meetings in Term 4 this year.

Let us know if you have any ideas on how we can improve the process for you, your family and your children – we are here to serve you.

As usual, this term is very busy and we’re about to start swim school on Monday. When speaking with members of the community please let them know that we’re taking enrolments for 2015 and I’d be more than happy to meet with prospective parents and show them our wonderful school.

We have had a few cases of ringworm recently. Could you please check your child/ren and treat them accordingly. Anti fungal cream is available from any chemist.

Dace Elletson
Principal

In response to parental requests, we are making additional time for dance in our curriculum. On Tuesday 19th August at 7:00pm our students will be delivering a contemporary, hip-hop dance at Bondi Showcase. I had the privilege of watching a rehearsal last week and it’s sure to impress. Tickets are for sale at the front office for $12. In addition, we are working with the company Dance-2-Fit to develop a dance with an Aboriginal/Traditional theme. Students will perform this at our end of year presentation night, as well as showcasing their talent at the Maroubra Junction PS end of year concert. We are very fortunate that the cost of this professional dance company is being covered by the MJPS P&C as part of our sister school relationship and I extend to them an enormous thanks on behalf of our students and community.

CALENDAR

Monday 11/8/14
School Swimming Scheme

Tuesday 12/8/14
Homework Club

Wednesday 13/8/14
Statement of Purpose

Thursday 14/8/14
Year 6 Fundraiser

Friday 15/8/14
Zone Athletics Carnival
**RADICAL READER**

Name: Ashanti  
Class: Buriburi

Our radical reader of the week is Ashanti Foster. Ashanti is researching the Tasmanian Tiger and has located information using our I Pads. Ashanti knows that the females have a pouch. Tasmanian tigers can open their jaws to 120 degrees so that they can eat large prey.

Well done Ashanti!

**Buriburi**

Buriburi have been continuing their maths investigation on measurement. Our class were given newspaper, masking tape and measuring tape and asked to create a pair of shorts or a skirt. Some of the creations were absolutely fabulous! Students worked mathematically to create a functional outfit.

**Flu Season is Here**

Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone. Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use. Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

**HOMEWORK CLUB**

Homework club is held every Tuesday afternoon from 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

**Girawaa**

Girawaa students have been investigating what is in the Environment. We decided to go into the Environment and explore. We found many interesting things such as worms, beetles and centipedes. We used magnifying glasses to make our observations which we then recorded. We have started working on the weather and how it changes. It would be fantastic if the children could watch the nightly weather report on the television with you. You could also help by talking about the weather and how it affects our everyday living.