Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the 2015 school year!

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend our swimming carnival last week as a show of support to our school and children. I must sound like a broken record sometimes but it is always my goal to make sure that our students don’t miss out on any opportunity because of the small number of enrolments at La Perouse PS. Last Friday was an opportunity to celebrate the sporting ability and natural talents so obvious in our school. Although it was not a competition between us and Matraville Soldiers Settlement PS, I think our performance on the day clearly highlighted that small numbers do not equate to lack of skill. Our kids were first, second and third in most races and it was excellent to see them thriving at a larger event and in a more competitive environment.

Well done to all students and to Mr Jarius who organised such an excellent day. A huge amount of work goes into making swimming carnivals a success and we appreciate your mammoth effort. Thank you!

Stay tuned! It looks as though our athletics carnival will be a combined event as well!

Class Names

Having had confirmation of authenticity from the Dharawal Language Program, I can now announce that the name of our third class is Magadaang (meaning Blue Tongue Lizard). This means that our class and teacher structure currently stands as:

Girawaa – Mr Shaun, Magadaang – Ms Cassel Burri Burri – Mr Jarius.

I would like to thank all parents for their patience as we have finalised class names for 2015. I’m sure you would all agree, it has been absolutely vital to ensure that names, translations and spelling are right before announcement.

Support for Families

I am always trying to discover how we as a school can support families in a positive way and last year I started conversations with both the Junction Neighbourhood Centre and the Deli Women’s Group on how they could become involved with the school in achieving its goals and aspirations.

I am thrilled to announce that as a start this year we will be offering a Free Triple P Group Parenting Program here at La Perouse Public School. All details are included further in the newsletter today. Please make sure you register and take advantage of these opportunities throughout the year. There will be more to come.

Dace Elletson
Principal

Food Reminder

Can I please remind all parents not to send nuts to school, or those foods containing nuts (some muesli bars for example), or nut products please (including Nutella). Also, lollies and soft drinks are not to be sent to school for lunches. Thank you for your support.

CALENDAR

Tuesday - February 10th
Bus run starts

Friday - February 20th
Sport starts

Thursday-26th February
ESPSSA Swimming carnival

Thursday -March 5th
Girawaa excursion

Thursday -March 26th
Magadaang excursion
Girawaa

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We have already started doing lots of reading and writing. This term we will be learning about dinosaurs.

In maths we have started learning about numbers 1-10 as well as learning about friends of 10.

Burri Burri Class

The Burri Burri Class have begun their unit of work on ‘big issues’. The students are currently investigating what it was like during World War I and thinking about how it must have felt for young people during this time. They have just finished reading a book by David Hill called ‘The Red Poppy’. The big question in the book is “would you help your enemy if they were injured?” Students are discussing both sides of the argument and writing persuasive texts to argue their point of view.

On Friday students participated in a joint swimming carnival with Matraville Soldiers Settlement. The day was a great success for both schools with many parent and other community members attending the day. Students from both schools expressed how much fun they had on the day and are looking forward to future joint events.

HOMEWORK CLUB

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RADICAL READER OF THE WEEK

Name: Thor
Class: Girawaa

During the holidays Thor read most nights and jumped up one level in his reading. Thor likes to read books on animals.

Well done Thor!
Magadaang

Welcome to 2015! We are excited to announce that our brand new class name is ‘Magadaang’, which is Dharawal language for ‘blue tongue lizard’.

Our first two weeks back have been very eventful.

Our class represented La Perouse Public School at the combined swimming carnival with Matraville Soldier’s Settlement Public School. Almost everyone participated, with lots of placing’s and personal bests on the day. A big congratulations to everyone who swam, even those who were not so confident. It’s great to see the skills and technique everyone has developed from swim scheme last year and over the summer break.

Well done!

BUS RUN RESUMES NEXT TUESDAY
10TH FEBRUARY, 2015

The bus will run every Tuesday and Thursday
LA PEROUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL WELCOMES OUR NEW STUDENTS

Aiden                   Marshall                                William

Ashanti     Jackson    Harry     Annorriah   Christopher   Okie     Jamie