Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another exciting and fun filled term. I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break with their children and are dealing with this wild and wooly weather we’re experiencing lately.

Staff changes

I’m thrilled to announce that Mr Shaun and his fiancé welcomed a healthy baby boy into the world just 12 days ago. This is a reminder to parents that whilst Mr Shaun is on paternity leave, Ms Jessica Allan will be taking Girawaa class on Mondays and Fridays and Mrs Melody Aldrick will take the class each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you need to contact either of these teachers please do so by calling the front office. Mr Shaun will be away for the first 4 weeks of term and will return on Monday May 11th.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our very special sporting star Iesha Duckett, who has been chosen to represent our school in the Eastern Suburbs PSSA Zone Netball team. Iesha will take the position of goal shooter and won her place on the team from a highly competitive field of entrants. Well done Iesha!

Deadly LaPa Skipping Team

I would like to wish our deadly La Pa Skipping Crew all the very best as they head to Dubbo and Coonamble on Sunday to showcase their amazing skipping talents. Whilst away, our students will be representing our school and themselves with pride. All team members have demonstrated discipline and perseverance to develop the skills necessary to perform at this level to other schools and I am very proud of all students involved. A huge thanks must go to Aunty Selina and Mr Jarius for leaving their families and accompanying students on this trip.

Opportunity Class

Are you thinking of applying for year 5 entry into an opportunity class in 2016? If so, please come and see me and I’ll step you through the application process. For those parents that are unaware, opportunity classes cater for highly achieving year 5 and 6 academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level.

Mother’s Day High Tea

Thursday, May 7th at 10.30am

Please come along and enjoy high tea with the staff and your children. All mothers, grandmothers and aunties are welcome to attend. Please contact the office as soon as possible to inform us of the number of people who will be attending so that we can organise catering. I look forward to seeing you all there on the day.

CALENDAR

Tuesday 5/5/15
Homework Club resumes

Thursday 7/5/15
Mother’s day High Tea

Tuesday 12/5/15 to Thursday 14/5/15
Naplan

Friday 15/5/15
ESPSSA Cross Country

Thursday 28/5/15
Paul Kelly cup
NAPLAN

All parents with students in Years 3 and 5 should have received a letter from myself explaining NAPLAN and the 2015 test dates. If you have not received this letter for any reason, please see Rhonda and she will make sure you have a replacement.

Attendance

I know that I remind parents regularly but it is essential that students not only attend school every day, but are on time. This week a number of formal reminder letters will be sent to some parents from the Learning Support Team reminding them of both school and parent obligations. Please make an appointment to come and see me if there are any issues getting your child to school on time.

Dentist

Thanks to the skill and negotiating powers of Aunty Selina, all students will have the opportunity of seeing a dentist at the school on Thursday, June 18th. This is an amazing opportunity (similar to last year when all students had their hearing and eyesight screened), that is not available to other schools. There will be further details following at a later date.

Chess

We have started up a chess club at school thanks to our wonderful volunteer Beth and students who participate are enjoying the game of strategy. Beth has alerted us to a chess club that is run at the Randwick library commencing 6th May and ending on 24th June from 4.00pm-5.00pm. She is prepared to take students from the school and deliver them back if there is enough interest. Please come and see me for further details and for the registration form.

Cross Country

Our school cross country will be held tomorrow but we may have to make a call to cancel it due to the weather. Keep your mobile phones handy please parents and we’ll send an SMS in the morning if the cross country is cancelled. The alternate date is next Wednesday, 6th May.

Until next time, please take care of one another and stay safe and warm

Dace Elletson
Principal
Deadly La Pa Skipping Team

On Sunday a group of 13 students will be representing La Perouse Public School and community in Dubbo. The Deadly La Pa Skipping Team will travel to Coonamble and Dubbo West Public Schools to perform and run skipping workshops with the students. In partnership with the Heart Foundation, the team will promote living a healthy and active lifestyle. A film crew will also accompany the team to film the journey which will be made into a DVD for other schools to use to be able to run their own skipping team. There will also be a section on the DVD where La Perouse students will explain how to do all the tricks they have been learning.

This weeks Radical Reader is Jaiah. Jaiah has gone up to level 8 and is working really hard on his strategies to work out unknown words.

Well Done Jaiah!
In Magadaang this week

This term Magadaang is learning all about Ancient Egypt. We have been using the iPads to create ‘Poplet’ brainstorms. We can use pictures, videos and drawings to show what we have learnt each week. We have been having a blast!

In Girawaa this week

Girawaa has started learning about a variety of environments. The students have focused on animals in the environment and how they live within the environment. We have also talked about how the physical features of the animals are suited for where they live. With Miss Aldrick we have been leaning about the Australian Bush. We focused on Kangaroos and Kookaburras. Students wrote some excellent sentences about what we discussed.

“Kookaburras live in trees so other creatures can’t get them”.
“Kangaroos live in the bush because there is lots of grass for them to eat.”
“Kookaburras eat the bugs off the trees.”
“Kangaroos live in the bush and sleep under the trees so they do not get hot.”