Dear Parents and Carers

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week has been held every year since 1996 and provides an opportunity for all Australians to reflect on the relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated to commemorate two significant dates in Australia's reconciliation history:

- The 1967 referendum that saw over 90% of people vote in favour of recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the national census (giving them the right to vote) and;
- The Mabo decision. On the 3rd June 1992 the High Court of Australia recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a special relationship and bond with the land, thus leading to land rights known as native title.

This year students have been celebrating Reconciliation week in class and Aunty Selina and representatives from our school have attended local events that mark this significant calendar date for our Community. Aunty Selina and myself are planning a larger event at a later date (around NAIDOC in Term 3) that will incorporate our whole community and the Little Bay Community of Schools.

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations again to our six super-star cross country runners who last week represented our school at the zone cross country carnival. All students placed in the top 20 for their races which is an amazing achievement. Kiani Duckett ran FIRST and Kirrawahn Duckett ran SECOND in their races which is phenomenal and means they now participate at the state level. Congratulations to both of you!

On the day, our sister school, Maroubra Junction PS (student population over 600), was the overall winner on the day however, La Perouse PS was the average champion. This is determined by overall points scored divided by number of 3-6 enrolments.

As you can see, despite our small enrolments we consistently perform very well in all areas of sport, fielding quality entrants in every sporting event we attend.

Reminders

School photos – next Wednesday 3 June.

The dentist will visit the school for screening on 18 June. Screening does not involve having any procedures carried out. If your child requires fillings or further dental examination you will receive a letter to follow up.

Until next time, please take care of one another.

Dace Elletson

Alan Duncan Memorial Scholarship

I would like to bring to your attention the Alan Duncan Memorial Scholarship for Aboriginal men which will close on June 30, 2015. This award is designed to assist Aboriginal men undertaking a course of study at University or TAFE in NSW. Up to four (4) scholarships valued at $5,000.00 can be awarded to male students enrolled in a full-time university degree in 2015 with a further ten (10) assistance awards of $1,000.00 open to students enrolled at university, TAFE or in a bridging program.

If you're aware of any male Aboriginal students who are enrolled in full-time tertiary courses can you please ask them to contact me and I'll happily forward the information to them and will assist with the application in any way that I can.

CALENDAR

Tuesday
Homework Club
Maths Extension
Friday 29/5/15
Anzac Memorial
Burri Burri
Wednesday 3/6/15
School Photos

Full school uniform must be worn
Science in the Burri Burri class

Our class has been investigating solids, liquids and gases and how they change in different situations. The students have come up with their own hypothesis and completed experiments to prove their ideas. Here are some photos from their experiments.
In Girawaa

Last week in Girawaa class, we investigated shapes. We sorted and classified 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes according to their similarities and differences. As a culmination to this activity, we made chicken and vegetable soup. The vegetables had been partly boiled to make them easier for us to cut with bread and butter knives.

We made vegetable shapes. The carrots were cylinders, the pumpkin was cut into regular prisms, the leeks were already in cylinders and we cut the pieces into quarters.

The ingredients for our soup included:

- Potato
- Chicken
- Sweet Potato
- Pumpkin
- onion and
- Chicken stock

The soup cooked in a slow cooker and was ready for us to eat just before second break. We had crunchy warm bread with our soup. It was delicious.
In Magadaang this week

Magadaang have been using their mathematical skills to go fishing! The class completed an investigation where they had to design and make their own fish. We then went fishing in the playground! Each student had to make sure that their fish was of legal length before they could keep it.

Oztag GALA DAY

Thursday 9th July, 2015
Rowland Park, Daceyville
Team Registration is FREE
Please contact Club Manager Jean Ford at jford@pcycnsw.org.au
Registration closes 25th June 2015