I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Dace Elletson on his promotion and wish him all the very best in his role as Acting Principal at Annandale PS. I am most certain that his leadership and expertise will be highly regarded by the students, staff and community at Annandale PS. I would also like to thank Ms Yvonne Clarke for her support and leadership in the first two weeks of this term. Ms Clarke is an inspiring and innovative leader and La Perouse PS is most fortunate to have Ms Clarke.

I was most pleased to be offered the position of Relieving Principal at La Perouse PS as I had heard about the amazing community involvement and programs on offer for the students. Whilst I have only been at La Perouse PS for only a short amount of time, I cannot express my heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome I received with a lovely afternoon tea where I met so many wonderful people. I was particularly humbled by the most beautiful welcome into the community by Aunty Barbara. Aunty Barbara spoke about the La Perouse area which is so richly entrenched in culture and history and I am looking forward to learning more about the area and culture. I attended the Blak Markets on Sunday and was mesmerised by the wonderful artwork and artefacts on display and purchased a gorgeous painting. I also saw the 37 on display in support of Adam Goodes and experienced the wonderful community spirit that La Perouse is famous for.

**NAIDOC Celebrations**

On Tuesday 4 August the Little Bay Community of Schools celebrated NAIDOC. Early Stage 1 celebrated at La Perouse PS, Stage 1 celebrated at Chifley PS, Stage 2 celebrated at Matraville Soldiers’ Settlement PS and Stage 3 celebrated at Matraville Sports HS. Our Kindergarten students celebrated NAIDOC with all the Kindergarten students from Malabar PS, Matraville PS, Matraville Soldiers Settlement PS and Chifley PS. It was a privilege to be part of the 2015 NAIDOC celebrations at La Perouse PS. We all stand on Sacred Ground and on Tuesday we learnt, respected and celebrated! There were sixteen community members who came to La Perouse PS to teach and run the various activities for the day and I sincerely thank every person who was involved. We also had special visitors from the Department of Education who came to the school to see the wonderful activities and events on display. I also wish to thank Aunty Selina who did a tremendous job organising all of our community volunteers and program for the day. Many thanks to Ms Clarke and the rest of the staff for their organisation and hard work leading up to the celebration. I am very pleased to be part of such a fine team.

**Swimming**

Twenty students will be attending the Swimming and Water Safety program which is an intensive learn to swim program at the Des Renford Leisure Centre at Maroubra daily for two weeks from Monday 10th August 2015 to Friday 21st August 2015 from 1.45pm-2.30pm. There are lots of interesting activities planned for the students who are remaining back at school during this period.

**CALENDAR**

Friday 7/8/15
ESPSSA Athletics-Day 1

Monday 17/8/15
Showcase Rehearsal

Tuesday 18/8/15
Showcase

Friday 21/8/15
ESPSSA Athletics-Day 2
**Being a Good Sport Focus**

The current school focus for the past two weeks has been on being a good sport. A good sport plays by the rules and has discipline, respect, and self control. The students have been concentrating on the following:

- Showing respect by treating others the way they would want to be treated.
- Respecting not only their teammates, but also their opponents.
- Respecting coaches and the officials of the game.
- Respecting the rules of the game.
- Playing fair.
- Accepting the judgment calls of the coaches and the officials without argument.
- Offering encouragement to teammates, especially when they make mistakes.
- Forgiveness of themselves when they make a mistake and get right back into the game.

Classroom teachers have been reinforcing ways students can be a good sport in the classroom, playground as well as sporting and cultural events through explicit teaching and modelling.

**Zone Athletics Carnival**

The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held at ES Mark Oval this Friday as well as Friday 21st August. I would like to wish all the students competing in the ESPSSA Zone Athletics Carnival the very best of luck.

Looking forward to working with you all.

Elizabeth Markovski
Relieving Principal

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**Burri Burri**

The year 5 and 6 students participated in NAIDOC Day celebrations on Tuesday 4th August. They travelled by bus to Malabar Public School for a welcome assembly and then walked up to Matraville Sports High School for different activities. The students were broken into 3 different groups with other students from Matraville Soldiers Settlement and Chifley Public School. They rotated between cooking, art and trivia activities and then ended the day with a scavenger hunt with all schools from the Little Bay Community. The students enjoyed the day and it was a great joint schools event. Here are some photos from the day.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK—Weeks 3 and 4
This fortnight’s “Bondi Pizza” voucher award is for “Being a Good Sport”.
Congratulations to Caleb and Brandon!

NAIDOC DAY
Girawaa

We have started our new Drama program with Jena from the Sydney Theatre Company. We have started sculpting each other’s body into dragons after reading the beginning of our book “Herb the Vegetarian Dragon”. Each week we get to do different activities after reading each page of the book.

In Maths, Kindergarten have been working on numbers 1-20. We have been making number lines and playing lots of different matching games. In year 1 we have been revising counting in 2s 5’ and 10s. Some other students have been working very hard on the beginning stages of multiplication.

Magadaang

On Tuesday, years 3 and 4 went to Matraville Soldiers Settlement school for NAIDOC day celebrations. We were invited to participate in weaving, artefact talks, indigenous games, bush tucker walk and many other exciting activities. We loved the Koori disco that was put on in the hall as well! It was a wonderful day and the students represented La Perouse Public School with pride.