Welcome back to the new school year. I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday. Term one has started and all the staff are busy providing quality educational programs for your children.

At this stage the Department has asked me to stay on as relieving principal again for this term. I am more than happy to stay here at La Perouse School so hopefully they will resolve this issue soon!

We have some new families and children who have enrolled at our school. I would like to formally welcome the new families to La Perouse PS and thank them for choosing our school. Our enrolments have remained steady but they are still quite low so please spread the word about our great school and let’s see if we can increase the enrolment numbers a little more.

We have a new staff member in the K-2 class, Ms Hayley Gibson. Hayley comes to us with a range of teaching experiences in NSW Public schools and we welcome her to the La Pa family. I know she has a great deal of enthusiasm for her new role and will work hard to provide a stimulating classroom environment for the children.

We are lucky to be able to provide the three classes again as it means we can continue to have small classes whereby each child’s individual learning needs can be met.

Girawaa (K-2) with Ms Gibson and Elsie
Magadaang (2-4) with Ms Cassell and Aunty Selina
Burri Burri (5-6) with Mr Shaun and Mr Drew

We also have Ms Park as our Reading Recovery/RFF teacher and Ms Clarke as our instructional leader.

The Department has provided us with a school counsellor/psychologist for one day a week. The counsellor works with students on a needs basis. If you would like your child to see the counsellor then we will need to have a signed referral form to be completed by the parents/carers. We have the forms at the school so just come in and see us.

We also have a range of volunteers who come into the school to listen to the children read every day.

The YWCA provides us with a daily breakfast program. We are very grateful for the hard work that all our

Term one is already filling up with events and plans and I am sure that the students will benefit from the great teaching and learning that happens every day at La Perouse PS. Please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any questions or want to discuss your child’s education.

Calendar

Tuesday 9/2/16
Souths Cares Workshop

Thursday 11/2/16
Baseball Clinic
9.30am -11am

Tuesday 23/2/16
ESPSSA Swimming Carnival
School values statement—*The La Pa Way*

This year we have revamped our school rules to include more explicit information about what we expect from our students. We have named this *The La Pa Way*. This values statement clearly expresses what students need to do and how they should behave at school.

We are responsible

- Be in the right place at the right time
- Work and play in a safe and cooperative way

We are learners

- Listen and follow all reasonable instructions
- Do your best and have a go

We are respectful

- Treat everyone with courtesy and respect
- Speak kindly

Copies of the La Pa Way will be displayed throughout the school and all staff will use it to positively reinforce classroom management approaches.

**ONGOING SCHOOL PROJECTS**

There are a number of ongoing projects at the school which we will continue to work on in 2016.

- The vegie garden is looking a little overgrown at the moment but we will try and get it happening again soon. If you would like to help out and do some weeding then please contact Ms Park as she will be very happy to have some extra help.
- The playground shade cloth was vandalised many years ago and has never been replaced. We are looking to get a new shade cloth installed but it is very expensive. We are hoping to do some fundraising this term so we can get the playground covered again. The quote for the cloth is around $10,000 so it’s quite a lot of money!
- If you have any ideas or would like to be involved then please give the school a call
- Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association: the school does not have a functioning P&C at the moment due to low numbers but we are keen to get it established again. I will send out information later in the term about the next meeting so if you are interested then please come along.
- iPads and Apple TV: it is essential that schools provide students with a high level of ICT skills in this digital age. The school plans to buy some more iPads so that teachers can integrate ICTs into their daily teaching. We are looking into getting these later in the term and also setting up Apple TV in the classrooms.
NO HAT NO PLAY

As the weather is warming up our school policy will be implemented strongly. If a student doesn’t have a hat they will have to sit in the shade and not play.

Hats are on sale from the school office for $10.00 each.

Please see Rhonda or Mary.

Magadaang

Welcome back! Magadaang class are so excited to be back for 2016. We would like to welcome 2 new students to our class, Robert and Archie Woodham.

This term we are studying family life and celebrations. We will be comparing life in Australia with life in China. We are even going to celebrate Chinese New Year next Monday by wearing red and eating dumplings! We look forward to everyone visiting our room and seeing all the wonderful work we are doing.
Burri Burri

Welcome back to Burri Burri students. I would like to welcome Jyeden into our class.

This term we are organising lunch club. This week’s lunch club was chicken schnitzel and muffins. The students had to follow the recipe and make and mix the ingredients. The students worked as a team and made the most amazing food for Wednesday.

In Maths we are working on our number facts and problems. We have been timing ourselves to see how fast we can complete our timetables list. We have all been improving each day both our time and our number of mistakes.
Girawaa

Hello all! Girawaa is ready and excited for the adventures of 2016 to kick start and take off. We are very grateful to have 5 new students join us. Those being: Shakyla Duckett, Brooklyn Cruz, Aidan Ingrey, George and Thomas Woodham. Welcome!

I have been so impressed with how hard Girawaa has been working in class, especially during literacy! I’m also very happy to see the older Girawaa student’s help our new students settle in and establish new friendships.

We look forward to sharing our amazing hard work with you whether it is literacy, mathematics or our historical discoveries about the school and our families.

Big smiles

Miss Hayley Gibson
LAPA Swimming Carnival

This year La Perouse Public School had a combined swimming carnival with Matraville Soldier’s Settlement Public School. Almost everyone participated, with lots of placings 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.
LAPA WELCOMES OUR NEW STUDENTS

Thomas
Archie
Jyedon
Robert and George
Aiden
Shakylah
Brooklyn
La Perouse Public School - Staff 2016

Principal—Adrian Robinson
Instructional Leader—Yvonne Clarke
LST Co ordinator—Bev Park

Girawaa Teacher—Hayley Gibson
SLSO Elsie Amamoo
Magadaang Teacher—Rebecca Cassel

Burri Burri Teacher—Mr Shaun
SLSO Drew
Reading Coordinator - Anne McArthur
AEO - Aunty Selina

Office -Rhonda Chigwidden Office Assistant - Mary Smith
GA—Jon Weeden
Cleaner—Jordon Picalovski
BLAK MARKETS
ABORIGINAL ART & CULTURE WORKSHOPS
10:30am - 5pm :: 7 February 2016 :: Bare Island La Perouse

11.30am Whale Ceremony with Tucky Cooley
$10 pp
Join our very own Psychic Medium Tucky Cooley for her amazing Whale Ceremony. Tucky has spent many years learning the traditions of helping the Whales on their journey up and down the Coast of Australia. You can be a part of this magical ceremony sharing the whale song and sending the spirit to help protect the whales on their path and help them return in the following season.

ALSO:
- Ochre face painting
- Nut Necklace Making Workshop for $10 pp
- Shell Art Workshop for $15 pp

11.30pm & 1.30pm
Yaama Boys Dance Group
Will be joining us at the Blak Markets showing us how to shake a leg

2.30pm
Plant & Artefact Talk
$15 pp
Sit down with Peter Cooley as he talks about the wonders of our bush supermarket and describes the process of our traditional tools. The talk runs for 45mins.

11am
Traditional fire lighting & Smoking Ceremony

12:30 FREE TALK
History in a Photo
With Dr Peter Yanada McKenzie

Tarot readings, bush tucker infused meals and markets to sample

To book any of the events visit www.firsthandsolutions.org
All profits will go towards running a Back to the Bush program for Aboriginal youth at risk run by First Hand Solutions Aboriginal Corporation.
BREAK THE ICE

We invite parents, teachers, coaches and managers of sporting teams, employers and community leaders to come together to learn more about the ICE epidemic that is affecting families around our community.

FREE COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION
ICE
CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE

- WHAT IS ICE?
- HOW ICE WORKS
- SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM EFFECTS
- TREATMENT AND SUPPORT OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS
- INFORMATION ON FAMILY RECOVERY
- COMMUNITY SUPPORT RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2016
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Mascot Library & George Hanna Memorial Museum
2 Hatfield Street, Mascot

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