Firstly a big thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped with the cleaning up of the veggie garden. It was a big job but it looks terrific now. We have many volunteers at the school and they all do a great job supporting the learning of La Perouse students.

Our new school signs are now displayed around the school. They clearly set out the school rules and expectations. Our new approach is called ‘The La Pa Way’ so please take time to go through the rules with your children.

2015 Annual School Report Surveys

The Education Department requires all schools to formally complete the Annual School Report by the end of term 1, 2016. An important part of the process is to survey parents, students and teachers to ensure that we are delivering a quality education for all students. The report aligns with the School Plan and spells out clearly the achievements and milestones for the 2015 school year.

I will be contacting all parents/families soon to get their perspectives and opinions about the school. If you would like any more information please contact me at the school.

One final thing, the weather has been quite warm lately so please make sure that your children have a hat. Remember the Department’s policy is NO HAT, NO PLAY.

School Counsellor/ Psychologist

We are very fortunate to have been given the services of a qualified school psychologist for term 1. Rebecca Monks works at our school every Monday and she is available to meet with your children. We do need a signed consent form for any counselling to occur. If you’d like your child to see the counsellor, just get in touch and we can sort out the paperwork for you.

Calendar

Tuesday 23/2/16
ESPSSA Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 9/3/16
Paul Kelly Cup

Tuesday 15/3/16
Imax Theatre—Burri Burri

Thursday 17/3/16
Skipping—Homebush

Burri Burri

Thursday 24/3/16
Easter Hat Parade
Parents and Citizens Association

As you all know our school enrolment numbers are still quite low compared to other schools in the area. This means that it has been quite difficult to have a formal P&C Association at the school. We had an informal meeting last year in term 4 and I am keen to have another one this term. If you are interested in coming along to a P&C meeting please contact me at the school and I will set a date and time soon. It’s a great way to be involved in the life of the school.

FUNDRAISING

Sunday 21 Feb we are having a fund raising barbecue at the Bunnings in Mascot. We need volunteers to help sell the drinks and food, so if you have time please let us know as soon as possible. It’s a good way to promote our school to the wider community.

Thanks to Mr Shaun for organising it.
Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs) 29 Feb-2 March

We will be sending out information about the PLPs shortly. The PLP is a document that helps teachers target specific learning outcomes for each child. It is a collaborative process between the school and parents/carers so please make sure you book a time to meet with your child’s teacher.

We will also be having a Welcome back to the new school year barbeque in the same week. This will be a good opportunity to say ‘hello’ and meet the new teachers if you haven’t already. We will send a note out soon.

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.

Thanks for helping out in our garden!
This week we have been working on how to write an information report. Firstly we used the internet and books from the library to find the main points about an Antarctic topic. Each student had a different topic they had to research. Students found information about threats, size, climate, habitat, animals and travel. Each student put their information in points before they put the information into sentences.
Last week Magadaang celebrated Chinese New Year. 2016 is the year of the monkey! We made red lanterns, lucky red envelopes, ate dumplings and played Chinese children’s games. It was a wonderful chance to immerse ourselves in Chinese culture.

We were also lucky enough to have Guy and Grahame from Baseball NSW come out and run a clinic on Friday. We learnt some new baseball skills that we will be using in our PE unit this term.
Girawaa thoroughly enjoyed the Baseball Clinic last week. Their fast little legs astounded the coaches and their batting skills impressed us all. Girawaa also actively participated in the Garden Working Bee, using their muscles to remove the overgrown weeds and showing the policemen how it is done. Thank you to our parents and carers who helped and worked so hard in the heat.

I am so happy to see Girawaa settling into the school routine, establishing new friendships and congratulations to our first two Assembly Award receivers Harry Illingworth and Thomas Woodham for following the La Pa Way.
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

To Book: Please contact
BOTANY BAY CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES
9366 3889

or email
communityservices@botanybay.nsw.gov.au

City of Botany Bay
NSW
NSW Police Force
Salvation Army
Matraville Sports High School

Open Day

Saturday 5th March—11am to 1pm

All prospective parents, carers and their children are invited to our 2016 Open Day

- Principal’s address in the school assembly hall at 12pm.
- School Tours before and after address
- Light refreshments will be served during the day

Come along and meet the teachers and current students.

View displays and demonstration activities in academic subjects, creative and performing arts, IT and sports.

Find out about:

The opportunities we provide for our students
Our wonderful facilities
Selection process for TSP and GAT programs.
The UNSW Matraville Partnership

Phone: 9661 8000 for more information