Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs)

Thank you to all the staff and families who came along to the PLP meetings. Education is partnership between the school and home and the PLP enables teachers to better target the learning needs of each student. If you did not see your child’s teacher then please make another appointment ASAP.

Apologies that we didn’t hold the school barbeque as advised but unfortunately I was called out of the school for most of last week to attend principals’ meetings.

We will try and hold one on another day soon.

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.

Please find attached a copy of the parent satisfaction survey. If you could please get it back to us by March 16 that would be great. All schools have to collate the data for the annual report to help guide and refine the School Plan. We are also going to survey all of the staff and a selection of students from each class.

School Counsellor/Psychologist

After telling everyone in the last newsletter that we were given additional school counselling hours it was very disappointing to be told a few days later that the Department has had to redeploy our counsellor at another school. This is very unfortunate as we may be a small school but we have significant needs in terms of counselling. Currently we are given counsellor support at 1/2 day per fortnight.

Emergency Contacts

The school often has a need to contact parents or other family members during the day. This happens if a child becomes ill or if there is a discipline issue that we need to resolve.

Could you please make sure that the school has the most up-to-date telephone contact details for your family. A lot of time is wasted trying to track families down and it is very frustrating for the school when we call the numbers that we have on record and they are no longer in use.

Calendar

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

We will be holding an informal P&C meeting on THURSDAY MARCH 17 at 2.00pm.

We won’t be electing office bearers at this stage so it will be more of an informal talk about how we can get a functioning P&C at the school. If you are interested in coming along to a P&C meeting please come along at that time.

It’s a great way to be involved in the life of the school.
NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will be held at the school from 10-12 May. All year 3 and year 5 students are expected to sit the tests. We will send out more information a little closer to the dates. Parents can choose to exempt their children from the tests but this is not something that we would like to see happening at La Perouse PS. The data that we get from the tests results informs our teaching and learning programs and allows us to further refine our educational delivery.

MiniLit/MultiLit

This term all staff have been attending training in the use of the MiniLit and MultiLit programs. These programs will be operating across all the classes. They provide children with targeted and explicit literacy teaching and are research-based programs that are in use in many schools across Australia. The school is investing a lot of time, effort and financial resources for staff to undertake the training. Please contact the school if you’d like more information. We expect the teaching programs to start in term 2.

ART IN GIRAWAA

In art today we talked about where we live, in an apartment or a house, and then used shapes such as triangles, squares and rectangles to create a picture of our home.
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

Magadaang have been studying books by Shaun Tan. Students have been reading ‘The Rules of Summer’ and have recreated their own rules of summer! We have studied the way that illustrators use colour to express a character’s feelings without words. We had to think about the colours we would use to make sure we were expressing our character’s feelings without words.

We have some framed and signed prints up in our classroom and our school was also lucky enough to get some of Shaun Tan’s books signed!
Well it has been a terrific fortnight for Girawaa, they have been busy discovering new words starting with ‘t’ and ‘s’, creating amazing artworks, learning about time and groups of ten, and spending quality time with the older kids, Burri Burri. Each Girawaa student also completed fantastic booklets called ‘All about me’ with Mrs Aldrick, please come and check them out displayed outside our classroom.

Thank you parents and carers for making time to discuss your child’s PLP. It was lovely connecting with you and establishing future goals for your child’s development. Bring it on 2016!

A final friendly note, please make sure your child’s Homework Folder is brought back each week so I can load it up with more glorious homework.

Warm Regards

Hayley Gibson
Burri Burri

This fortnight Burri Burri has been working on the computers using the “Matific” program. This program engages students to do mathematics online. Each activity has been differentiated for each student’s needs and abilities.

In literacy, students have been reading books and they have been practising their fluency and summarising what they have read. This means being able to put things into your own words.

Don’t forget Burri Burri are going to the IMAX THEATRE on the 15th March.
Precious Possums
Family Daycare

6 months and up. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am–4pm.

- A Steiner inspired Family Day Care in Phillip Bay.
- I have studied Steiner, am qualified in childcare and have 3 young boys of my own.
- Your child will settle in to a daily rhythm of inside and outside play with a kind, caring and nurturing mother.
- I am registered with Family Day Care Sydney Wide, The Infants Home, so all families will be able to apply for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate from the government.
- I aim to provide families with the opportunity to settle their children in a unique child centred home that places great emphasis on allowing children to develop social and emotional skills through active play and creative opportunities.
- All nappies, bedding and a fresh, organic and nutritious morning and afternoon tea is provided.
- I will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 8am till 4pm.
- Ages 6 months and up.

Please contact Ebony with any questions on 0432 357 800 or Family Day Care Sydney Wide on 9664 8655 to make an enquiry.
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
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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

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