Message from the Principal - Enrolling for Kindergarten

It’s hard to believe that the year has progressed so far. If you or your family, friends or neighbours are planning to enrol your child for Kindergarten 2015 please do so as soon as possible. Orientation sessions will be held on 14, 21 and 28 October.

Thank you
Thank you to those parents who have sent in all money owed for music, student work books and the Reading Eggs program.

Reminder notes will be sent home soon.

Please remember that school costs can be paid off in small amounts over time. Please drop into the office or phone if you would like to arrange this.

Safety before and after school
We take our duty of care towards students very seriously.

Teachers are on duty from 8.30am in the morning. This means that children arriving before this are unsupervised.

Likewise students in the playground after school are unsupervised unless they are attending sports training.

Our school is a community and some parents enjoy and are most welcome to chat with other families after school. Please be aware that in these circumstances the responsibility for student safety and supervision rests with parents.

We are very lucky to have a before and after school care facility on our grounds. The contact number for SMOOSH is 8338 8506.

If an emergency occurs and you are unable to collect your child at 3pm please let the office know.

Celebrating Success
Another busy and productive fortnight has ensued since the last edition of the Gazette as evidenced through the many photos following.

This term we have celebrated events such as Science Week, Book Week and the Commonwealth Games. The P&C held a successful Father’s Day stall and we welcomed many potential parents of Kindergarten 2015 students at our information evening.

As usual, our teachers with the assistance of support staff have continued to provide quality teaching and learning programs for all students.

I am very grateful for the work, commitment and time given by all members of our school community to ensure that our school is a positive and engaging learning environment for all.

Please enjoy a safe and happy school holiday. I look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 7 October for a great Term 4.

Ms Kim Sheen
Principal

G Force
Congratulations to the following G Force members for being safe, respectful learners:

KH
Kadir, Khallad, Preetilota

1B
Nabhan, Eddie, Jason, Yelena, Efe

3/4B
Brandon, JJ, Anika

1/KL
Maria, Vayia, Brooklyn, Eve, Mana

3/2K
Dean, Ellen, Vlad, Cherilyn

5/4G
Amanda

Commonwealth Games Day Fun
On Tuesday all students took part in our Commonwealth Games Sports Day.

Children were divided into 12 country groups. Flag and name bearers were chosen to lead teams into the opening ceremony.

It was great to welcome parents who were able to attend and cheer on the athletes.

Once seated for the opening ceremony, our athletes cheered as the Australian Flag entered the grounds. The Queen's Baton entered via a relay.

Luka read the Athletes Oath on behalf of all competitors. All pledged to try their best and be good sports.

The games began!
Listening to the opening ceremony.

Luka read the Athletes Oath (see below). At the Commonwealth Games this is done by a representative from the host country on behalf of all the competing athletes.

We declare that we will take part in the Commonwealth games in the spirit of true sportsmanship, recognising the rules which govern them and desirous of participating in them for the honour of our Commonwealth and for the glory of sport.

The tug-o-war was a great hit with all teams!
It’s messy work being a Commonwealth athlete - just ask Thomas and Sam.

There were lots of different activities.

Athletes waited for the announcement of the winning team at the closing ceremony.

And the winners were …. South Africa!

Loom Band Day

Children and teachers were tying themselves up in knots at 2MB’s Loom Band Day held on Monday.

Students from 2MB organised and set up some great learning activities using Loom Bands. They invited other classes and teachers to visit and take part.

Activities included mathematics, science, craft and digital storytelling. All activities were fun.
On arrival, students were given a passport so they could record the activities they took part in.

Here are some scientists learning about the properties of rubber by making a loom band ball and measuring how high it will bounce.

It looks easy making Loom Bands but sometimes you need to cooperate and help your friend.

A quote to think about:
Every child can learn, just not on the same day, or the same way.
- George Evans

New date for the Big Band Bash
Band members will be very happy to know that a new date has been scheduled for the Big Band Bash to be held at Daceyville Public School.

This event was postponed due to bad weather earlier in the term.

The new date is:
Thursday 30th of October

A new note will be sent out closer to the event.

Mathematicians used loom bands to make 2D shapes. They then drew and labelled the shapes.
Students from Years 5 & 6 attended a Discovery Day at our local high school last week. They had a chance to take part in the food technology and music program.

Music 3-6
Speaking of music….. Our students in years 3-6 showcased their learning of music for parents on Wednesday.

They presented their work on musical notation, composition and theory as well some great singing.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend.
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Trial is coming to Gardeners Road

The use of technology is a fact of life – particularly for our children. Technology can be a wonderful tool for learning.

Ms Gargoulakis along with Ms McDonald (ICT Teacher) have been planning a trial of the BYOD program. An important part of this process is consulting with and providing information to parents about BYOD, how it will be used in the classroom and the responsibilities of the school, students and parents when it is being implemented.

We have scheduled either an evening or morning meeting for parents to hear and ask questions about BYOD.

While this information is particularly important to parents from 5/4G, all interested parents are invited to attend.

### Evening meeting
When: Tuesday 14 October (as part of the P&C meeting).
Where: Staffroom
Time: 6.30pm

### Morning meeting
When: Wednesday 15 October
Where: Computer Lab
Time: 8.30am

School Schedule for Term 4

There may be changes and/or additions to this in the following weeks.

**Week 1: 6-10 October**

6: Labour Day

**Week 2: 13-17 October**

14: Kinder Orientation  
P&C Meeting (BYOD information)

15: BYOD Meeting for Parents

**Week 3: 20-14 October**

21: Kinder Orientation  
SMOOSH Garden Launch

24: P&C Trivia Night

**Week 4: 27-31 October**

27–29: Stage 3 Camp

28: Kinder Orientation

30: Big Band Bash

31: World Teachers Day

**Week 5: 3-7 November**

4: P&C Meeting  
Year 6 Fun Day

**Week 5: 10-14 November**

**Week 6: 17-21 November**

21: P&C Disco

**Week 8: 24-28 November**

**Week 9: 1-5 December**

1: Swim School for Year 2 commences

2: P&C Meeting

4: Aspire for Year 5

**Week 10: 8-12 December**

9: Presentation Day

12: Reports Home  
Swim School ends

**Week 11: 15-19 December**

15: Year 6 Farewell

16: Sky Zone end of year celebration K-6

17: Last day for students

18/19: School Development Days for teachers

**Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays**

For family budgeting

Music Program 3-6:
All children in Years 3-6 will be participating in this program. Thank you to those parents who have already paid for this in Semester One. It is great value as the children are receiving 20 weeks of music lessons.

Cost: $60

**Years 5 & 6 Camp:**

Cost: $270

**Sky Zone K-6:**

Cost: $12

**Swim School for Year 2:**

Cost: $70

*Students participating in PSSA sporting teams and tennis coaching pay for participation each week

Please talk to the office about paying by instalment if this makes budgeting easier for your family.

A happy student showed his work at K-2 assembly.

Please support our hardworking P&C. Sell some raffle tickets and come along to the Trivia Night. All money raised benefits our school and students!
Raffle Time!
The P&C are organising a raffle which will be drawn at the Trivia Night on the 24th October 2014.

Prizes
Prizes include an Apple iPad Mini, a birthday party at Manhattan Super Bowl for 10 kids, a Breville Electric Wok and Family Movie pass for Randwick Ritz.

But there’s more...
In addition to this, the family that sells the most raffle tickets will win a birthday party at Manhattan Super Bowl for 10 kids.

How can you take part?
We are required to request consent from you before we can send any fundraising material home with your children. Your child should have received a blue fundraising request form in their bag. If you have not done so yet, could you please sign and return the form to the office. Only then can we send raffle tickets home with your children.
Alternatively, you can email your fundraising consent to grpsparents@gmail.com. Please include your name, child/ren’s name(s) and class(ies).
Finally, you can always collect more raffle tickets from the office.

Trivia Night @ Newmarket Hotel from 6pm for 7pm start. Dinner and drinks are available for purchase from the bar. Tickets $20 each. Why not organise your own table of 10? Come along for a fun filled night with games, prizes and more!

All proceeds from the Trivia Night will be donated to the upgrade of Technology at GRPS.
Local Rosebery and Mascot businesses are invited to have a regular ad placement in our newsletter each week. Payment of $75 incl. GST will be by the term. The ad specs are: Business Card size (90mm x 50mm) or Banner size (185mm x 28mm). Please contact: Claire Williams on 0447573300 or email her at claire@insydneytutoring.com.au if you would like to place an advertisement. All submissions must be in jpeg or pdf format.

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SMOOSH NEWS

The Vacation Program is now available and we urge you to book your children in ASAP as the spaces get filled fairly quickly. The program is available on the SENC website (www.senc.org.au) for you to download and print.

SMOOSH GARDEN PROJECT

SMOOSH was successful in accessing funding of $5000 from City Of Sydney for an Environmental Grant project last year. This funding is being used to establish a sustainable garden and compost area outside SMOOSH. Through this initiative children will learn the benefits of gardening, recycling, composting and using the healthy produce to enhance their diets long after being at SMOOSH. Sarah Brill from grow.eat.enjoy has been the main force behind establishing the garden.

“LITTLE GROWERS: NURTURING AND SUSTAINING OUR ENVIRONMENT”

As part of Children’s Week, SMOOSH in conjunction with Gardener’s Road Public School and grow.eat.enjoy will be launching the community garden on Tuesday 21st of October 2014 from 3.30 – 5.30 pm. The purpose of the event is to empower children, families, teachers and the community to learn about the restoration and protection of the environment, to value the principles of sustainability and to be active participants in the local community environment garden. There will be a range of activities offered, including an environment education presentation, planting of seedlings, children’s arts and craft activities and story telling around the theme of the environment followed by afternoon tea/refreshments. Please join us in celebrating Children’s Week and launching our community garden.