Message from the Principal

Thank you P&C
A huge thank you to the P&C for the outstanding job they did of organising the Trivia Evening last week.

Funds raised from the event and raffle is for the benefit of all students and will be used to resource our technology program.

Our school is great, let’s build on that!
All families should have received a note last week asking for interested parents to nominate preferable times and dates to be part of a parent forum or complete a survey. The purpose of the forum and survey is to find out what parents think is great about our school. The strengths that parents identify will be used as a base for future planning.

I have included the note at the end of this Gazette so it’s not too late to express your interest.

Happy Campers
Stage 3 students and teachers had a wonderful time at camp last week. I know there will be many memories made and stories to be told by the children. Look for photos in the next edition of the Gazette.

Public Speaking

Congratulations to our public speakers Dominique (1/KL), Drew (2/3K), Koen (3/4R) and Luca (5/6M).

These students represented our school admirably at the Eastern Sydney Public Speaking Competition held at Kensington Public School.

Well Done!

Celebrating Success

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

1B Crystal 3/4B Ruby
Kester Towhidul
Aysha Adil
Jason Gamze
Bosko Fordyline
Alieza

3-6M
Poppy Taaha
Natalie Tafhim
Jayden Christopher
Nathan Michelle
Levi

SMOOSH Garden
Staff from The South East Neighbourhood Centre and SMOOSH gained a grant to establish a community garden at our school.

The garden was launched last Tuesday afternoon. It was a beautiful afternoon attended by staff, parents and students.
Students enjoyed planting as well as inside craft activities.

The garden is thriving and SMOOSH has some great plans for using the produce for cooking and food preparation with the children.

The garden is organic and used and recycled materials were used in the construction.

A compost bin was also built and some classes have started collecting food waste to be composted.

KF and Ms Fidler have green thumbs
Ms Fidler and KF have been growing plants from seed. The seedlings are ready to be planted.

Ms Fidler and KF are preparing the garden bed.
Some very excited children will be watching how plants grow and learning about where our food comes from.
A quote to ponder:
You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.
Dr Seuss

Year 6 Entrepreneurs
Year 6, with the assistance of Vesna Stosic (Luca’s Mum) are learning about establishing and running a small business.

The students have been learning about planning, budgeting, marketing and all things organisational.

Their Lolly Shop is open after school on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

3-6 M Visits the Fire Station
As part of their Community Mobility Program, Class 3-6M visited the local Fire Station.

The visit was a great success and provided lots of opportunities for talking, reading and writing.

School Schedule for Term 4
There may be changes and/or additions to this in the following weeks.

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*

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**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: $90

*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.**

**Big Band Bash**

It was my great pleasure to accompany our school band as they performed at The Big Band Bash this week. I was very proud of our musicians and look forward to many new members from Year 3 joining next year.

Our band combined with Banksmeadow Public School to perform three pieces.

Thank you for your ongoing and valued support of our school!
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I would like to ask you these questions at a parent forum.

Be part of our school planning for the future.

Please indicate below if you are able to commit some time (no more than 90 minutes) to attend a forum at school. Pick a time and day that is the most convenient for you. The meeting will be scheduled to suit as many parents as possible.

I look forward to working with you.

Kim Sheen
Principal

_________________________________________________________________________________

Please return this form to school by Monday 3 November.

I would like to attend a parent forum to discuss the strengths of our school and planning for the future. Yes / No

The best day of the week for me is:
Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday   (please circle)

The best time for me is:
Before 3pm  After 3pm   After 6pm    (please circle)

I am unable to attend a forum but would be happy to complete a written survey. Yes / No
Name:_________________________ Child’s name:_________________________ Class: ______