RSL Anzac Art Awards

Congratulations to these students who entered the Anzac Day competition. Reece Zigra (Yr 6 2012) also received a certificate.

What terrific community spirit that these children displayed and were rewarded for their efforts.

P&C Meeting News

Thank you to those people who were able to attend last night’s P&C meeting. The group discussed the following topics:

1. How to attract parents to get involved. Welcome to the new parents at last night’s meeting.
2. 2012 Draft Annual School Report was tabled.
4. Students Bat for Cancer Fundraising Day.
5. Easter Raffle. Ask the community for Easter Egg donations from March 1st. Raffle to be sent home from March 12.
6. Next P&C meeting March 11 at 7.15 pm

Music

Music lessons have started for two days per week. Rachel Scott will be overseeing the aspects of music, and teaching Years 3-6 lessons. Rachel is supported by Richard who continues to volunteer each year at the school.

We welcome back Brad and Leo.

Brad Bergen is still teaching the Navy Band, who will also attend the school for a concert for the fourth year in a row.

Leo Novikov returns for a second year teaching the violin. He is joined by Anatoli Torjinski who will be tutoring cello. Thanks to the generosity of the ACO and ACMF we have been able to include more students in these programs. To have a half hour tutoring each week and be given a new instrument is a significant benefit to our students.

The new K-2 music teacher (who will also help with the Rock Band) is Tamara Sloper. She’s a golden guitar winner, song writer and singer.

www.tamarastewart.com.au
Thank you to those families returning their forms indicating their preference for the free books each student will receive. Each child will receive 3 books, 3 times this year, a total of 9 books. There is nothing to pay.

We are sponsored by Mainfreight, from Port Botany, to a total cost of $18,784. This is a terrific opportunity to promote reading at home. Our first assembly with our guest reading mentor will be at 2.10 pm on March 15th.

Above are photos from one of last year’s presentations with the reading mentor.

### Uniform Shop

**Will be open this week on:**

- **Tuesday 8.30 – 9.00, Wednesday & Friday 9am-9.30am**
- Fully stocked for all your uniform needs!
- Sports shirts are sold out. An order is being placed this week. Please place an order at the uniform shop so your needs are met.

Please note that there are no eftpos facilities at our school if parents could please assist the uniform shop and office by paying by cash or cheque.

### Pavers

Order forms are available on our website or at the office should you wish to have your child or family’s name located at the front of the school.

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KJ - Year 4 Buddies

Kindergarten were very excited to meet their Year 4 buddies. They will be working together this year, completing different activities for HSIE. It was lovely to see the students helping each other and getting to know their buddy.

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**Working Bee**

**Sat 23 February 9am – 1pm**

**Please help!**

*If you have shovels, wheelbarrows, etc we would be grateful*

*Please call the office to let us know if you can assist.*

*Free sausage sizzle and cold drinks*

*Come along and meet new parents to the school*
Scripture

Term 1 scripture classes start Thursday 14th February. Scriptures offered are Anglican scripture, Catholic scripture, Greek Orthodox scripture, Koori dreaming and non-scripture. Students attend scripture lessons based on their stated religion on their enrolment form.

We are very fortunate enough to benefit from these community volunteers.

Anglican - Mrs Glass, Mr Glass and Mr Chaplin.
Catholic - Mr Maron, Mrs Donovan, Ms Larssen and Ms De Nicola
Greek Orthodox – To be advised.
Koori Dreaming - Calita Murray

Last year we surveyed the community to determine if there was any interest in the Primary Ethics program. Two responses were received from the survey making this program not viable.

Reading Information

Mrs Jones and Mrs Vandenberg have conducted a parent meeting about how to help your child with reading. The purpose was twofold. Firstly providing ideas for parents and secondly, should anyone have an hour per week to volunteer for reading with students.

We are trying to find parents, grandparents and community members who can stay on for half an hour to assist children with their reading. Olive Yanelli, a neighbour has volunteered to support the children.

Tuesday 12th February 9-10 am School Library
9 until 10 am Morning Tea available.
9.10 am Reading in the Infants School
Mrs Vandenberg Infants Reading Helper Program.
9.25 Reading with Primary students Mrs Jones
Assisting students experiencing difficulty
Volunteer Reading Tutor Program
9.40-10 am Questions and Morning Tea

Update Information

Last week we sent home in a sealed envelope the information you have provided to the school. Could you please return this form to your class teacher, even if there are no changes so that we can confirm or update our records. This is an important update for the school and one we urge you to return as soon as possible.

Textbook Payments

Thank you to those parents who have made such prompt payments for student textbooks. We are able to distribute these books and materials very quickly to the students once payment has been made.

It is also heartening to notice the number of parents voluntarily contributing to the school library. We are very grateful for your generosity.

Sport

PSSA Summer Sport commences Friday 22nd February.

Congratulations to Leianne Tufuga who was selected in the U12’s South Sydney Tag Football Team and competed at State Championships in Wollongong on the weekend. Akira Kelly (Year 6 2012) also competed.
Choir Performs

The Junction Neighbourhood centre, has invited our choir to sing the Aboriginal version of AAF at an ‘International Mothers Language Day’, which is being held on Thursday 21st February.

Our choir has been asked by Randwick City Council to perform at The Spot on Sunday March 10.

Notes regarding these two activities will be sent home with the choir students this week.

Anniversary

On 13 February 2008 the Australian Parliament made a formal apology to members of the Stolen Generations. Soldiers’ Settlement Public School recognises the anniversary of this event.

Community News

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