The school celebrated ANZAC DAY in two ceremonies last term.

It was honour to take the choir and Student Council members to Matraville RSL to perform Don Spencer's new song 'Heroes', a tribute to the ANZACs. We followed this by our version of Advance Australia Fair.

The student council members then attended a lunch provided by the RSL with four other schools.

Last week the Southern Courier published photos of our students attending the service.
Vision Education Centre

The Vision Education Centre has been screening school students for over 20 years. This program has found 1 in 4 children have eye conditions which were previously undetected. Our school has been invited to participate in this very successful program. Years 1 & 2 will be attending and morning tea will be provided for the children.

When: Thursday 2nd May
Wear: Full school uniform
Where: Vision Education Centre, UNSW
Travel: By bus
Cost: $5 for transport
Time: Depart school at 9am and return by 1pm

Parent Interviews

Thank you for your attendance at the interviews last term. It is an exercise in logistics to coordinate the covering of classes, parents who work and families who have students in multiple classes. Thank you all for your patience and understanding. We appreciated the way the community adhered to the times that were booked.

138 interviews were undertaken by 108 parents. This is a good result.

Bob McCarthy Cup

Rugby League 7's Bob McCarthy Cup will be held on Tuesday 7th May at Rowland Park. The team will leave school at 9.00am and will return to school at approximately 3pm.

Students should wear sports uniform and bring with them their football equipment (it is compulsory for all players to wear a mouthguard) with a packed lunch, water bottle and sunscreen.

The cost is $2 per player to cover the cost of the carnival.

Gardening Thank you

Thank you to those families who worked over the last two Friday afternoons of Term 1 to extend the Vege garden.

Thank you to the Wickett (Skye and Kyle) family for removing the overgrown shrubs in the preschool at the end of last term.

Thank you to Sonia, our cleaner for her dedication in removing the leaves from the playground. For the next two months this is a difficult exercise for Sonia but one she takes seriously. Should you see Sonia around please take the time to thank her for such dedication in this activity for which she does not have to do.

Holiday Birthdays

16th April – Braidon Trindall
19th April – Sean Holten
22nd April – Celine Chia
25th April – Paris Isaac
26th April – Kirana Turaga-Phillips
27th April – Marshall Pomare

School Dates Term 2

Term 2 starts on Wednesday 1 May. The term is 9 weeks long concluding on Friday 28 June.

Student reports will be sent home on Thursday 27 June.

Please look at our website calendar for a complete list of events for this term. There are some exciting programs in store for the students and the school. More next week about some opportunities that are arising.

Sport

Round 1 starts Friday 17th May
Funding Programs

Late last term the school was advised of two programs which attracted funding for specific purposes.

Aboriginal Funding: $33 000 was provided to the school for supporting Aboriginal education in the school. Meetings last term approved support of employing an Aboriginal Dance tutor to support Calita Murray. In addition Ms Pauline Beller, will rejoin the staff five mornings each week to support literacy and numeracy programs with Aboriginal students. Finally some of the money will be used to support staff and students in the development of personalised learning plans.

The second funding program was our selection in the National Partnership funding program for Literacy and Numeracy. Details are still emerging about how this $53 000 program is to be used in the school. More information about both of these programs will be discussed at the next P&C meeting.

Positive Behaviours for Learning Certificates

Responsibility:
1/2C: Julia Mendoza, Adea Rexhepi, Labreh Reynolds
1M: Luke Mondello
KJ: Jocelyn Lam, Maleika Davidson, Ethan Jusuf, Rielan Mueller, Amy Pribadi, Evie Sission-Turnbull, Henry Huang

Learning:
1M: Makaylah Scarff
KJ: Dimitrije Rasic, Tyneisha Mueller, Iliana Firulovic, Kianah Kaivelata, Isaac Kirovsky

Respect:
1M: Jay Lester, Sophia Lu, Luke Mondello
KJ: Jodie Donnan, Noel Que, William Looker, Henry Huang, Kianah Kaivelata, Zakaria Mackey, Charlotte Moen-Taliana, Amy Pribadi, Evie Sission-Turnbull, Ricky Mino

Some Significant Dates
10 May: Zone Cross Country
13 May: Year 5 students to participate in a leadership conference- very limited places (to be advised)
13 May: 7.15 P&C Meeting
21 May: Maxine McKew Visit
31 May: Indigenous Veterans Day Hyde Park
14 June: Regional Cross Country Miranda
19 June Qantas Spark Reading starts

CPR HELP Safety Awareness Program

For Years 3-6 Students

CPR Health Training, is proud to be able to provide our children with the opportunity to participate in a CPR HELP Safety Awareness Program. Our aim is to educate young children from Years 3 – Years 6 with basic techniques for First Aid and CPR. The children will gain knowledge of the DRSABCD Management Procedures (Danger, Response, Send for Help, Airway, Breathing, CPR, Defibrillator).

The program is fun and interactive incorporating role plays and hands on activities around the process of looking for danger, making the emergency phone call zero, zero, zero “000”, the recovery position, checking for breathing and clearing an airway. Students will also experience hands on techniques using manikins that will involve compressions and breathing.

By teaching our children these principles we are giving them the knowledge to stay safe and help in an emergency situation involving family or friends. Research has shown that “...children who learn the DRSABCD concepts at a young age are better equipped to deal with an emergency situation and have a greater grasp on these vital skills as a teenager and adults...” Australian Resuscitation Council

CPR HELP will be at our school on:
Wednesday 8th May for Years 5&6
Thursday 9th May for Years 3&4
Cost $13.50 Duration 1 ½ hours
What to Wear – Sports Uniform

Staffing

We welcome two visitors to the school for a few weeks. Ms Kara McFadden is a trainee teacher working with the students in Miss Jokai’s Kindergarten class.

Mr Simon Raedel is an intern from Germany acting as a Teachers’ Aide as a part of his experience in Australia. He too will be working with Kindergarten students.
Development Days

The first two days of this term were spent looking at the teaching of writing across the school. We used the new English syllabus to frame our discussions, looking at the demands that this document is asking students to have under control at each stage of their learning.

On Tuesday we also hosted members of the Aboriginal community discussing how the local AECG operates within the community, directions of the Aboriginal Education Policy and issues around attendance.

Uniform Shop

Will be open this week on:
Wednesday & Thursday 9.00 – 9.30am
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.

Naplan

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

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Students in Years 3 &5 have been sent home a brochure about this program.

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