Dates to Remember

24/03/14 P & C Staffroom 7:30pm
25/03/14 Cross Country Yrs 3-6
26/03/14 Parent Forum & Information
    Evening 7pm to 8pm in School Hall
27/03/14 Cake Stall Stage 2 (Yrs 3 and 4)
31/3, 1/4, 2/4 Stage 3 School Camp
09/04/14 K-2 Fun Run (Parents welcome)
10/04/14 Anglican Scripture Assembly in Hall
11/04/14 End of Term 1

TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES

05/05/14 Interrelate Stage 2 and 3
08/05/14 Mother’s Day stall
09/05/14 District X Country
13/14/15/5/14 Naplan Yrs 3 and 5

PLEASE NOTE: DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Please remember to check the school Facebook page for up to the minute information. All notes are on the school’s website.

PAYMENT/PERMISSION REMINDERS

All money should be placed in a clearly marked envelope in the secure box outside the Administration Block.

No late payments will be accepted. Spare notes are always available in the rack in the front foyer and also on the school’s website.

ICAS Competitions Yrs 3-6 Various subjects with various amounts. All monies and note due by 9:10am Friday 28th March 2014.

Mathletics Note Yrs 1-6 $12-00. Money and note due by 9:10am Friday 21st March 2014

Yr 6 T-Shirt Note balance due 9:10am Friday 4/4/14

ABC Reading Eggs note K-6 $10-00. Money and Permission slip due by Wednesday 9:10am 26/3/14

Drama note for students in the Drama Group. Permission slip and money $20 due by 9:10am 26/3/14.

Receipts for school payments are issued by teachers to students each Friday.

Cake Stall for Years 3 and 4 Thursday 27th March
For students in the Yrs 3/4 donations of cakes etc can be left at the canteen. The rest of the students in other classes don’t forget to bring in some money if you would like to purchase something at the cake stall. Thank you

Term 1 Week 8 Wednesday 19th March 2014

OFFICE HOURS 8:40AM TO 3:25PM
School Banking will be every Tuesday. Student Banking will be on Tuesdays
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NOTES HOME

Last Week
Cake Stall note Stage 2 (Yrs 3 and 4), Cake Stall other classes. Harmony Day Celebration note.

This week

All Notes are on the Surveyors Creek Public School website.
Parent Survey ‘School Culture’

Thank you to all the families that responded to our school ‘Culture’ survey. Of the parents who responded to the survey the % below reflects the number who responded with always /usually. Below are the results:

Q1: 96% of parents believe that the school knew about the families and community which it serves.
Q2: 87% of parents believe that the leaders of the school had a positive influence on the school culture.
Q3: 88% of parents believe that the school often praises and rewards individuals that were successful.
Q4: 96% of parents believe that the school put the students as their main concern.
Q5: 92% of parents support what is happening at the school.
Q6: 96% of parents were proud of the school.
Q7: 92% of parents believed that the school encouraged new students and their families to be involved in school activities.
Q8: 90% of parents thought that the school appreciated having their child as a student.
Q9: 95% of parents believed that the school encouraged students to do their best.
Q10: 95% of parents believed that the school encourages everyone to learn.
Q11: 85% of parents believed that the school caters for the learning needs of all students.
Q12: 95% of parents believe that the school is continually finding ways to improve what it does.
Q13: 95% of parents believe that when necessary, the school makes important changes to what it does.

This survey will be used as part of our Annual School Report. Staff and a sample of students were also surveyed.

Student TERM 1 Plan Reports

At the end of Term 1 and Term 3 of this year all students will receive a PLAN Report. This report tracks where your child is in Literacy and Numeracy along a continuum and is much like the BEST Start Assessment that you would have received when your child started Kindergarten.

Literacy
This is plotted along a continuum that is grouped in Clusters under the areas of Reading, Comprehension, Vocabulary Knowledge, Aspects of Writing, Aspects of Speaking, Phonics, Phonemic Awareness and Concepts about print.

Below is a guide of what Cluster your child should be performing in by the end of each year. Obviously some children may be performing at a higher level or lower level depending on their abilities.

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**Numeracy**

Is segmented into 7 aspect areas of Counting Sequences-verbal and written labels, Early Arithmetical Strategies, Pattern and Number Structure, Place Value, Multiplication and division, Fraction Units, Unit structure of length, area and volume. These are reported not in Clusters but in Stages as outlined below:

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ES1-Kindergarten, Stg 1- Years 1 and 2, Stg 2-Years 3 and 4, Stg 3-Years 5 and 6, Stg 4- Year 7 now incorporated into Year 6.

When you receive your child’s report please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher if you have any concerns. Your child will still receive a **Half Yearly and Yearly Report on all aspects of school.**
Parent Forum & Information Evening Wednesday 26th March
7pm-8pm School Hall
Topic PLAN-Literacy and Numeracy Continuum & Australian Curriculum

All parents are welcome to attend the information session we will be presenting on Wednesday Evening in our school hall. The topic will be around the Literacy and Numeracy Continuums, PLAN and the Australian Curriculum. We would love to see you there as our first meeting this year was a big success!

Inappropriate Language
You may or may not be aware that we have had quite a number of our students using very inappropriate language on our schools grounds. This seems to be an epidemic of growing proportions which, as Principal, has led me to take a very strong stance. I have addressed this issue with all students and have spoken with them at assemblies and in classrooms about this being not acceptable. As of tomorrow if any child, after thorough investigation, is to be found using such language a note will go home to inform you of their behaviour. I ask that if you receive a note to discuss the behaviour and language with your child and please sign the note and return it to me as acknowledgement. If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to call the school to discuss this matter further.
This type of language will not be tolerated no matter what the circumstances. I thank every one of you for your support in this matter. This type of behaviour only leads to a negative perception of our wonderful school and community.
Yours in Education

Mrs Kathy Browne
Principal

SRC Representatives 2014
Congratulations to the following children who are the Surveyors Creek Public School Student Representatives for 2014.

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The SRC has started the year strongly with jobs including helping with classroom recycling and the organisation of the morning Passive Games. We have had our first meeting and are currently in the process of organising our first fundraising activity. We are also organising leadership mentoring for senior SCR members. We look forward to an exciting and interesting year.
Mrs Uhlig and Mrs Blackwell
SRC Co-ordinators

**Library News**

The library is looking fabulous with all its new furniture, thanks to the P&C! Children have been enthusiastically using the beautiful and comfortable seating during lessons and at lunch time. Feel free to come in and try it out yourself. You can also see how much tidier the library is looking with the new storage for staff resources – but this is still a work in progress!

We already have four children who have finished the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Olivia Barrett, Olivia Auddino, Amelia Burnett and Aidan Burnett for finishing so early! For everyone else, you still have until the 22nd August to read your books. Please remember that if you are reading more than two books from any one series, that the extras count towards your five personal choice books. Completed forms can be brought to Mrs Lamond in the library, or you are welcome to enter your own records on the PRC website. There is also an app for Windows 8 devices available at the PRC website.

Mrs Fearnley and I are processing new purchases and donations as quickly as we can to get them out in the library for children to use and borrow. What is taking some extra time is getting the books covered. If you have helped with this before, or even if you consider yourself handy with scissors and plastic, please consider helping with book covering for the library. Just drop in and see me any afternoon if you are willing to help. Covering can be done in the library or can be taken home with you if that is more convenient. Big thanks to Jenny Tomarchio and Mrs Kilgour for all their help with covering recently.

*Cathy Lamond*
Teacher Librarian

**Speed Zone Around School**

The speed limit around schools is 40KPH.

Please make sure you do the speed limit when dropping off or picking up your child/children.

Thank you

**A request for donation of Toys**

The school is seeking toys for our mainstream quiet area for students to play with at recess and lunch.

If anyone in the school community has any unwanted toys in working order, the school would appreciate them.
Eg: Dolls, teaset for the girls and dinosaurs, cars and building blocks etc for boys.

**Have you joined Penrith Progression?**

Penrith Progression is inviting the local community to be part of shaping how our City will look, feel and grow in the future.

As key stakeholders and co-creators in Penrith’s future, community members will work with businesses, investors and Council to explore how to transform the heart of Penrith as a destination to live, work and invest in.

We are inviting you to make your mark in realising our collective vision for our City centre. Register now at [penrithprogression.com.au](http://penrithprogression.com.au).

For more information phone Erin Higgins at Penrith Council on 4732 8238 or Ben Artup at Penrith Business Alliance on 4732 5711.

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**Voluntary School Contributions**

Dear parents and caregivers, school contributions are voluntary, however they help provide additional educational resources which enhance educational and sporting programs for the benefit of your children.

We have not increased the amount that we are asking from last year i.e. $30.00 for one child and $50.00 for a family of two or more children.

All families who pay their contributions by the end of week 2, term 2, (9 May 2014) will go into the draw for a $100.00 Coles/Myer gift card.

The invoice is going home with the newsletter today.

Your continued support of SCPS and its students is very much appreciated.