The Surveyor
A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 2 Week 2 Wednesday 7th May 2014

Dates to Remember

TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES
07/05/14 Yr 6 Farewell Meeting in Library at 3:20pm
08/05/14 Mother’s Day stall
09/05/14 District X Country
13/14/15/5/14 Naplan Yrs 3 and 5
16/05/14 PSSA Winter Sport starts
29/05/14 Cake Stall Stage 3
30/05/14 Walk to School safely
03/06/14 Syd West Dance rehearsal
04/06/14 Stage 2 Powerhouse Museum
05/06/14 PVPAF Mass Choir at school Sydney West Dance evening performance
09/06/14 Public Holiday
16/06/14 The Power of One – Anti Bullying Show – K-6 incursion
17/06/14 Stage 3 Showcase of Talent
18/06/14 Jolly Pops Science K-6 incursion
19/06/14 Catholic Scripture in Hall 9:15am to 10:15am
20/06/14 School Disco

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 in the rack in the admin office foyer.

Powerhouse Museum Excursion Stage 2 $25.00. Permission slip and money due 9:10am Friday 23rd May 2014.

Wakakirri Stage 3 $6.00. Permission slip and money due 9:10am Friday 23 May 2014.

The Power of One incursion – Anti-Bullying Show $2 All students/Permission Slip and money due 9:10am Friday 6 June 2014.

Jollypops Science Show incursion - $6.00. All students/Permission Slip and money due by 9:10am Wednesday 11 June 2014.

Year 6 Fundraiser Showcase of Talent - $5.00. All students/Permission Slip and money due by 9:10am Wednesday 11 June 2014.

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

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 for one child and $50 for a family of two or more children.

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

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

Notes Home
Last Week: Choir note for children in Choir,
This week: The Power of One Bullying Note, Anti-Bullying, Jollypops Science Show, PSSA Note and Enrichment class note.

All Notes are on the Surveyors Creek Public School website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
OFFICE HOURS 8:40AM TO 3:25PM
School Banking will be every Tuesday.
Clothing Pool will be every second (even weeks) Thursday in the Terms: 8/5,22/5,5/6,19/6
ASSEMBLIES FOR 2014: K-2 Even weeks Friday Afternoons at 2:15pm
3-6 Odd weeks Friday Afternoons at 2:15pm
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Term 2 Week 2

From the Principal’s desk

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday. This term is a short term consisting of 9 weeks.

Reports and Parent Interviews

Sorry for any inconvenience or angst that this may cause but as Principal I have made the executive decision to hold off in sending school reports home at the end of this term. We are in the process of putting Sentral into our school. This system will allow us to have everything at our finger tips regarding your child’s education. As part of this process we will be implementing a new reporting format. Therefore to give us and teachers enough time to implement and navigate the new reporting process and system reports will go home at the end of Week 2 Term 3. Parent interviews will be conducted in Wk 3 Term 3 as outlined below and teachers will begin interviews from 2pm until 6pm.

Monday - Yrs 3/4 & Ms Mesarosh’s class
Tuesday - K and Yr 1 & Ms Murphy's Class
Wednesday - Yr 1 and Yr 2-Mr Myerscough’s class
Thursday - Yr 5 and 6- Mrs Fox’s Class

If you have any concerns at all about your child’s progress at school please do not hesitate to call the school to organise a meeting with their teacher. Once again thank you for your support, understanding and cooperation.

MindQuest 2014

Located in the foyer are the flyers for MindQuest 2014. This program is for Gifted and Talented students Years 1-6. Enrichment activities are held at Glenwood High School on Saturday the 14th and Sunday the 15th of June 2014. Below are a list of courses and ages appropriate. If you are interested please come and take an application form located in the school foyer. Closing date is the 16th May. Sorry about the short notice.

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NAPLAN

Parents please be advised 13/14/15/2014 will be the Naplan Assessment for Years 3 and 5. Please ensure that your child/ren have a good breakfast.
Tuesday will Writing Conversations.
Wednesday will be Reading.
Thursday will be Maths.
Please reassure your child/ren “just to do their best” on the day to alleviate any anxiety.
Penrith District Representatives
Congratulations to all of the students who were selected to represent our school at district and Sydney West level.

Penrith Representatives
Jaime Madill
Liam Austin
Blade Steer
Cooper
Halfpenny
Vincent D’Ermilio
Julia Morales
Mia
Vanoostwaard
Sophie Robson
Ellie Smyth
Jordan Amies
Amaya Polutele
Samantha Rowe
Lily Reid
Zac Stevens
Sydney West
Brandon Potts
Harrison
Rushbrook
Thomas
Eastham
Jared Calear
Sophie Robson
Julia Morales

State Gymnastics
Congratulations to Vanessa Dillon (4R) for her efforts during her state gymnastics competition last week. She is pictured here with her two awards; both are for acro mixed pair for coming first. Vanessa is moving on to the Australian Championships in Melbourne held next month.

Crunch and Sip
I love seeing all the great variety of fruits and vegetables all students are bringing in for crunch and sip. I have seen capsicum, radishes, pears and cherry tomatoes in lunch boxes and it has made my chicken and avocado wraps look boring.

Term 2
Many students have braved the various weather conditions to show off their skills at the schools PSSA trials. PSSA sports will commence Friday 16th June, week 3, for those students who were selected to represent the school in netball, soccer and rugby league in the weekly PSSA competition. PSSA permission notes will go out this week and need to be returned to their corresponding coaches by Wednesday 14th May.

District cross-country is on Friday May 9th at Jamison Park Penrith. All competitors need to be at Jamison Park at 8:30am. We are looking to retain our Penrith district championship, good luck to all our competitors. District Open Rugby Union trails will be held on the 27th of May at Cambridge Park High School, please see Mr. Ross if you play Rugby Union and are interested in trialling.
Term 2 is a busy term for sport and I am looking forward to seeing and hearing about all the successes of all Surveyors Creek students at all sporting levels.

Mr Jake Ross
Sports Co-ordinator

A Ghost in My Suitcase Summary
Celeste, a young girl who lives in Australia, is travelling on a plane, on her own, to Shanghai to scatter her mother’s ashes. When she is released into a new world she discovers new things about herself and others. Ting Ting, friend or foe? Por Por, liar or truth-teller? Find out in the book ‘A Ghost in My Suitcase, by Gabrielle Wang’!

Although Celeste travelled to Shanghai to spread her mama’s ashes, Celeste finds out she is a Ghost Hunter! Ting Ting finds out much more about herself too, including what her grandfather did to people, that Por Por adopted her not to give herself power but to help Ting Ting with life.

When Celeste and Ting Ting first met, they acted like foes, but when it’s time for action against Shen Da Pai, an evil ghost, Ting Ting and Celeste become like sisters!

When it’s time for Celeste to depart Shang Hai everyone is in tears, but it is for the best!

Tahlia Godfrey 5/6S

A Ghost In My Suitcase

The novel “ A Ghost In My Suitcase “ written by Gabrielle Wang is a touching story about a 12yr old girl, who travels to Shanghai to scatter her mother’s ashes.

Celeste’s father is a famous French artist who is having great difficulty coping with the loss of his wife. Celeste also has a little brother named Robbie, who is scared to sleep alone because of his mother’s death. Celeste fulfils her mother’s wishes, which are to spread her ashes in the Isle of Clouds. The Isle of Clouds is where all her ancestor’s ashes are.

Celeste travels to Shanghai to achieve her mother’s wishes, when she arrives she discovers that her Grandma – Por Por is a professional ghost hunter. Celeste also discovers her own ghost hunting abilities. She uses these abilities to catch a variety of ghosts.

Finally Celeste scatters her mother’s ashes so her whole family can let their mother go, and the family try to go back to the way things were originally.

Mikayla Morgan 5/6S

PBL AWARDS
There are 4 recipients Safe, Respectful, Learner Ribbons this week.
The names are: Hana Hallani 5CW, Zac Hanman-Reid 1/2C, Harrison Saliba 1M and Samantha Thatcher 5CW.
PBL TOPICS FOR Week 4 Term 2

**Being a good learner at school. Lessons for weeks 4, 5, 6, & 7.**

Being a good learner at school is to always 'listen', 'look' and 'stop and think' before you act.

**Stewart House Bouncy Balls**

Next week the SRC are holding a fundraiser for Stewart House. During this time the SRC will be selling high bounce balls and dolphins. The balls and dolphins will be sold between Monday and Thursday next week before school and during lunchtime. They will be $3 each. The balls will be available to the following grades on these days:

**Monday** – Kindergarten
**Tuesday** – Years 1 and 2
**Wednesday** – Years 3 and 4
**Thursdays** – Years 5 and 6

The dolphins will be sold every day.

Please buy a ball or dolphin and support Stewart House.

Mrs Blackwell and Mrs Uhlig
SRC Co-ordinators

**STUDENTS WHO CATCH THE BUS PLEASE NOTE:**

**SURVEYORS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL MORNING ROUTE SERVICE 799**

**Dear Parents / Students,**

Commencing **Monday 19th May 2014** there will be a change to the departure time of morning Route Service 799 from Penrith Station.

Route Service 799 is scheduled to depart Penrith Station at 8:35am **(4 minutes earlier)** then operates as normal for the remainder of the trip.

There are **no** additional changes to the directions of the service.

The service will operate as displayed below:

**Route Service 799** departs Penrith Station at 8:35am via Station St (R)Jamison Rd (L)Mulgoa Rd (L)Jeanette St **(8:45am)**, Harwood Cct (L)Kenneth Slessor Dr (R)Luttrell St (R)Allison Dr (L)Glenmore Pkwy (R)Woodlands Dr (R)Shearwater Dr (R)Ridgetop Dr (L)Glengarry Dr (L)Glenmore Pkwy (R)St Andrews Dr to Surveyors Creek Public School.

For further information please contact our Penrith Depot on 4721 8871 or visit our website at [www.busways.com.au](http://www.busways.com.au).

Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS BLACKTOWN PTY LTD
(65)SH 103Z - 28/04/2014

**Clothing Pool Volunteer**

The School is in need of a Parents/Parents who would be willing to operate the school’s pre loved Clothing Pool. Hours flexible, the School would work around the person/persons ie: before school or just before the finishing bell. Our long term Volunteer mother Mrs Judy Hogan is retiring from the position but is willing to stay on and train new parent/parents. If you are interested, please see the office ladies.

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**Midweek Extravaganza for Term 2**

**Wacky Science Club**

Have you ever wanted to create weird and wacky science experiments? To examine gross super slime, gigantic bubbles and gruesome body bits? What about making dry ice and water cannons or radical water rockets that land with parachutes? Well, you can do all this and more with 'The Crazy Scientist' each week at Penrith Library!

**Where:** Penrith Library Theatrette

**When:** Thursday 1 May - 26 June at 4:15pm - 5:15pm

Cost: $135 for the term

Contact: Barjinder on 4732 7890 or bkaur@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au to book your place.

We need a minimum of 20 children to run the 'Wacky Science Club'.

**Mother’s Day Classic Walk or Run for Breast Cancer Sunday 11th May 2014**

The run/walk is held at Tench Reserve Penrith, (Tench Avenue along the Nepean River, Jamisontown) with a 4km run starting at 8:00am and the 4km walk at 9:00am on 11 May 2014. Registrations can be made online [www.mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au) or on the day from 7:00am

- Adult - $20
- Student / Health Card holder - $12
- Child (16 years and under) - $10
- Family (2 adults and up to 4 children) - $50
- Family (1 adult and up to 4 children) - $30

**Participate**

Take part in Australia’s largest Mother’s Day celebration and raise money for breast cancer research by walking, running, volunteering or fundraising in the **Mother Day Classic.**

**Register**

Walk, Run or Volunteer – register online now. Bring whole family and enjoy a fun day out with entertainment for all ages.

**Fundraise**

The more funds we can raise, the faster a cure can be found. By setting up an online fundraising page and asking friends, family and colleagues to sponsor your walk or run, you will help make a bigger investment of funds for future generations of women with breast cancer.

Publicising the event in as many ways as possible will help to make it a great success and raise more money for breast cancer research.

Thank you so much,
Megan Timbs
Women in Super Penrith Mother’s Day Classic Committee Member

**Fundraising Committee**

**Dear Parents/Caregivers**

**Helpers are needed for the Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 8th May from 9:00am till 11:00am in the Hall/Cola area**