The Surveyor
A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 3 Week 8 Wednesday 3rd September 2014

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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 or on the school’s website


Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm Wednesday 15/10/2014. Permission slip and money $28.00 due by 9:20am Wednesday 8/10/2014.

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

CHANGE OF DATE FOR STAGE 1 EXCURSION

Due to the inclement weather the Stage 1 excursion to Longneck Lagoon will go ahead with new dates.

1/2C, 1ML and the students from the support unit in Years 1 and 2 will go on Tuesday 09/09/14.

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: 4/9, 18/9.

ASSEMBLIES FOR 2014: K-2 Even weeks Friday Afternoons at 2:15pm
3-6 Odd weeks Friday Afternoons at 2:15pm

Notes Home
Last Week: Survey by the P & C on School Shirt.
This Week:

All notes are on the Website

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Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015

If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten in 2015 but haven’t enrolled them yet could you please do so as soon as possible. If you are not sure if they are ready or need some advice about enrolling your child for the 2015 school year please do not hesitate to speak to the wonderful ladies in our front office, Mrs Brennen and Mrs Clark or you can make a time to speak with myself.

I will be having formalised meetings with all children and parents towards the end of Term 3.

Vacation Care @ Surveyors Creek Public School

YMCA will be providing Vacation Care on our school site for the September school holidays. Please feel free to check the school noticeboard for further information about enrolling your child or children in the September program or contact the YMCA directly your can pick up enrolment forms from the hall before and after school.

Congratulations Wakakirri Teachers and Students

Well what a surprise it was to find out yesterday that we had won a Major Award Award at last weeks heats and that we are to perform on Wednesday 17th September at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre in the State Finals. Once again a big thank you to all the students for their enthusiasm and cooperation with behind the scenes and performace art. Thank you to the teachers on stage 3, it has been a monumentous effort to coordinate 128 students. A special thank you also goes to Mrs Calis for all her help in making costumes along with the teachers and parents who gave their time to cut them out. I wish you all luck and look forward to seeing our performance next on Wednesday 17th Sept and as they say in theatre world ‘Chookas Surveyors Creek’. Don’t forget to get your tickets by Friday this week. It is a great spectacular and the work schools put into it is just amazing and very worthwhile.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Due to our busy schedule over the past few weeks we opted to holding our book week parade in the last week of term. It will be held on Tuesday 16th of September. All children are invited to dress as a Book Character. The parade will take place in the school hall commencing at 12:15. The staff will also be putting on a Readers Theatre for your entertainment. At the conclusion of our parade you are welcome to bring a some lunch and a picnic blanket to have lunch on the oval with your children.

Parent Survey - School Management Plan 2015-2017

Dear Parents and Carers

As a school we are entering into a new 3 year School Management Plan cycle 2015-2017. Department of Education and Communities are changing the way we develop our 3 Year Plans. As you are all aware a school is not just the teachers or the Principal a school encompasses parents,carers,community and students as well.

The new school plan model will
- provide principals with the opportunity to lead educational innovation for the improved delivery of quality teaching and learning.
- support school leaders in working proactively with their staff and school communities to establish school strategic directions and key educational improvements.
allow Principals to collaboratively lead new school planning processes by working closely with their students, school staff and local community to make evidence informed decisions that focus on continuous educational improvement.

This partnership approach will help to build cultures of high performance and shared trust in schools, empowering staff and community members in working together to achieve the goals of NSW public education.

I have started the process by conducting a staff meeting with all staff that looked at a series of questions. These questions will now be asked of parents and caregivers and then we will ask student focus groups to do the same. Once we have looked at all the responses from each group we will then triangulate the data and through this information we will develop a whole school vision. Once this has been done we will put it out to the community for further consultation.

Over the next few months we will be asking for focus groups from our parents and community to participate in activities to define our strategic directions for 2015-2017. In the meantime we would appreciate if you could spare a few minutes to complete the survey attached to the latest newsletter and return it to the front office by the end of term. You can pick up a survey form from the front office if you have misplaced the one handed out with last fortnight’s newsletter.

Proposed Additions to Surveyors Creek PS
With our continually growing student numbers we are in need of another demountable classroom for the 2015 School year. Please find attached to this newsletter information regarding placement of the additional classroom.

WRITE ON
This year we entered the Board of Studies’ Write On writing competition. There was some tough competition with only one entry allowed from each of Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3, so it was difficult judging which fantastic stories to submit. The judging panel of Mrs Lamond, Mrs Whelan, Mrs Smith and Ms Hanman decided the three finalists were James Homann, of 2W; Torrance McLean, of 4D; and Holly McLaughlin, of 5/6S.

Please enjoy their narratives, and those of the other finalists, Amelia Vassallo, of 1B and Ronish Kayastha, of 5/6S.

Flying Frank, by James Homann, 2W

"We're dead in the wild" yelled Flying Frank. He was flying in the jungle when his helicopter ran out of fuel.
"We're dead in the wild" he yelled again.
The helicopter crashed. Bang!
"Oh no! I'm scared of the jungle," he cried. "I've got to fix this helicopter."
Rrrrrrrrr! Rrrrrr! He heard it again. "A lion!"
The lion chased him as he ran. Finally he lost the lion, however.
Next day...
A group of natives came and called, "Follow me," in a very strange voice. Then they laughed.
"What? Agh! OK." mumbled Frank. Although he was very nervous about going with them because he was frightened that they might hurt him... he did follow them. He looked up to see the natives circling around his helicopter. "Is this your machine friend?"
"Yes, Yes!"
"Well my friend, my black warriors and I shall fix this for you and help you go home."
"We need a few supplies from the crash site to rebuild the machine."
So Frank put the binoculars on to help him find bits and pieces.
Three days later...
"Wow!" said Frank.
"Yes friend this is all yours...for one small favour. Take us for a ride!" and he did.
"So long guys. I promise I'll visit you again one day"

Three years later
Frank visited them again like he promised. But the natives said, "Who are you?"
"It's me Frank! I promised I'd come back. So here I am."

Every three years after that he visited them as well. He was so grateful they had saved his life.

The Dalntree Rainforest, by Amelia Vassallo, 1B
There was a girl named Bella and she found an insect in the long grass. It was a stick insect. After she went inside because it started raining and everything was wet and she let the stick insect get lost. Then she went "Oh no! I've lost my insect!"
After it stopped raining, she ran outside and looked everywhere. She went inside and said to her mother "I can not find my insect." She was sad and started to cry. She looked at the raindrops sliding down the window. She went outside and looked for it again.
Then the sun came out and she saw a big shiny rainbow. "Ah there's my insect, hiding from me," she said.
The insect was behind the bush.

The Creature, by Torrance McLean, 4D
"England, Island, Scotland, Wales. Wait, this doesn't make any sense! Oh hi, sorry about that but I'm a man on a mission."
"Lute its bed time!" yelled mum.
"Oh mum!" I said.
That's mum, she is always disturbing me on my missions. It was only hours ago when we found it, a strange creature. But according to this information there is only one left of its kind. The strange thing is it is living everywhere! I'm a little confused but the mystery is yet to be solved.
At 7:00 my alarm went off and mum rushed in. She said she was excited it was like another child was born! We won 50 million dollars!" she shouted. That day she decided that in three days' time we would use the money on a trip around the world!
I was over the moon at this decision, do you know why? I can follow this creature around the world! So I packed my bag with tracking devices and all, and all I did was wait...
I got on the plane and our first stop was New York. On the 21 hour flight I did some more thinking. I thought it must be a very good swimmer or flyer. We finally got there and I decided to leave Mum alone and go and get something to eat. I ended up getting a Maccas large fries. After I finished eating I used my tracking device to see where the creature was. Perfect, I thought, it was right here!
But in the blink of an eye it was time to go, and I was no further into the mystery. Next stop was Hollywood and the creature followed us right there. Interesting, I thought.
When I got there I went to bed in hope to get more information on the creature.
The next morning my dreams did not come true. Mum begged me to go shopping with her. So as the sweet kind person I am (sometimes) I went to the shops as she wished.
I had such a great time (not). I got to look at handbags, high heels, dresses and other weird girly stuff. Finally it was over and I still had time to myself. In that time I decided to go to Santa Monica Boulevard but I was almost an hour away so I would have to catch the bus. The bus fare would be about $10, so I grabbed my wallet and ran to the bus stop.
I got on the bus and it was very squishy. "Ewww, it stinks in here!" I yelled aloud. When I was on the twisty turny road I got a message to say that the creature was right there in Santa Monica Boulevard!
So I got a juice and sat on the golden sand and I looked through a grassy tuft and saw a strange figure about to drown. Nooo I thought. I still don't know what the creature is and the last of its kind is about to die. At last I did what I had to and tried to save it. I jumped out into the sea and lifted out the creature but when I touched it, it disappeared!
I still don't know what the creature is, but at least it is another mystery to be solved.
Hiss, silver and crack, by Holly McLaughlin, 5/65

Long tall grass; trees as high as skyscrapers and sun beaming down though the canopy. I desperately scavenge for warm sandy beaches, loud veracious riptides and smooth calming wave. But, no luck. All there is to scout for is mud, waste and shrubs. My heart is beating like a drum and my lungs are equally breathless. The sun is pounding. I restlessly shove my hand into a death trap; my bag is so cluttered. I reach in, grab my hat and drop it on my head. Short chocolate locks stick out of my champagne coloured hat. My skin is no longer pale, it’s red, burnt and peeling.

I hear something. Something I do not understand. Then a hiss, sliver and crack. A scaly black mysterious "Sn... sn... snake!" I exclaim. I try staying still, but, it just keeps coming. Important life tips that only work in the movies. I am now jealous that I did not hike to the beach with the fossils; my grandparents.

I gallop from the reptile as quick as I can, skyscrapers all around me, I finally find a decent tree to provide me cover. The snake is envious... It spots a mouse and stalks it carefully. I cautiously watch. The reptile engulfs the rodent whole. It then slivers on. I am terrified. I may have been rebellious at the time but I now remain a coward. Would you have blamed me? It had poisonous venom and fangs like vampires ready to inject. It would have torn my skin.

I wait and wait. I think I’m in the clear. Thump. My feet plant in to the ground. I hope I have not alerted any other predators. I wander through the bush and stumble over a pair of old black binoculars. I look through the lenses. This is wonderful. My adventurous trip was all worth it. I am ecstatic! I am even dribbling all over my new blue shirt.

I leap out of the tall grass and start cantering to the shore, but I am stopped in my tracks; the same very snake is waiting for my arrival. I now declare it my arch rival. I realise it’s the end. The reptile is going to stab me with its toxic venom. I will then collapse and neve be heard from again. I stand as still as a statue, as it is about to strike. Suddenly, a chocolate dingo pounces on the snake and paws it to death. As it is tackled and constantly stepped on, it finally it gives in. The dingo pushes its carcass into the water and it is washed out to sea.

The dingo runs over to me, but I am still equally as terrified as I was when the scaly, black, venomous, snake was stalking me. It gets closer and even closer. Until it sits and happily licks me. I gasp and under my breath I whisper "Let's go home."

A Wild Adventure, by Ronish Kayastha, 5/65

I’m Josh and I’m 8 years old. I am shocked in amazement, I can’t believe I’m going on my first safari! The shiny, gigantic blood-orange plane had landed in the depths of the astonishing rainforest called the Amazon. I was so excited, my parents told me to calm down and explore slowly with them. But I ignored them and dashed like a wild cahetah, hunting vigorously. I had spectated the peaceful elephants sipping the fresh water in the stream with their long giraffe-neck like trunks. Then I spectated other animals, for instance sloths and monkeys. But, unfortunately, I couldn’t find Mama, Papa or my big delightful brother Jack. I was completely lost.

Then, I heard something. I slowly grabbed my coal black binoculars and walked a few steps further. I stopped and used my binoculars to see what was going on. I saw a rainforest tribe doing a religious dance with astonishing religious clothes; it was quite peculiar so I took a little rest in the closest tree. I then looked back but when I spied this time nothing and no one was there so I slowly sneaked in as quite as a mouse. I thought they were hiding about to ambush me but, I was wrong.

The place was completely deserted. I looked around for 3 minutes, then I tripped over a rock. I suddenly fell into a hole which was deeper than anything I had ever seen. I didn’t see a hole but I did notice how fragile the piece of the ground looked. I thought I was falling to my doom, I had splashed onto a river, but I was back at the surface. It must’ve been a portal to a place.

When I looked around I saw that it was surrounded by the Rainforest tribe, they had vicious, ferocious, murderous handmade weapons but instead of letting me perish one spoke to me, "You are the chosen one. I didn’t know what he meant until an anonymous, ferocious looking man with black claw marks of a tiger, a various amount of religious tattoos and a hat made from many vulture feathers placed a crown made out of leaves on my head. I asked him what was going on, then he explained with his deepest heroic voice "In the time of our ancestors one day our land was ruled by an army of slimy, agile, green aliens until a little one
from a different place stepped in and accepted the crown to be put on his head. He then stormed our tribal army in battle, and in the end we were victorious and today is the day the creatures arrive here." Could he be right? Am I the chosen one?

PBL AWARDS FOR TERM 3 WEEK 8

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LIBRARY NEWS

Today is Indigenous Literacy Day and we have held a Great Book Swap to raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. This organisation supplies books and other literacy resources to remote Indigenous Communities. Thank you for your donations!

BOOK PARADE AND STAFF PERFORMANCE

Our Book Parade will be on Tuesday 16th September at 12.30 in the school hall. Please send your child to school dressed as their favourite book character. Teachers - also in costume - will also perform a readers' theatre for the enjoyment of everyone.

OVERDUES

I have sent home notes about overdue books. If your child has one of these notes, please take a look and see if you can locate the books to return. If you have any concerns about this, please feel very welcome to see me.

PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to our school finalists who will be competing in the regional final on the last Monday of term. Well done Harrison Brennan (5/6S), Hana Hallani (5CW), Stephanie Young (3/4H) and Katie Farrell (4D). It was a tough competition this year, with only a few marks in it!

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The PRC for 2014 has now closed, with 210 participants from SCPS this year. The following students will receive their certificates when they become available in November.

Kindergarten
Lisa Alatini
Capri Allaf-Boyd
Charlotte Bromirski
Mitchell Cammans
Lincoln Campbell
Jackson Childs
Taya Cirlado
Ryley Clark
Rose Davies

K-2 Public Speaking Expo

This Friday, at 2.15pm students from K-2 will demonstrate their ability to speak and entertain a large audience. One student from each class will either recite a poem or read a short story. In this age group, the emphasis is on participation and skill development rather than competition.

The assembly will be hosted by Class 2W. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

Mrs Bronwyn Whelan
Assistant Principal
Angus Davis
Cordell Dean
Brent Gadd
Tahiya Gampe
Sara Hallani
Harrison Hancock
Zyed Khan
Stephanie Leslie
Dylan Long
Jenna Loschiavo
Luke McCarrall
Yvette Naudi
Isaac Necevski
Ashlee Palmer
Kenesha Patrick-Ngao
Harlee Perceval
Jackson Pinn
Hannah Proud
Matilda Pruss
Daniel Robson
Harry Smyth
Riley Stasiuk
Kim Tran
Huxley Wiggins
Rory Wilson
Kala Woodward

Year 1
Regan Allardice
Harrison Baker
Harmony Brennan
Cooper Bressick
Jaiden Brown
Lachlan Brown
Margaret Claridge
Ranveer Dhallwal
Stephanie Dillon
Ava Dobson
Nathan Erquezia
Krish Gautam
Jayden Grace
Indyanna Grech
Marley Henderson
Lauchlan Hoegel
Zoe Hoesterei
Luke Hosny
Montana Jay
Jasmine Jones
Bavnit Kandhola
Skylah Kendall
Ruby Larsen
Mikayla Leary
Emily Leche
Cooper Mitchell
Cooper Ovington
Tazmin Parsonage
Ryan Proud-Spicer

Kyah Saint-Barry
Harrison Saliba
Lachian Shepherd
Andrea Siracusa
Alexander Soriano
Bailey Trotter
Amelia Vassallo
Isabella Vassallo
Ty Vollmer
Harrison Wells
Callum Williams
Daniel Xu

Year 2
Hasrat Bhatthal

Year 3
Dominic George
Amaya Polutele

Year 4
Jayapreet Bhatthal
Zachary Reid
Samantha Rowe

Year 5
Isabelle Barrett

Year 6
Ellie Smyth

Canteen News
Our Canteen is desperately in need of volunteers to help on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are a Mum, Dad, Carer, Grandparent, Aunty or Uncle who could spare a few hours on these days (even once a fortnight or month) please see the wonderful volunteers in our canteen or ring our school office on 47379571 for details. Unfortunately if we can’t get enough helpers we may have to close the canteen for one of those days or both. Our canteen is P & C run and all profits go back to our school for resources.

Single with Children
A non-profit social group operated by the Single Parent Family Association.
Every week Single with Children provides fun and exciting activities especially parents and their children (Many of the activities are subsidised or even free.)
To find out more and get a free copy of our social calendar, contact us today.
Call 1300 300 496 or visit our website: www.singlewithchildren.com.au
21 August 2014

To The Resident

Re: Proposed Additions to Surveyors Creek PS

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) is proposing to install 1 portable (demountable) buildings at Surveyors Creek Public School.

Clause 29(3) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 states that 'Development for the purpose of a portable one storey classroom may be carried out by any person without consent on land on which a school is located'.

As per clause 30(2) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007, this development notification has been provided to adjoining land occupiers. Under this same clause, adjoining land occupiers have 21 days from the date of this letter to provide comment on the proposed work for consideration by the Department of Education and Communities in the preparation of a Review of Environmental Factors document.

Should you have any comments please provide these to the undersigned at the above address within 21 days.

Please note

This Notification is Valid for 12 months from the date of this letter

Yours Sincerely

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