

Strathfield North Public School

*Working harmoniously, in partnership with parents and caregivers.
To provide the highest standard of education for each student.*



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Term 4

Week 2

30th October, 2009

Re- enrolment 2010

Thank you to all the families who have returned their green re-enrolment form for 2010. Our school is staffed based on the number of children enrolled in the school. This form helps me ensure that we have our full staff entitlement to begin the year.

Thank you also for the information about internet access at home. This will help the school appropriately plan internet based activities.

For parents wanting an internet site for their children to visit you could try the Department and Education and Training at www.tale.edu.au and enter the parents and community section and search education links.

P&C donation

Thank you to the school community for supporting the Spellathon and other P&C fundraising activities. As a result of your efforts the P&C has approved \$30 000 (approximately \$14 000 from the Spellathon) for the purchase of three interactive Smart boards. I will be placing the order this week and hope to have them installed for the beginning of next year. On behalf of the students, thank you for supporting their education.

Term 4 Activities

The notes for the end of year activities were sent home this week. Please return the notes and money as soon as possible to the classroom teacher.

Playground works.

The need for the new drainage system was certainly demonstrated this week! I am hoping that the work can restart next week.

Contact details.

Have you moved house, changed phone numbers or have new emergency contacts? Please keep the office informed as it can be distressful for your children if we cannot contact you.

Future Events

November

- 2nd – Kindergarten orientation – Session 2
- 4th – Selected Year 1 and 2 Italian students Leichhardt excursion
- 9th – Kindergarten orientation – Session 3
Musica Viva – at school

December

- 3rd – High School Orientation Day (for Year 6 students)
- 7th – Annual Presentation day – Concord High School
- 8th – Stage 3 Fete - (only for K-6 students)
- 9th – Combined Scripture Christmas Service
- 11th – Year 6 Farewell Night
- 16th – End of Year activities - last day of school

Notes Sent Home

- Musica Viva K-6
- Tabloid Sports K-4
- Imax Theatre / Wildlife World Yrs 5 & 6
- Public Speaking District Final – selected students
- Milo Cup Cricket gala day – selected students
- Year 5 students Application for Selective High Schools in 2011
- Concert Band Students

World Masters Games

During the holidays, 13 Strathfield North students attended the opening ceremony of the World Masters Games to participate in the choir. We performed Dare to Dream and the National Anthem. After we sang, we enjoyed performances by Nathan Foley, Jessica Mauboy, David Campbell, John Paul Young, Leo Sayer and the McClymonts.

Thank you Mrs Firkin for giving up your holiday time and giving us this memorable opportunity.

Daniel and Anthony Stage 3

Stage 3 News

On the 20th October **Year 5** were involved in a Leadership workshop day with 3 ladies from Rising Generations. We played games to build our leadership skills and learnt about qualities of a good leader. We were put into 8 teams and played against each other in challenges such as a balloon race, Mexican wave and train tracks which were all lots of fun.

After a sausage sizzle lunch we competed in a mini Olympic Games and we were all winners. It was a fantastic day and we bet lots of Year 5 students will now want to be leaders next year.

Andrew and Samuel 5/6D

Cyber-Safe and Drug-Education Day

On the 20th October 2009, **Year 6** learnt about cyber-bullying, cannabis and how to be cyber-smart. Our first lesson was about how cannabis can affect your health. After that lesson we moved on and had a cyber-bullying lesson with Constable Matthew Myors from Burwood police station. He taught us how to use the internet in a safe way and some of the year 6 students got to see how it felt to be handcuffed. We also had one more lesson on the computers. We used an interactive site which had a series of episodes on how to use the internet in a safe and appropriate way.

Overall it was a great experience for all the Year 6 students and now we have a greater understanding of the importance of safe internet usage and the effect of cannabis.

Kim and Bianca 5/6D

Canteen News Parent helpers for next week are:- Vicky C & Yvette M, Angela W, Adrianna L & Stephanie A, Margaret H & Helen K and Jacqui S & Vivian W

Thank you **Margaret H**

Premiers Adventure Challenge involves each primary school student collecting their free Kids' Adventure Passport from any participating museums or galleries in NSW. A list can be found at www.arts.nsw.gov.au
This is how it works

- every primary school student (K-6) can participate by visiting one of the 76 participating institutions across NSW
- Most of the institutions are free but for those with a general admission charge, each passport holder will be entitled to free entry on weekends, public holidays and school holidays
- The passport is valid through to 27 January 2010
- Passport holders collect a stamp on each visit
- Children with only one participating institution in their area may take part in the Challenge by visiting on three separate occasions.
- Once three stamps have been collected, parents or guardians complete and return the tear-off form and the child will receive an official Premier's Adventure Certificate to acknowledge their child's achievement

Selective Schools

St George Girls High Enrolments for Year 7, 2011 – applications need to be forwarded by 13th November, 2009. Open Day Friday 6th November; for more information phone 9587 5902.

Community Announcements

Communities for Communities and City of Canada Bay Council

Cinema in the Park at Brett Park (opposite Drummoyne Pool), Days Street, Drummoyne
Saturday 7 November from 6pm.

Movie "Mamma Mia" (PG)

See the smash hit on the big outdoor screen!

FREE EVENT

Entertainment and Food from 6pm

Giant 40 ft Screen, under the stars, sit on a blanket or jump to your feet....

Come along to a great nights out for all the family.

SwimSafe

Swimsafe classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, river, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Sport and Recreation runs Swimsafe classes in pools all over the state, including somewhere near you. For more information or to make a booking phone 13 13 02 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

Blood Donations

The Blood Donormobile is returning to Concord Hospital Thursday 12/11 and Friday 13/11 9am to 2.30pm. To make an appointment phone 13 14 95.

Kids on Keyboards

Vacancies for term 4 Kids on keyboard Yrs 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6. Classes are held on Monday after school in the school grounds. Contact Janice on 0408 697 297