Principal’s Message

NAPLAN
Congratulations to all Year 3 and 5 students who all aimed to do their best in the NAPLAN assessments last week.

Uniform
Please ensure that students are in full school uniform as we take pride in how we present ourselves. If girls need tights under their uniform please make sure that they wear green tights. Some senior girls are wearing black pants and this is not a part of our uniform.

Zone Cross Country
Congratulations to all students who will be representing our school at the zone carnival this week. We wish you all good luck!

3-6 Athletics Carnival
Please make sure all students in primary have returned their permission note to travel by bus to the Athletics Stadium at Campbelltown. There is no cost as the P&C are using money raised to subsidise the cost of the buses.

Parent Café
Usually our cafes are held on a Wednesday, however this term our first one will be held on Monday 26th May from 9.15am. Please come along for some interesting information and to meet other parents. It will be held in the staffroom this time.

Assessment and reporting
Assessment of student learning will be reported to parents in written reports that will be sent home at the end of this term. Parent teacher interviews will be held at the beginning of Term 3.

Special groups
Mrs Powell and our recorder group went to rehearse for a special performance at the Opera House this week. Students are preparing to dance at Wakakirri and another group is preparing for Fire in the Fields and our Steel Band is busy learning a new song for the Panorama Competition. Our children are so fortunate to have so many opportunities for participation!

Names
Please write your child’s full name including surname and class on all notes put in the silver box. When only first names are used it makes it very difficult for office staff.

Kerrie Hayman
The Fields Flyer is full of interesting information each week. Make sure that you check out the DET web site for parents. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine

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**ELOUERA NEWS**

We have a brand new log fire place in Elouera! The children are already snuggling up in bean bags at Recess and during part of their library lessons reading their favourite books. It adds a lovely ambience to our cosy library. We have Masters at Gregory Hills to thank for their generosity in donating this fabulous addition to Elouera. Masters also donated 18 square metres of artificial turf which we intend laying at the entrance to our library to improve its appearance. If you have any spare artificial turf glue OR expertise in laying artificial turf on concrete, please come and see us in Elouera - we would love some help with this project!

**FIVE MINUTES OF FAME**

David Bennie K Budgie teacher

Favourite Place in the world: New York
Favourite food: Any Pasta
Went to school: Fairy Meadow Demonstration School
Favourite football team: St George Illawarra Dragons
Interesting fact: I was a chef at a Steak House and made the best steaks!
REMINDER

Don’t forget to take your Loyalty Card and grab a coffee or latte from Gloria Jeans at Ingleburn and support our school’s fund raising efforts!

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!

Let’s get organised early!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan, U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429 406 126 to request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

HUGE THANK YOU

Thank you to Masters at Gregory Hills for their wonderful donation of a brand new log fire and artificial turf for our school’s library.
CAMDEN PET FAIR
Sunday 1st June 2014
10am-2pm
Hosted by
The University of Sydney, Camden Campus
University Veterinary Hospital &
Avian, Reptile and Exotic Pet Hospital

The Camden Pet Fair is on again! Join in the fabulous all-day family entertainment and see how a first-class veterinary hospital works!

Main events:
- Best Pet competition: 'best fancy-dressed pet'
- Crocodile Encounters
- LIVE surgery

Activities:
- Competitions
- Pet supply stalls
- Live pet displays

All-day entertainment:
- Jumping castle
- Face painting
- Live music

WHAT: Camden Pet Fair
WHEN: Sunday June 1 2014
TIME: 10am - 2pm
WHERE: University Veterinary Teaching Hospital and Avian, Reptile and Exotic Pet Hospital 410 - 415 Werombi Rd Camden NSW 2570
COST: FREE

CONTACT: To request further information contact:
Annique Fabien
Ph: 0400 229 168
Email: annique.bouton@glassedge.com.au
FRIGHTENING BUT TRUE
Over 100 school children per year are hit by cars because they don't use the pedestrian crossing when they cross the road with their parents. Please don't let that happen to one of our children. Use the school crossing and keep our children safe.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLAND STUDENTS (ATSI)
A letter was sent home recently to our ATSI students and their families outlining some of the fantastic activities, including student workshops that we will be implementing this year. If you would like to be involved and lend a hand, we would really appreciate your support. Contact Karen Miller for further details.

SOUTH WEST KIDS’ CLINIC
Are you concerned about an aspect of a child’s communication, sensory or motor development but you aren’t sure if they require therapy?
Do you know a child whose caregiver would benefit from additional information about assessment or therapy options?
Our FREE Drop-In Clinic may be the solution!
The 'Drop-In Clinic' is the perfect and convenient chance for families to chat freely to our experienced Occupational Therapists, Speech Pathologists or Physiotherapists without committing to therapy. Our Drop-In Clinic provides an opportunity for caregivers or professionals spend up to 10 minutes with one or more therapists to discuss a child’s needs. You will gain valuable advice to determine if further assessment or therapy is indicated.
Drop-In Clinic provides the opportunity for caregivers to find out what is involved in therapy including the expected length of time a child may require therapy, what a typical assessment and therapy session will look like, fees involved in therapy and what pathways are available to assist with funding therapy.
To maximise your time our therapists, caregivers are encouraged to arrive armed with a list of questions and concerns, current medical or educational reports and any other information that will provide the therapist with an overall understanding of the child’s strengths and needs.
Caregivers will also be asked to complete a questionnaire related to the child. This can be downloaded from our website www.southwestkidsclinic.com.au/downloads/ in advance or we can provide this on the day.
As time is strictly limited to 10 minute intervals, it is suggested that caregivers consider leaving additional children with a family member so that they can talk openly with the therapist.
South West Kids Clinic’s next Drop-In Clinic will be held in our new Casula premises on
Saturday 24th May, 2014 (9.30 - 11.30am)
Please contact our reception on 9602 3377 for further inquiries.
PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL

Will your child be ready to start school in 2015?
To help you feel more at ease about making this important decision, we are holding an information session designed to help you give your child the best possible chance at starting out on the right path to success.

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Enrolment forms will be handed out for children in area.
We look forward to meeting you and working together to give your child a great start to Kindergarten.
If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact the school on 9605 1024 or by email: macfields-p.School@det.nsw.edu.au

PARENT CAFÉ IS ON AGAIN!

Place: Macquarie Fields P.S. staffroom (next to area D)
Date: Monday, 26th May, 2014
Time: 9.15 am
Join us for morning tea and a chat. This term we will be having a special visitor, Ms Cheryl Dale. She will be talking to us about free swimming education. This will include:

* An introduction to swimming
* Swimming as an essential life skill
* Water safety

There will also be a short talk by Mrs Tyler about providing emotional support for your child to help them cope with school demands.
Toddlers are welcome. Activities will be provided to keep them busy while we chat. If you would like to bring a sample of your delicious cooking to share, you are warmly encouraged to do this! We hope to see you on the 26th.

SALVATION ARMY MACQUARIE FIELDS

This facility will be closed from 20 May - 2 June due to the construction of a car park and Basketball Court.