From the Principal...

2015 classes - This note provides parents with the opportunity to identify issues or concerns that we need to be aware of prior to class placements for next year. These issues may be related to emotional/social needs, academic strengths/weaknesses, and student combinations. If you have given us information in previous years, you will still need to provide that information again. This is not an opportunity to pick a teacher for next year. Requests for specific teachers are not taken into consideration in our planning or placement. This note is due back to school 24 October, 2014.

Returning in 2015 - Each year we stress the importance of having accurate numbers so we can form classes. Classes are based purely on student numbers. This note provides parents with the opportunity to let us know if students will return either at the start of the school year, or after the start of the school year due to extended family holidays. We are able to count late returns in our numbers if we have a note from parents. This note is due back 31 October, 2014.

Selective High Schools application: Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2016 - Online applications are open from 14 October 2014. Applications are required by 17 November 2014 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016. Application information booklet is available on the Department’s internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

All applications must be made online. There are a limited number of information booklets available at the front office. These applications are for academically selective high schools.

Consultation Survey - Consultation surveys were distributed last term to parents. If you haven’t already done so, please return it to school by Thursday 16th October, as they will need to be collated.

K-2 Athletics Carnival and Sausage Sizzle - Postponed - The K-2 Athletics Carnival, including the sausage sizzle that was planned for tomorrow Wednesday, 15 October has been postponed. This is due to the wet weather that we are currently experiencing and the predicted weather forecast for the next few days. You will be notified of the new date once this has been organised. Miss Vella.

2015 Enrolments - We have started looking at structures and staffing for the 2015 school year. We are requesting any families with students who will start Kindergarten next year to collect an enrolment form from the front office. This ensures students are included in the kindergarten orientation process and allows our school to be staffed based on accurate numbers.

Values Education - The value for Week 2 is Fairness/Justice. Fairness/Justice is when we treat people equally and without bias. When we are fair we treat everyone as the same. Fairness involves actions and decisions based on what is just. It also involves playing games by rules. When we practise fairness we are ready to accept our mistake, apologise and make every effort to correct it. Please encourage discussions about fairness with your children at home. Mrs S. Kumar, Student Engagement.

Parramatta Eels NRL Clinic K-2 - Students from K-2 will participate in the Parramatta Eels NRL Coaching Clinic on Fridays from Weeks 1-3. Students will engage in 30 minute lessons commencing with a rugby league story, progressing on to developing rugby league skills that will be extended across the 3 weeks. This replaces normal sport for Year 1 & 2 until Week 4. Kindergarten will continue with their normal sport program as well.

Mini Fete Countdown - 8 days to go!
**Book Club** - Book club forms have been handed out to the students. If you would like to place an order, fill out the form with your child’s name, class and order. Clearly label an envelope with your child’s name, class, book club and amount of money included. Drop your envelope in the money slot located in the office. These are due back NO later than 21 October. Orders take up to 2 weeks from the closing date to be returned to students.

**P&C News** - Once again we are selling Autograph Books to year 6 students for $7 each. A reminder to put your order and money into the office as the sooner you get your order in the longer you will have to collect your personalised memories.

Next week Wednesday 22 October, at the Annual Years 5 & 6 Mini Fete, we will be holding a second hand uniform sale.

The next P&C Meeting will be 7pm Wednesday, 5 November. This will be the last meeting before the AGM in December.

If you have a P&C enquiry please contact me on 0428 475 252 or email on gpks.pc@gmail.com. Mark Cavanaugh, P&C President.

**Raffle Tickets for Years 5 & 6 Mini Fete** - Tickets will be on sale from tomorrow next to the canteen and in the front playground every morning, recess and lunch. Prizes include a Barbeque, Oroton make up bag, jewellery, gift vouchers, sports bags and baskets of goodies.

**PSSA Sport - Results Round 8.**

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*This week we play at Brenan Park (bottom).*

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**MINI MINI FETE FETE**

**Years 5 + 6 Mini Fete:**

**Wednesday 22 October 2014**

The Year 5 + 6 Mini Fete is in ONE WEEK! For those who don’t know, each year the Year 5 + 6 classes run a fun day with games, competitions, raffles, prizes, fun food, and stalls.

Each grade will have over an hour to spend at the mini fete during the course of the day.

**How to help:**

1. **MAKE A CAKE** for the cake stall [bring it to the front office on the day]!
2. **SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH SOME MONEY** to spend on the day.
3. **BUY SOME RAFFLE TICKETS:** We have been given many great prizes—look at the list when you buy your raffle tickets
4. **Year 5 + 6 parents** - let teachers know if you can VOLUNTEER ON THE DAY!

Raffle tickets on sale, in the morning, in the courtyard and front playground.

Thank you for your support.

Years 5 + 6 students and staff.
Years 1 & 2 Featherdale Excursion

On Wednesday, 8 October, 2014 Years 1 & 2 went to Featherdale Wildlife Park. We caught a bus to get to the park. Grade 1 and Grade 2 went there because we were learning about animals and their shelters.

The first lot of animals we saw was snakes, Ghost bats, lizards and a Bilby. In the dark room my favourite creature was the Bearded Dragon.

Next we saw slow swimming turtles. One turtle liked the water and the other one didn't. It was really unusual. I liked the one in the water because it looked fun.

After that we went to the bird cages. There were big and small birds. My favourite birds were the colourful ones.

Then we saw the koalas. All of them were sleeping in their little trees. One of them had a koala in its poach.

Later we saw the dingoes. They were playing chasing. One of the dingoes was trying to eat a flower.

After that we saw the snakes and lizards. There were snakes with sandish colours. My favourite was the snake on the rock because it looked interesting.

Next we patted the wallabies. There were about ten of them. The fur was really comfortable.

Later we went to the Learning Burrow. We saw a lizard that looks like it has two heads. The next animal we saw was a Thorny Frog-mouth. Its diet is frogs, worms, slugs and flies. After that animal was a long snake. It is a constrictor. The last animal was a koala. It was really lazy.

I had a great day because it was a lot of fun!

Written by Cooper Brugudac, 2SV.

Years 1 & 2 Featherdale Excursion

Last Wednesday Year One and Year Two went on an excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park at Doonside.

It isn’t too far from our school.

We looked at native Australian animals. They were beautiful and cute, VERY cute. We also looked at all the animal shelters, because we were learning about them.

There were many animals, including Tasmanian devils, penguins, snakes, dingoes, flying foxes, koalas, eagles, wombats, kangaroos, turtles, wallabies, lizards, birds and a crocodile.

Special passports were given to us and we stamped them when we saw particular animals.

My favourite animals were the kangaroos. One kangaroo wacked me with its tail twice. One of the kangaroos was blind in one eye. I felt sorry for him or her.

The students patted kangaroos and farmyard animals.

It was an amazing day because I had lots of fun.

Written by Annalise Dib, 2JB.

Have a great week!

Judy Power
Relieving Principal