From the Principal...

**SASS Staff Recognition Week** - This week we are celebrating the hardworking and dedicated School Administrative and Support Staff across our school. SASS Staff include our ladies who work in the administration area as well as our teachers' aides, and of course, our General assistant Mr Gee. National Recognition Week runs from Monday 31 August until Friday 4 September. SASS Staff are a dedicated group of professional workers who are often overlooked in the school setting. Recognition Week gives the whole school the opportunity to demonstrate to SASS Staff that they are valued members of our school community. SASS Staff here at Governor Philip King play a vital role in students' learning and the effective running and maintenance of our school. National Recognition Week is a great time to thank all our SASS Staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the school year.

**Mini Fete** - Excitement is building as we prepare for Stage 3 Mini Fete tomorrow! We are looking forward to an amazing day, with lots of great activities planned for the students and community. We are looking forward to seeing all of the hard work and effort put in by the Stage 3 team enjoyed by all. *Come along and support the major fund raising event for Stage 3.*

**Attendance** - Please take the time to look at the information provided about student attendance at school. There are some scary facts related to the number of days off students have in their school careers. This also relates to the partial absences related to late arrivals and early leavers. Please be vigilant in ensuring your child attends school every day.

**Happy Fathers’ Day** - I would like to wish all Dads a very happy Fathers’ Day for this coming Sunday. I hope all of the Dads get spoilt and spend some quality time with their children. Enjoy the amazing role of being a dad. Remember to attend our Special Fathers’ Day Assembly on Friday at 10:15am.

**Years K-2 Athletics Carnival and Sausage Sizzle - New Date** - The K-2 Athletics Carnival and sausage sizzle will now be held on Wednesday 7 October 2015 (Term Four, Week 1). A reminder note will be sent home closer to carnival day. Miss Vella.

**Jump Rope for Heart - Years 3-6** - It’s time to return your sponsorship forms and the donations you have collected for Jump Rope for Heart. The money you have raised will be donated to the Heart Foundation to help people with sick hearts. It has been great to see so many students skipping during recess and lunch! Place the form and money in an envelope with your name and class on it and put it in the front office money slot. All sponsorship forms and money need to be returned by Monday, 7 September to be able to claim your rewards. Don’t forget to keep skipping!

**Speech, Hearing and Vision Assessments** - Sometimes students seem to be experiencing difficulty with some aspects of their learning. We have a process within our school which enables teachers to refer students in their class to our learning and support team. On quite a few occasions we have discovered that the difficulties students are experiencing has been due to the need for speech therapy, glasses or hearing aids. If the school requests that you take your child for any of these assessments, please follow up on these requests and get your child checked. It is amazing the difference it can make to your child’s learning if they need help or equipment in any of these areas.

**Kindergarten Excursion to Fairfield City Farm** - Just a reminder that the money and permission/medical note for the Kindergarten Excursion to Fairfield City Farm is due on Friday 4 September 2015. If you have not paid for your child to go on the excursion, please do so before Friday. The Kindergarten Excursion is in Week 9 on Friday 11 September 2015.
Values Education - The value for Week 8 is Generosity/Giving. Generosity is being willing to give time and money without coercion. It is having the passion to give from the heart with the intention of looking out for the good of others without the expectation of receiving a reward. We can be generous in-kind meaning giving food, clothes, time etc. Generosity involves spontaneously doing good things. There are benefits of being generous. Generosity:

- Enhances happiness in the giver and receiver of the generous act
- Enhances living a full human life
- Extends goodwill towards others
- Allows us to live a morally significant life
- Makes us realise our social obligations

Please discuss with your children things they have learnt about generosity in their lessons. Mrs S Kumar, Student Engagement.

Safe, Respectful Learner Program - The focus rule for Week Eight is ‘Be Respectful, Care for the Environment’.

We can look after our environment by putting rubbish in the bins, recycling whenever we can and saving resources for future generations. Please discuss this with your children. Anna Dolz, Student Engagement Team.

PSSA Results - Finals

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Upcoming Events -

Week 8
4 September - Fathers’ Day Special Assembly - 10:15am in the school hall.

Week 9
8 September - Jump Rope for Heart - Final Skip Off
9 September - Year 4 Tree Planting at Western Sydney Regional Parklands.
10 September - School Sports Photos
11 September - Kindergarten Excursion to Fairfield City Farm

Week 10
17 September - Regional Spelling Bee - Busby Public School

Junior - 9:30am - 11:30am and Senior - 12:30pm - 2:30pm.

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal
The Year 5 + 6 Mini Fete is on TOMORROW! 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 staffroom tomorrow morning]
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

Raffle tickets on sale during the day.

Thank you for your support.

Years 5 + 6 students and staff.