**Lighting the Way to a Better Future**

**Education Week:** This was the Education week theme this year and how befitting for our theme on electricity. Such a wonderful turnout from our parents. Thank you all for attending our Education Week assembly and for participating so actively in the student demonstration and sharing of design tasks. It was such a wonderful opportunity for our students to apply and communicate their understandings gained through participating in this unit of work. Amid the odd meltdown and technical failure, a good time was had by all.

**Back to the Future School Morning:** Unfortunately we shall have to postpone this event until further notice. Ongoing IT problems are currently being ironed out but will not be ready for us in time for this event. We will keep you posted.

**Athletics Carnival:** Please remember that we will be participating in a combined athletics carnival with Hillside and Annangrove Public Schools on Friday 8th August 2014. The venue will again be Les Shore Oval at Glenorie, commencing at 9:15am and concluding at around 2:00pm. The permission slip (green) was sent home last Friday and needs to be returned to school ASAP. Please contact the office if you require another.

**Book Week:** "Connect to Reading" is this year’s theme for Book Week. Children have and will continue to Connect to Reading the short-listed titles, deciding upon and voting for their favourite, and preparing responses for display. On the Thursday of that week, students will participate in a character parade. More information to follow.

**Gems:** Congratulations to our new Gems for this week: Kollah-Jade Cannon and Caleb Glass. You guys rock!!

**Mushroom Compost:** Thank you to those who supported our fund-raising efforts with the purchasing of mushroom compost. We have now completely sold out. We hope to be able to offer this again in Spring/Summer. This will be an opportune time to mulch your garden beds with nourishing compost before the extensive heat of summer is upon us.

**Kitchen Garden:** A big thank you to Mary (Deanna and Lucius' mum) for stepping up to continue the Kitchen Garden Program with us. As Alecia steps aside to prepare for her very exciting event we would also like to acknowledge and thank her for the amazing effort and unfailing interest she demonstrated term after term whilst fulfilling this role over the years. Thank you both so much.

**Canteen:** Its great to see a number of people helping Sam and Damien with the running of the canteen. It is always popular with the students and on their behalf I thank all parents involved for your time, interest and effort in providing this service. Please also note that our canteen will be operational **this Thursday** as we will not be at school on the Friday.

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Athletics Carnival
Fri 8th August 2014

Les Shore Oval, Glenorie

Commencing 9:15
Concluding 1:45-2:00pm

Parents and friends welcome.
Students to wear full sports uniform.

Please remember....
Canteen open for business this Thursday 7th August

Thank you Dural Bunnings for the wonderful seedlings for our Kitchen Garden.

Students in groups are caring for these seedlings each day.

Our P&C will be meeting on
Tuesday 12th August at 7:00pm
in the school library.
These meetings are short, fun and best of all.....

PRODUCTIVE!!!

We would love you to join us to help keep this school the amazing place it is and to ensure your children gain the benefits that previous years have been able to experience through the many efforts of P&C participation and guidance.

We have found that enormous tasks have fallen on but a few. It's time we all shared the load a little.

Why not come along to be a voice to be heard. Share your thoughts. Maybe offer some assistance in some small way. We would really enjoy your company.

A conversation between Piglet and Winnie the Pooh:-

Piglet: “How do you spell love?”

Pooh Bear: “You don’t spell it, you feel it.”

A small reminder to parents that if you have any concerns at all regarding your child, their work or an issue with another child in the school, we ask that you please speak to the class teacher to clarify the situation. Sometimes things are not quite as they seem.

Do remember that in a small school, teachers are extremely busy, covering anything from 2 to 4 duties a day as well as preparation and marking. It may be, therefore, better to make an appointment to ensure satisfaction all round.

Ann Mills
Principal
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