Dear parents and caregivers

Term 3 has started very positively and the students settled in quickly after their break. We have had some new families and students join us so we would like to extend a warm welcome to them.

Over the holidays we have some work completed around the school including; painting of the canteen and the hallway in M block; cementing of trip hazards; gardening; an exciting new playground area for the students in the support unit and gates around the fixed equipment. We are consistently looking at moving forward in a positive way and this includes our physical environment

This term will be very busy with lots of exciting events; some have been listed for your diary.

**Education Day 31 July – Please join us to celebrate**

We would like to invite you to Education Day on Thursday 31 July. 2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first education week. The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was: “Lighting the way to a better world”, the slogan has been adopted for this year’s anniversary celebration along with the artwork from the 1954 poster which we have included on the newsletter.

On the day the following will occur: 9.10am - 9.50am - Open classrooms; 10:00am - 11.00am - Door Prize and Parade in Kinder quad; Lunch (40 Minutes) – students can have lunch with their family.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Kindergarten 100 days**

On Monday 21 July our Kindergarten students will celebrate 100 days of Kindergarten. I look forward to seeing the fun education activities on the day.

**Kindergarten 2015 Enrolments**

We are taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 so if you intend to send your child to school next year please come and fill out the enrolment form. Also if you know anyone who intends to start their child in 2015 please pass on the message. Kindergarten orientation starts in six weeks on the 25 August. Information about the orientation is sent to those students who have enrolled and is a highly valuable experience for students and their parents/caregivers.

**Safety regarding the staff car park**

We want to remind the community that the staff car park is only to be used by employees, and is not to be used as a pathway for access to our school. The reason is purely one of safety, as there are cars moving around and there is not enough room for cars and people, especially students who may be hard to see. Please use the gates that are only metres away from the car park entrance.

Mr Gary is instructed to ask people not to enter out of respect for their safety, courtesy in return is expected.

**Opportunity Class Test**

Wishing all the best to the students who will be sitting the test for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2015, see over for test centre details.

Enjoy the weekend, hope it’s not too chilly.

Genelle Goldfinch

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**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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**NAIDOC WEEK**

Last week, during the school holidays, NAIDOC week was celebrated across Australia from 6 July to 13 July. This celebration is held every year across Australia by both Indigenous communities and Australians from all walks of life to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC originally stood for ‘National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.’ Local community celebrations during NAIDOC week are encouraged and many of our students from K-2 have participated in a poster colouring competition. A few of our older students have also participated in a short story writing competition to write the lyrics to a rap titled ‘Respect’ (Respect of Indigenous Australians, Culture and Each Other.) We wish these students success as we wait to hear the results.

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**ART COMPETITION**

We are looking for talented artists to design and paint a indigenous-style picture for the theme:

**Recognising Achievements, Rewarding Success**

The winning artwork will be used for the promotion of Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards. Entries due to Ms Ingram by Monday 4 August and must be on A4 size paper.

A prize of $250.00 will be awarded to the winning artwork.

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**OPPORTUNITY CLASS**

Parents who have applied for a Year 5 placement in an Opportunity Class for 2015 for their child/children please make note of the following information regarding the placement test.

**When :** Wednesday 23 July 2014  
**Where :** Prairiewood High School  
Prairievale Rd  
WETHERILL PARK NSW 2164  
**Time :** 9.00 - 11.15am

There is an information sheet for parents and students which can be downloaded from our school website.

We wish all our students the very best of luck who will be sitting for this test.

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**INTEGRITY IS OUR VALUE OF THE MONTH**

Students demonstrate integrity by being consistently honest and trustworthy.

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**FWPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2014**

On Tuesday 24 June, FWPS held their annual Athletics Carnival at the Crest Athletics Centre, Bass Hill. It was the first time that the school had held the carnival there, and despite the windy conditions, it proved to be a successful day. Students from K-6 competed in 50m, 70m, 100m, 200m and 800m running races, while Long Jump and High Jump events were also held. The Infants classes also took part in a variety of novelty events on the day. Many records were broken on the day, and with a number of events still needing to be held at school prior to the Zone Carnival, chances are more could be broken.

The following students broke records on the day:

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Over the next two weeks the 11 yrs Boys Long Jump, Jnr Boys 800m, Jnr Girls High Jump and all Shot Put and Discus events will be held. Once these events are completed, we will be able to determine the Spirit Cup and Overall Champion winners and also finalise the school team that will represent at the Horsley Zone Carnival on Friday 8 August.

Congratulations to all the students who participated on the day and good luck to all those students who will be representing FWPS at Zone level. A big thanks goes to the School Canteen who provided food and drink during the day and to all those parent and community members who turned up and supported the children as well.

Mr. Ottmann  
Sport Coordinator