Dear parents and caregivers

We are officially more than half way through this term, with only one month before the school holidays. Time flies when you are having fun!

Parent Meeting on Monday with Burnside
On Monday there were 22 parents/caregivers in the hall engaging in a workshop facilitated by Burnside on ‘Parenting’, the workshop was run utilising both the Vietnamese and Arabic/Assyrian Community Liaison Officer ensuring that communication was clear. The feedback was that the workshop was beneficial with useful parenting advice and tips. Thanks to Mr Rangiah, Ms Lai and Ms Neesan for their organisation of this workshop.

Thank you to the Zarafetas Family
I would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Zarafetas Family who through their business Macchina Espresso located at Parramatta organised a delicious afternoon tea for the teachers for their Professional Learning combined with a fundraising focus. We have included a picture of the yummy platters that were provided, see over. Thank you for your wonderful support.

Zone Athletics Carnival
The Fairfield West students did us proud yesterday with a fine effort at the Zone Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Ms Isaac for her organisation and to the teachers who supported. A list of achievements of our students will be in next week’s newsletter.

Maths Workshop Thursday – Opening the School Gate
A fun and interactive workshop was held this morning by the Maths Committee to assist our parents in supporting their child at home with their learning in Mathematics in line with the new K-10 Mathematics Syllabus. It was fantastic to see 33 parents in attendance. Well done to the organising teachers led by Ms Cheah and congratulations to the clever mum Tuyet Dinh who won the Maltese Estimation Competition.

Have a great weekend!
Genelle Goldfinch - Principal

STAGE 3 CAMP REPORT

Last week 112 Stage 3 students attended the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber on the Central Coast. The experience was delightful as it promoted team work, building self-confidence and challenging personal fears – which I could certainly relate to.

The students engaged in a wide variety of activities including, archery, abseiling, high ropes, rock climbing, canoeing along with many other team building activities. We were blessed with fantastic weather. The night and mornings were cold but they soon passed as the day progressed.

Each day students began their day at 7:00am with a warm breakfast and a very loud greeting from their designated group leader which the teachers became very accustomed to every morning. Each day was quite hectic but the group leaders and camp cooks looked after both the staff and students with tasty food and plenty of it to go around. The students had morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and supper.

At the end of the day’s activities, we found a nice spot to sit around and listen to some ghost stories and engage in some musical team building games. The students were so well behaved, well mannered and were really great ambassadors for our school. The teachers were often reminded of this by the camp hosts. Well done to the students for displaying exemplary behaviour.

Special thanks must go to Ms Rouel and Ms Tjong who spent many hours planning, organising and communicating with the Aussie Bush Camp people. It was an exceptional experience for both students and staff. Thank you also to the attending teachers Ms Cheah, Mr Hormis and Ms Vette Welsh for ensuring a safe and fun experience for all students. With the help of the Skoolbag App we were able to inform parents of the day’s activities.

Have a great weekend!

Genelle Goldfinch - Principal
SPIRIT CUP

The winners of the overall Athletics Carnival and the House Spirit Cup for 2015 were Thorpe.

Congratulations to Thorpe.

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