Week 7 Term 4  Monday 18th November 2013
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**CALENDAR**

November

18 – Swim School commences (2 weeks); P&C Meeting 7.00 pm Art Room
20 – Years 3-6 Assembly (3/4D) Hall 11.30am
26 – Santa visits K-2 11.30am
29 – Kindergarten Orientation visit 9.30 am

December

3 – International Day of People with a Disability; Wheelchair Sports Roadshow
4 – FLODGE Factor Auditions K-2; Stage 2 Excursion
5 – FLODGE Factor Auditions 3-6
5 – International Volunteers’ Day breakfast 8.15 am
9 – Year 6 Big Day Out
11 – Recognition Day 9.30 for K-2, 11.30 for Years 3-6
12 – Year 6 Farewell
13 – Reports sent home
16 – K-6 School Picnic at Clontarf; Canteen closed; P&C Meeting
17 – Junior FLODGE Factor Finals
18 – Senior FLODGE Factor finals; Last day of Term 4 for students; P&C’s Last Day Gathering 3.00 pm Playground
19 – Last day of Term for staff
Students in Years 1-6 return 29 January 2014

**Students of the Week for Week 5 and 6**

KU – Harper Bonarius – for trying extra hard to complete her classwork
   James Neo – for consistently trying his best across all areas

KC - Tatianna Signa – for working hard on her writing
   Lucy Greville – lovely behaviour

KP - Ava Hargreaves – her efforts in reading
   Lincoln Le – for his efforts in reading

1B - Xander Elliot – for trying his best during writing
   Maya Grosser – for consistently being a great helper to her peers

1K - Hannah Roddis – for great counting work in maths
   Manon Renaud – for her wonderful problem solving in maths

1/2F - Rupert Gillies – for his great improvement in writing
   Bianca Langenheim – for her great work in dancing and percussion

2C - Felix Coorey – improved concentration in talking and listening activities
   Eliza Box for great improvements in maths

2W – Arin Edeabali – for sportsmanship during games
   Will Kerin – for participating enthusiastically in class discussions.

3/4E – Melody Bui – outstanding work in spelling
   Lola Valls Martinez – excellent structure in writing

3/4D – Kane Shields – great ideas in History lessons
   Willem Browning – Great ideas on Terra Nullius

4/5F - Amelie Kerin – for great participation at Festival of the Boot
   Felix Atkin-Bolton – for improved application to his work

5/6R – Clem Bicknell – for his mature attitude to learning
   Finn Butler – for a great improvement in writing

5/6M - Jade Hsu – for her excellent progress in English
   Xavier Hannan-Moon – for great efforts in writing

**Training band 2014**

If your child is in grades 2-5 you may be interested in him/her trying out for our training band to begin in 2014. A guide has
already been sent home with Year 2. However, if your child is in a higher grade a guide has been sent out on our app. The guide is also available in the front office.

Santa's Visit FLPS for K-2 Students

In past years this has included Santa handing out packs containing lollies/chocolates. We have instructed students not to open their gifts until they reach home as we have pupils with allergies to nuts which may be included, or parents may not wish their child to eat confectionery. Pupils with Anaphylaxis will have their gifts ‘modified’ to exclude unsuitable items.

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Saturday’s Cake stall

Despite a rainy, grey day on Glebe Point Road, the last cake stall of the year run by 5/6R and KU managed to raise around $1200.00 this weekend.

Many thanks to the organisers and all those who volunteered their time on the stall or brought in the delicious baked goods for us to sell.

We will be drawing the raffle for the very lovely Gourmet Hamper this Friday 22 November so please bring in any final raffle tickets/money to the school office before then.

Nichole Walter

Outreach Program

This was mentioned in our last newsletter and commences this Wednesday morning. Nicole Walters will be available from 9 to 10 am for drop in consultations and after 10 by appointment. Parents/carers can have a chat with Nicole, who is a family support worker and receive advice and practical assistance.

Our school has joined up with the Leichhardt Family Support Service and Catholic Care which offers free assistance to families with dependent children under 12 who require support for various reasons (personal, financial, parenting skills, stress management, accommodation issues, domestic violence etc).

This is a valuable addition to the school’s welfare programs. Members of our Learning and Support Team will also contact families we believe would benefit from this service - but of course attendance is voluntary.

Any parent who is interested in taking advantage of this service can pick up an information brochure from the office and is most welcome to contact the service on 9740 0111 for an appointment – or just come in on Wednesday.
Principal's Message

What a wonderful week of musical performances we enjoyed last week. Our K-2 students were so wonderful at the Percussion assembly, hosted by KP and Ms Plummer-Knight. It was an excellent example of the wonderful creativity that comes from music. Thanks to the P and C, Bruce, Sharon and all the parents who have supported this program over the term. It was obvious to everyone how much the students enjoyed performing from all the smiles that were on display.

Congratulations to all our very talented musicians who performed at Thursday night’s concert. The audience were blown away by all the performances. Thankyou to our conductors, tutors and teachers for all the expertise and time that they put into the music program. Many thanks to the hard working music committee who have been very busy behind the scenes organising the night.

Our Annual Festival of the Boot was held last Friday down at Jubilee Park. It was pretty hot down there, but everyone was sticking to Sunsafe Guidelines: wearing hats, sunscreen, sitting in the shade and drinking lots of water. We saw some exciting tussles on the field as well as a lot of laughs. Thanks to Lars, Rory, Samantha and our two work experiences boys who gave the teachers a break from umpiring. Thanks to Jo Rawlings for organising such a successful day. Especially the iceblocks for everyone on our return to school. We really needed them.

Last Friday was also our first Kindergarten Orientation for next year’s incoming kindergarten students. It was a fantastic morning with many of our new students checking out their rooms for next year and making new friends. Thankyou to Ms Wang, Ms Plummer-Knight, Mr Carpenter and Ms Urban for the extra time and organisation involved with this program. Our next orientation day is on Friday 29th November at 9.30am.

Rememberence day was marked this year on a wet Monday morning with a short assembly in the hall. Thankyou to Mr Fern and the student leaders for preparing the ceremony. Well done.

Our election for our 2014 student leaders is in its final stages with our vote occurring last Tuesday. The scrutineers tell me it was a close result in some places. So much so we did have a recount to confirm our finals results. Students will be informed of the results, as per our guidelines, within a week of the election. Watch this space.

We were going to offer student self-assessment this term but have decided it would be more valuable in Term 1 next year so students could report to parents on their progress. Written reports from teachers will be sent home later this term so we are going to hold the pupil self-evaluation over and make it part of progress reporting for 2014.

Finally, number of our students are performing in the School spectacular in November. The 2013 Schools Spectacular will be broadcast nationally on Channel 9. You can watch our students on Channel 9 on Saturday 30 November 2013, with a replay on GO on Sunday 1 December 2013.

Donna McGeary
Relieving Principal

Practical Proverbs

The person who is tactful has the knack of making a point without making an enemy.

Tact is powdering your own no’s.

If at first you don’t succeed, try reading the instructions.

Questions and Answers

Q: How many bones are there in the human body?

A: At birth the body has about 350 bones, but by the time we reach adulthood, some bones have fused together to give us a total of 206 bones.

Q: Where do swans sleep?

A: Swans can sleep on land or water. They can sleep standing on one leg or whilst floating, usually with their heads tucked back under a wing.
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3-6 Wednesday, 18th

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