



POSSUM POST

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Term 3, Week 2, 2016

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 3

Wednesday 27 July

OC Placement Test

Friday 29 July

Tree Day

Saturday 30 July

Bunnings Cake Stall

Monday 1 August

P/ G Official Opening

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 16 August

Mathematics Competition (UNSW)

Thursday 18 August

Koori Kids

Friday 19 August

School Concert

Monday 22 August

Book Week Parade

Wednesday 24 August

Community forum 3.00—3.30

Thursday 25 August

SLIPS Year 5

Monday 29 August

Sutherland Library visiting us

Friday 2 September

Fathers Day Stall

Thursday 8 September

Literacy & Numeracy Week

"The Sky's the Limit"

Friday 23 September

Jeans for Geans Day



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Concert

Term 3 has started off well and the students are full swing into learning and preparing for our school concert on **Friday 19th August**.

A note detailing information on purchasing tickets for our concert will be handed out shortly so make sure you get your friends and family to save the date. Remember to bring your Aussie gear to school as soon as possible in a clearly labelled bag.

Voluntary Contributions

Invoices for **voluntary contributions** are under way. These funds help to support the valuable learning experiences provided at our school.

School band

School band will now take place each **Thursday rather than Friday** as Ms Hardiman's university lecture times have changed.

Tree Day

We will be taking part in **Tree Day this Friday 29th August**. If you have a pair of gardening gloves at home, it would be appreciated if you could send them along on this day as we are going to get busy gardening and planting.

School Playground Opening

On **Monday 1st August** we will be having the official opening of our school playground. We hope you can join us for this event which is due to commence shortly after 9am near the new playground.

LMBR

As mentioned previously, all schools in our area will be implementing a new school business and management system – **LMBR**. This new system will go live on **Monday 17th October**. In order to get this system up and running, school SAM and Principals will be participating in extensive training throughout this term. Mrs Azzopardi and myself will be involved in this training. During this time Mrs Knapp will be in the office on Wednesdays and Mrs Westbrook on Fridays. Ms Maddocks will teach K-2 on the days which are effected by the Principal training. We will endeavour to keep you informed of any changes to office procedures and are looking forward to your patience and understanding during this period of change.

Kindergarten 2017-

If you know of anyone in the community who might be considering enrolling their school age child at our school for Kindergarten in 2017 please urge them to do so as enrolments are now open.

Donations

If you have any **old towels** you would like to donate to the school to be used during art or for hand drying in the classroom your donation would be very welcome.

Social and Emotional Wellbeing of Students

The social and emotional wellbeing of all students is our top priority. We encourage all students to speak to a trusted adult about things that may be bothering them and urge you all to make school your first port of call should you require clarification, support or action.

Over the next 10 issues of possum post I will be sharing with you some tips for promoting **resilience** which is an excellent quality to develop in managing life's challenges.

1. Make connections

Teach your child how to make friends, including the skill of empathy, or feeling another's pain. Encourage your child to be a friend in order to get friends. Build a strong family network to support your child through his or her inevitable disappointments and hurts. Connecting with people provides social support and strengthens resilience.

<http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/resilience.aspx>

"It's so hard when I have to, and so easy when I want to. ~Annie Gottlier

Until next time

'Choose Kind'

Mrs Sonia James

Principal

Dear Parents,

Monday is Library Day

Please assist your children to return their library books on a Monday especially if they have had them for more than 2 weeks.



Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC)

It is wonderful to see how many students have started the PRC in 3-6 and those students in K-2 who have completed the challenge at home independently!

Just a reminder that students will need to log books by 19th August and those students who finish will be able to attend a special morning tea later in the term with Mrs James and myself AND be in the running for book prizes, so keep up your reading!

Oliver Library System

Students are now able to browse their school library and see what they have on loan, renew their own loans, reserve books, read a free e book and find links to websites and other library resources.

To access Oliver, go to: <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/> select Login, select Student, enter username/password and click on the Oliver Library link.



Kids & Family Reading Report

This is the outcome of a study which looked at the independent reading behaviours of children aged 6-17.

The third infographic from the report: ***What Makes Frequent Readers*** shows frequent readers like to read books for fun and are encouraged by their parents.

For the full report: <http://www.scholastic.com.au/readingreport>

Library Events Coming Up:

Book Week Parade - Dress up as a book character and parade at school with your book on Monday 22nd August!

Students in 3-6 will be planning and running this event so more on this later.

Sutherland Librarian Visit - On Monday 29th August, librarians from Sutherland Public Library will be coming to show and read the Children's Book Council of Australia shortlisted (and winning) children's books for 2016.

Book Fair - On Wednesday 26th October, as part of Grandfriend's Day next term, so look out for the posters at school.

WHICH CHILDREN'S BOOK CHARACTER ARE YOU?

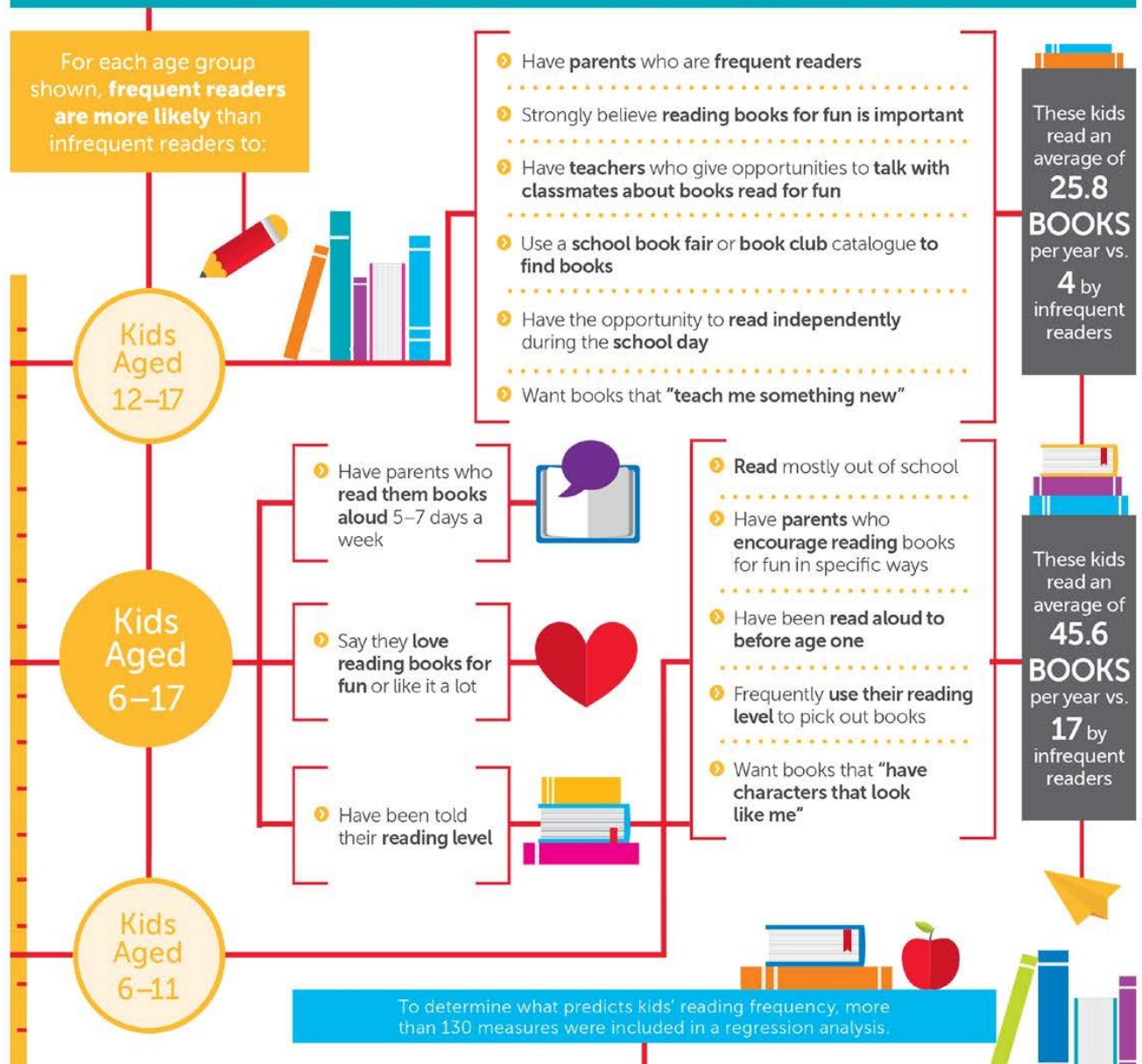


Kind regards,

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Australian Kids & Family Reading Report™

What Makes Frequent Readers: The Most Powerful Predictors



P & C REPORT

We are very excited that our playground project "Get Out and Play" has now been completed. A formal **playground opening** will take place on **Monday 1st August at 9am** with Hon Mr Lee Evans attending. This playground was made possible as a result of a community grant from the NSW state government (with thanks to Hon Mr Lee Evans and Hon Mr Mike Baird). A special thanks to Troy Bowron (Oz Elite Installation) for looking after the old playground removal and soft-fall/grass surface installation works at cost. And thank you also to our entire community for your generous donations which have made this possible.

Next P&C Meeting next **Monday 1st August at 7pm** – Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Zenith Concert – please see separate note in this possum post regarding payment for T-shirts (due this Fri 29/7) and other concert requirements. Stay tuned for details regarding a Lolly Guessing competition and also Raffle both to be drawn on the night.

Bunnings Cake stall - Get those recipes out, and please bake, bake, bake if you can. We need as many donations for our **Bunnings Cake stall this Saturday 30/7/16**. We will be at Kirrawee Bunnings from approximately 9am - 2pm.

Suggestions for donations could be slices, cupcakes, whole cakes, crackles, muffins, cookies.

Please note: no cream or any ingredient requiring refrigeration is able to be sold on day so please bear this in mind when selecting your recipe.

Please label your donation with ingredients used. This is for allergy purposes.

Those that have offered to assist for preparation this Friday after 3pm thank you. Alternatively, those offering to assist with serving on day, you will be advised for preparation and Saturday's roster times by Thursday individually.

All donations to be brought to the staff room preferably by Friday afternoon at school pick up time. Thanks for your support and please share the event information with friends and family and if in area pop in to say hello.

Fundraising Movie Night 18/8 "Bad Moms" has been cancelled due to lack of ticket sales.

Dates for the diary: Put these dates in your diary if interested as 2016 Term 4 Fundraising Events.

Shopping Bus Trip: An expression of interest will be sent out in coming weeks but date of this event is Saturday 5/11/16

Trivia Night: Saturday 15/10/16 - this is a combined event with Waterfall Rural Fire Service. Location and cost - stay tuned.....

Thanks for your support

Regards

Michelle - P&C Fundraising Co-ordinator

Allison - P&C President
