



# POSSUM POST

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**Term 3, Week 4, 2016**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### TERM 3

#### **Tuesday 16 August**

Police Talk

Mathematics Competition (UNSW)

#### **Wednesday 17 August**

Zone Athletics

#### **Thursday 18 August**

Koori Kids

#### **Friday 19 August**

School Concert

#### **Monday 22 August**

Book Week Parade

#### **Tuesday 23 August**

Friendship day

#### **Wednesday 24 August**

Community forum 3.00—3.30

#### **Thursday 25 August**

SLIPS Year 5 x 4 students

#### **Monday 29 August**

Sutherland Library visiting us

#### **Friday 2 September**

Fathers Day Stall

#### **Monday 5 September**

P7C Meeting

#### **Thursday 8 September**

Literacy & Numeracy Day

"The Sky's the Limit"

#### **Friday 9 September**

K—2 Athletics Carnival

#### **Wednesday 21 September**

Zone Public Speaking

#### **Friday 23 September**

Jeans for Geans Day

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to another fortnightly issue of the Possum Post. I can't believe it is Week 4 already. Our school Zenith concert is only just over a week away and we can't wait.

### **3-6 have moved!**

You may have noticed the 3-6 class has moved to a much nicer work space and have settled in well to their new surroundings. Mr Moss' old room which has been renamed the 'Parkview' room will now be our Creative and Practical Arts, assembly and all purpose room.

### **ClassDojo**

Thanks to many of the parents who have already connected with us on ClassDojo. We are having lots of fun learning to post messages and photos so you can be involved in our school life. If you haven't connected yet I encourage you to get on board.

### **School Counsellor**

Recently we were informed that Mrs Anna Lee our school counsellor was being reassigned to another school due to a restructure of counsellor services. Although the departure of Mrs Lee was disappointing as she was such an asset to our school, this restructuring is a positive move towards providing greater counsellor service and expertise to schools. We have been fortunate to gain Ms Kelly Sheehy who is a Psychologist and comes very highly recommended. Mrs Lee and Ms Sheehy have conducted a detailed hand over regarding the wellbeing of all of our students. Mrs Lundin our Learning and Support Teacher, myself and Ms Sheehy will continue to work closely on supporting the needs of all students at wonderful Waterfall.

## Friendly Reminders

There is **limited supervision** available to students who arrive at school prior to 8:30am. In the morning, students are to sit on the silver seats until a teacher directs them to play. The mornings are a valuable time for teachers to make final preparations for the busy day ahead. We encourage you to make an appointment with a teacher if required, so there is adequate and uninterrupted time for discussion. No students are permitted in classrooms without a teacher present.

It is important that **parents do not enter classrooms during school times** when lessons are underway to search for lost property, drop in lunches, collect bags or books. This sort of activity can easily unsettle classes and detract from learning.

A **lost property box** has now been set up in the office foyer. Please write names on all school clothing so we can get misplaced items back to their owners.

**Visitors** who are intending to stay at school for extended periods of time are required to **sign in at the office visitor register** and wear a visitor lanyard for the duration of their stay. This lanyard is to be returned to the office when you sign out. These procedures have been put in place to ensure the safety of everyone at our school. It is imperative that in the event of an emergency we have accurate records of all persons on the school site.

## Thank you

Thank you to our fabulous school community bakers. Your donations of baked goodies and time for our Bunnings cake stall is greatly appreciated and has not gone unnoticed. An extra special thank you to Michelle and her team.

## Friendly Kids – Ways to make friends

Be friendly: look at the person; have a pleasant face; keep hands and body still; keep calm; and allow personal space.

Talk in a Friendly way: use a normal friendly voice; ask questions about the other person and tell them about yourself.

Using “being friendly” and “conversation” skills sends other people the “I’m interested” message.

## Another resilience building tip;

2. Help your child by having him or her help others

Children who may feel helpless can be empowered by helping others. Engage your child in age-appropriate volunteer work, or ask for assistance yourself with some task that he or she can master. At school, brainstorm with children about ways they can help others.

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

“Don’t let anyone ever dull your sparkle”

Until next time

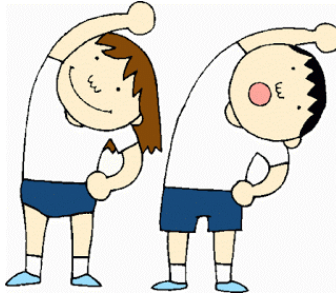
‘Choose Kind’

Mrs Sonia James

Principal

## CHANGES TO K,1,2

Due to the changes to the band tutorial times, K12 will now be having sport on Fridays. Please ensure that the children wear their sports uniform on Fridays.



## Health Information

Here is a useful web site from the Department Of Education

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>

Extract from “**schoolatoz**” regarding *Impetigo*:-

(School sores)

### **Symptoms**

Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

### **School or home?**

Keep home from school until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

### **How can I help prevent spread?**

Parents of children who may have had contact with impetigo should look for signs of infection and seek treatment if symptoms develop.

Careful hand washing especially after changing dressings. Avoid sharing toilet articles, towels, clothing or bed linen. Consider using anti-bacterial soap for bathing for two to three weeks. Avoid scratching or touching the lesions to prevent spread to other parts of the body.

Completing the recommended antibiotic course is very important.

## **P & C REPORT**

**Zenith Lolly Guessing competition** – guess the number of lollies in the jar to win the jar of lollies. Entries are open now and winners will be announced at the concert. There are 3 jars to choose from. Entries will be on sale at school each morning from 8.30 and cost 50c per guess or 3 guesses for \$1.

**Zenith Raffle** – tickets will be coming home soon and will also be for sale on the night, some great prizes being confirmed which will be drawn at concert also.

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm - **Family Trivia Night** – combined event with local RFS.

**Bargain Bus Shopping trip** – see separate note in this Possum Post for more details.

Our **Bunnings Cake Stall** was a great success raising over \$600. Thanks to everyone that baked and also to those who gave up their Saturday to assist on the day.

Can't make it to P&C meetings – our next **Community forum** will be on Wednesday 24/8 at 3pm In the "Parkview Room" (otherwise known as old 3-6 room). Students will be supervised until 3.30pm.

**School Photos** are scheduled for 19/10 with 2/11 as a rainy day back up.

Thanks

Allison.

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