

CALENDAR UPDATES

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 5th

- Indigenous Literacy Day (book swap)

Friday 7th

- Season 3 PSSA begins

Saturday 8th

- Local Council Election Cake Stall

Tuesday 11th

- Whole School Concert Rehearsal (everyone to Hurstville)

Wednesday 12th

- WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT AT HURSTVILLE MARANA HALL

Friday 14th

- PSSA Round 2

Friday 21st

- PSSA Round 3
- Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4—OCTOBER

Monday 8th

- First day of Term 4

Tuesday 9th

- Public Speaking in Hall

Friday 12th

- PSSA Round 4

Wednesday 17th

- Kindergarten Orientation

22nd October—2nd November

- Year 2 Swim Scheme

Friday 26th

- 20 & 2V Playday Performance

Saturday 27th

- Trivia Night

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 7th

- Kindy Start

Monday 12—Friday 16th

- Yrs 5 & 6 at camp



Best of the West

We are also on the web...

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING

From Mrs. Jenkins' desk

Dear Parents

Congratulations to our winning Senior Girls AFL team and Junior Boys Rugby league teams who won the finals of the competition. It was great to see the enthusiasm and skill from both teams and the overwhelming pride of their coaches, Mrs Sarafoski and Mr Ryan who claim part ownership of the winners' trophies. Well done teams!

Last week 12 of our students performed at the State Festival of Instrumental Music held at the Opera House. Our recorder players were part of a mass band of 700 recorders and 250 violin players from across the state. This was a stunning concert and the parents who attended were amazed at the skill and talent on show. Congratulations to the girls and Mrs Smith who trained the group and thanks to Karen Harcombe for accompanying the group on the day. Research clearly shows that children who have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument from an early age have increased learning outcomes in all areas. We are looking to expand our recorder group. If your child is interested please see Mrs Smith.

21 boys took part in a Hip Hop workshop last week. The boys have developed their own dance and will be performing it at "Primary Dance Day" in September as well as at our presentation day. Again their behaviour and enthusiasm for dance was outstanding.

This year we have introduced a number of new initiatives at school. We are evaluating these and also evaluating writing as well as the school culture. An online survey will soon be available on our website or direct to your mobile phone. Your opinion and recommendations are important. Please take the time to "click a few boxes" so we know how to constantly improve what we do.

Hopefully you have bought your tickets for our school concert on the 12th September. We expect this to be a sell out as all of our students are expected to perform. Council and Fire regulations will not allow audience members to stand – so please purchase your ticket from our office now so you do not miss out. The concert is only performed every two years due to the amount of work and effort our staff put into this event. I am sure you will enjoy your child's moment of stardom on the stage.

Thank you for your support.

Merrilyn Jenkins
Principal

FROM THE FUNDRAISING TEAM

COUNCIL ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL & BBQ

Today the eldest child in each family will bring home a cake box. Could you please bake either a cake, biscuits or a slice and return to school on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. More information with the box.

SAVE THE DATE

We will be holding a Trivia Night on the 27th October at Mortdale RSL. A separate note will be sent out soon with all the details of the night and how to purchase tickets.

Fathers Day Stall

Thank you to all who helped at the Fathers Day stall. This was a great success with \$757.00 being raised for our school.

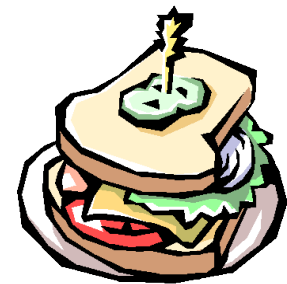


CANTEEN ROSTER

Thank you to the following volunteers, we are always looking for more helpers. Please see the office if you can help out on any day or we may have to look at closing the canteen for another day. Thank you

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 4th: James McMaster & Kwee Choong
Wednesday 5th: Melissa Tucker & Chloe Knight
Friday 7th: Kerry Coleman & Rachel Hornby
Monday 10th: Christa McHarg
Tuesday 11th: Canteen Closed
Wednesday 12th: Bec Harrison & Gemma Harwood
Friday 14th: Ziba Sabri-Matanagh & Shayesteh Sadeghpour
Monday 17th: Kata Pesut



NITS IN THE SCHOOL—PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILDS HEAD.

As the weather warms up it seems as though head lice is back at school.

Head lice are very common so there is no need to be alarmed, however they should be treated quickly to prevent them from spreading.

We are asking that all parents check their child's hair and look for the following signs:

- ◆ Persistent scratching, particularly behind the ears and nape of the neck.
- ◆ Tiny silver or white eggs at the base of the hair shaft (it looks like dandruff)
- ◆ Small pale brown lice. You may need to use a magnifying glass and a fine tooth comb under strong light to help identify lice.

Head lice can be treated quickly & effectively by following these steps:

1. Purchase specialist head lice treatment and apply it according to the directions to the pack.
2. Examine all family members' hair, and treat everyone found to have head lice at the same time.
3. Wash out the treatment and use a fine tooth comb to remove the dead lice & eggs.
4. Repeat the treatment in 7-10 days.

To prevent head lice in the first place if your child has a small amount of hair spray or hair gel applied the lice don't like this and cannot stick to the hair.

International Showcase

Our Bi-Annual K-6 Concert, 2012

Wednesday 12th September *6pm* Marana Auditorium

MacMahon Street, Hurstville

Doors Open:	5:30pm	Cost: \$10.00 per ticket (<i>children 2 years old and under sitting on laps are free – no strollers permitted</i>)
Concert Begins:	6pm	
Limit of four tickets per family via the tear off section attached. Please return your order form and money to the office by Friday 30 th August after this date if you have not purchased tickets they will be advertised in the newsletter.		

Students are required to arrive fully dressed at Marana Auditorium at 5:30pm and be picked up by a responsible adult at the end of the concert. It is expected that the concert will finish at approximately 8pm. **All students are to remain for the entire duration of the concert** and will be marked off their class roll when picked up after the show.

Dress Rehearsal: There will be a dress rehearsal on Tuesday 11th September for all classes during normal school hours. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it with **\$4.00** to cover bus fare to and from Marana Auditorium, Hurstville. There will be no lunch orders on this day.

Tickets will be sent home via your child once allocated. Please note that they are numbered seats.
All teachers attending this excursion are first aid trained.

As Creative Arts is a major curriculum area with performances requiring a whole class commitment, it is expected that your child will be participating.

Concert Rehearsal Permission Slip

I give permission for my child _____ of Class _____ to attend the concert rehearsal at Hurstville on Tuesday 11th September, 2012. I have enclosed \$4.00 to cover bus fare.

The teacher should be aware of the following medical conditions regarding my child:

 Signed: _____ (Parent/Caregiver) Date: _____

Ticket Order Form

Please return to the office with payment by Friday 30th August 2012 (tickets will be delivered to eldest child)

Eldest Childs Name: _____ Class: _____

Number of tickets required (max.4 per family): _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

If extra tickets are available after 30th August these will be advertised in the newsletter.

REVVED UP

Anger Management Program



Learning Links is offering the opportunity to participate in an anger management group for primary school aged children. The aim of the Revved Up program is to help children recognise their responses to different situations that make them angry and provide them with anger management strategies that will assist them in learning to relate positively to others.

Your child will learn how to examine their behaviour including its effect on others and themselves, reflect on reasons to change negative behaviours, as well be encouraged to gain support from others when attempting positive changes. The Revved Up program utilises aspects of narrative therapy, where by Anger is externalised and regarded in terms of its effect on your child's life. Revved Up operates on a weekly basis for one hour sessions over 10 weeks during Term Three and Four. This program is suitable for children in Year 5, and Year 6.

WHO: Students in Years 5, & 6.

WHERE: Learning Links, 10 Railway Parade, Penshurst,

WHEN: Wednesday, 5.15pm-6.15pm, from 5th September, 2012 until 21st November, 2012 (excluding school holidays)

The cost of the program is \$55 per child.

If you are interested in Revved Up please contact Lana-Maree Nagy, Provisional Psychologist via email on lnagy@learninglinks.org.au or call 85688200 to enroll.

Turning angry energy into positive action.

