Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Information was sent home to all families about Parent/Teacher interviews, which have been scheduled for Tuesday, June 16. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to become a partner in your child’s education and I encourage you to attend. Student reports for Semester 1 will be distributed at this time.

For students in Year 1 to Year 6 the front of each report outlines the five point scale which compares your child’s achievement against state wide syllabus standards (not against other students). The following language is used:

- Limited Achievement
- Basic Achievement
- Sound Achievement
- High Achievement
- Outstanding Achievement

The five point scale describes the depth of knowledge and understanding and the range of skills that students at that standard typically show.

A student who has received a **SOUND ACHIEVEMENT** has **achieved what is generally expected**. This is what we, as educators, would typically expect students of a similar age to achieve. Therefore, **sound achievement is good**.

**A HIGH OR OUTSTANDING** level of achievement indicates that a student has achieved **more than what is generally expected**.

A **BASIC OR LIMITED** level of achievement indicates that a student has **not yet achieved what is generally expected** compared to what is written in the syllabuses for students of a similar age to achieve.

Kindergarten students will have a similar report but will be assessed using a three point scale.

As you read your child’s report, please praise them for what they have achieved. If you are unable to attend, please contact the class teacher to arrange an alternative time for the interview, so you can receive your child’s report.
ZONE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the 64 students who attended the Zone Cross Carnival at Brenan Park. The feedback I have received from Mrs Papadatos and Mr Howitt has been nothing but positive. Our behaviour, sportsmanship and uniform were all outstanding. Well done everyone!

Good luck to Daniel McGann (1st 12 year boys), Rami Trabulsi (3rd 10 year boys) and Kaleb Thacker (4th 10 year boys) who will be representing both Horsley Zone and Smithfield West at the regional carnival.

ATTENDANCE

As the year approaches the midway mark, there can be a tendency to let children have the occasional day off. Stay strong, especially after the weekend. Monday morning is hard for most of us and children are no different. Getting a good night’s sleep on Sunday is important. Some parents find it easier to do a bit of preparation on Sunday, giving themselves a bit of extra time on Monday morning. This could be in the form of getting uniforms ready, finding shoes and socks, packing bags, having the students bathe or shower at night instead of in the morning, and packing lunches.

Student attendance is constantly monitored by both myself and departmental staff in order to rectify any problems as soon as possible. An interesting fact that you might not be aware of is that if a child has one day off a week during their primary school career, by the time they are in Year 6 they will have missed the equivalent of one full school year.

LATE PICK UPS

The end of day bell goes at 3:00pm and on many occasions staff have after school commitments which they need to attend to. Therefore it is important that all students are collected on time. Of late there have been too many instances where this has not occurred. If you know you are going to be late please contact the school and leave a message. Students who are not collected on time will be asked to wait at the school office.

Stephen Gray
Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS

| KG    | Ibby Elzahr, Samara Tuscano, Sofia Vigo |
| KW    | Sakiinah Amin, Antonio Castillo, Jarrydh Iona |
| 1P    | Sharon Latapu, Sienna Byrne, Amira Kanj |
| 1S    | Jayda Tu’Akoi, Jason Wazy, Eleya Albqa’een |
| 2C    | Rebecca Graham, Daniel Keshany, Keith Johnson |
| 2M    | Ofa Pinomi, Andrew Zaia, Grace Sherriff |
| 3B    | Brandon Inthachanh, Rosemary Baleos, Rihanna Martin, Maryos Marquas |
| 3/4G  | Dominic Nguyen, Rinanda Kammeh, Maryam Yonan, Hussain Alasadi |
| 4L    | Marcus McDougall, Anthony Zaia, Victoria Poloa, Kitana Kanno-Pereira |
| 5S    | Amelia Zreika, Evelyn Bakos, Emilio Ureta, Yousif Athuri |
| 5/6R  | Samisoni Kailea, Daniel McGann, Michael Gosche, Joshua Sturiale |
| 6P    | Nathan Nguyen, Mya Cross, Yonan Athuri, Sonya McDougall |

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

It has come to that time of the year again where we are enrolling students for Kindergarten 2016. If you, a friend or neighbour have a child who is turning 5 before 1 August 2016 then they are eligible to begin school next year. Please fill out an enrolment form from the office.

G. Smith
# PSSA

**Friday 12 June**

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Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and support teams. PSSA sport commences at 1.00pm. Good luck to all teams.

**R. Howitt**

## What does learning in the classroom look like?

Over the next two terms teachers will open their doors in a series of opportunities for parents to come and watch a variety of lessons.

Mrs Sargent and Miss Reddy are looking forward to sharing a Kindergarten Mathematics lesson next Wednesday at 9:15 am in KG. Stay after the lesson for a chat and a cup of tea with Mrs Sargent and Miss Reddy. Everyone is welcome!

**B. Wilson**

### Mabbles

In 2C we learnt a new maths game called Mabble. We learnt to take away and add big and small numbers. The students needed to use different strategies to make addition and subtraction number sentences. We used number lines and known facts to check our work. The tricky part was that you have to make sure that the number sentences make sense ever single way, and they did! At the end we had a big mess on the board, but it was fun to play and the students in 2C were able to practice our addition and subtraction strategies and skills.

**B. Cahill & B. Wilson**
Yr 1 Vaucluse House Excursion

On Friday the 5th of June, Year 1 students along with Mrs Smith, Miss Cilia, Miss Shamon and Mrs Fuentealba enjoyed an excursion at Vaucluse House in the city.

The children enjoyed the bus trip into the city, spotting various Sydney icons including the Anzac Bridge, Sydney Harbour Bridge, Sydney Centre Point Tower and the Sydney Opera House!

At Vaucluse House children firstly learned about the history of the house. It was bought in 1827 by the Wentworth family. Mr & Mrs Wentworth had ten children and 40 Wentworth servants at the time. Vaucluse House became Australia’s first official house museum in 1915 and is one of Sydney’s few 19th century mansions still surrounded by its original gardens and wooded grounds.

Students also learned about the original custodians of the land that Vaucluse House is situated on. The land was first inhabited by the Gadigal people of Australia. The educational guides at Vaucluse House taught students about the different flora and fauna that these Aboriginal people once used to provide food, clothing and shelter for their families.

Students went on to learn about how the Wentworth family grew their own garden to provide food for the family. Students were provided with a hands on experience of cultivation by planting their own seed and learning about the life cycle of plants. From there, students were taken into Vaucluse House and shown food storage rooms, the dining room and a colonial kitchen once used by the Wentworth family. The students discussed the Healthy Living Pyramid and compared this to the eating habits during the 19th Century.

Students then enjoyed playing 19th century games including croquet, cup and ball, skittles, hoops and quoits after our lunch break in the house’s original horse stables.

After an action packed day, the bus ride home was somewhat less noisy with students having a little sleep before arriving back at school. The students enjoyed their time at Vaucluse House and the educational guides commended the children on their manners and behaviour. Well done Stage 1!

M. Cilia
Stage 2 Factory Excursion

On Tuesday, 9th of June, Stage 2 went to a factory by bus. We saw lots of machines and boxes filled with materials like little plastic pieces. Our favourite part was when we got to see the cream filling up in the little tubes.

By: Lily Tieu & Sapphire Masri

On Tuesday, the 9th of June, Stage 2 went to the Jeans Charles Factory for an excursion. We saw raw materials which are used to make plastic bottles. We saw lots of machines. One of the machines sealed the bottles. We had a fantastic time because we have never been to a factory before.

Alyssa Le and Justin Hristovski
Second hand Adults & Children’s Book Sale

Where: The Library
When: Wednesday 17th June
Time: Before school (8.30am-9.00am)
      Lunch time
      After School (3pm - 3.30pm)

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