Young Guns Fishing
On Wednesday April 3rd, 36 of our students braved the elements and caught a variety of fish (and a huge mud crab) at Putney Park. Mr Robertson made a surprise visit which added to the fun. The students behaved perfectly and they learnt a lot about ecology.

Mr Michael Hamilton
Relieving Deputy Principal

Homework Parent Meeting
Many thanks to the parents and staff who attended the homework meeting on Monday March 25th. The parents in attendance had the opportunity to sit in small groups and talk to staff about their recommendations regarding homework. It was great to see all the productive chatter in our staffroom that night.

We would like to get feedback from even more of our parent group, so that our decisions are based on the input of as many families as possible. Early next term we will send home a survey for parents to complete. We also intend to survey our students about their ideas about homework.

Please direct any enquiries to Mr or Mrs Lyneham.

Mrs Lyneham

LIBRARY NEWS
Library Books
All Library books need to be returned before the holidays please.

PRC
The following children are the first to complete their PRC for 2013. Congratulations and great reading.
Anne Donaire, Henry Chen, Jack McWilliams, Shekinah Semaia.
Mrs Chenoweth, Teacher/Librarian

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Bullying
Bullying is defined by the Department of Education and Communities as; repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies. Conflict or fights between equals or single incidents are not defined as bullying. Schools exist in a society where incidents of bullying behaviour may occur. Preventing and responding to bullying behaviour in learning and working environments is a shared responsibility of the whole school community.

Sackville St PS is committed to create and promote a safe and respectful, learning environment that enhances the well-being and development of every student.

A minor number of bullying complaints have recently come to the attention of staff. Our staff are committed to following up with these complaints and we will deal with them in accordance with our school anti-bullying plan (copies are available from the front office). If your child consistently complains of bullying please inform the classroom teacher immediately.

Disco
Thank you to Miss Moutia, Mrs Schouten, the canteen helpers and the representatives from the P&C for their organisation of the discos on Tuesday night. Numbers were down a bit from previous discos but everyone who attended had a fantastic night.

Easter Celebrations
Last Thursday K-2 children and families had a lovely time parading their Easter Hat creations. I hope that everyone had a wonderful long weekend with their families and friends.

This is our last newsletter before the holiday period. The Department of Education and Communities has provided every Public School with an extra School Development Day this year to coincide with the introduction of the new English Syllabus. For this reason, the first day back for students Wednesday May 1st.

I wish you all a happy and safe break and look forward to seeing everyone return to school in May.

Mrs Kristy Hill
Acting Principal

COMING EVENTS
APRIL
5th—Cross Country
10th—Pyjama Day
12th—Cross Country Back up day
Last Day of Term 1
No PSSA Sport

MAY
1st— Students return
10th— Mothers’ Day Stall
14th—NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)
15th—NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)
16th—NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)
17th—Winter PSSA begins
21st—Zone Cross Country

PSSA SPORT VENUES
Friday 5/4/13—Round 4
Jnr & Snr Cricket—Amalfi Park (Lurnea)
Boys’ Softball/T-ball—Daruk Park (Casula)
Girls’ Softball/T-ball—Daruk Park (Casula)
Jnr & Snr Newcombeball—Homestead Park (Chipping Norton)
Jnr & Snr Oztag—Woodward Park (Liverpool)
Friday 12/04/13 No PSSA
ESL
Thank you to all parents who attended the ESL Meeting. Due to the high number that attended we are planning to have our next meeting in Week 4 and Week 8 Term 2 on a Wednesday at 2.30pm.
Mrs Vasu

Healthy Harold
Many thanks to the parents who visited Harold on Wednesday. I hope you learnt more about Life Education. Lessons continue until Wednesday 10th April. Some items are available for sale from the van at lunchtimes.
Mrs Petersen, Coordinator

Band
Well done to ALL the children working hard in Band. Mr Newham is very impressed. Please encourage practice over the upcoming holiday break. Band is on every Tuesday—so be ready with all your resources.
Mrs Petersen, Coordinator

University of NSW Competitions
A reminder that money for ALL competitions will be due on Monday 8th April. Please understand that we will not accept late entries after this date.
Mrs Smith Coordinator

CANTEEN NEWS
Roster
Friday 5th April—Sarah Lee, Estrella Vilches, Louisa Moore
Monday 8th April—Kim Farrugia
Tuesday 9th April—Linda Franklin
Wednesday 10th April—Kezia Carpenter
Thursday 11th April—Sharon Richards
Friday 12th April—Karen Farrington, Simona Cavaliere, Louisa Moore

Tuesday Meal Deals—9th April
Cheeseburger, Fruit and water $5.00
OR
Meatball Sub, Fruit, and water $5.00

Thursday 11th April—Milkshake Day
Buy a chocolate or strawberry milkshake at recess or lunch for $1.00.
Not all menu items are available due to the end of term. Please check before ordering.
Mrs Schouten, Canteen Manager

P&C NEWS
Disco
A great big thank you to all the children who attended Tuesday night’s disco, so many of you looked so colourful—especially the girls in their rainbow dresses! Although the numbers attending were down on previous discos, $450 was raised from door entry fees and this money will go towards the costs of purchasing four new portable sunshades for our children, teachers, Day Club and P & C volunteers to use at various events. Thanks also to our families and the volunteers in the canteen!

May Madness
Coming up for the P&C next term is the May Madness five cent fundraiser. One of our P&C members has been saving her five cent coins since last year in anticipation of this event. The 3-6 and K-2 classes who raise the most in five cent coins win a pizza party donated by the P&C. So start keeping your five cent coins now!

Next P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be the AGM on the first day of Term 2 Monday 29th April at 7pm. It would be great to see as many people at the P&C meeting as were at the homework meeting! Everyone is invited to come. It’s a great way to discover how you can be involved in supporting your child at Sackville Street Public School.

DAY CLUB NEWS
Thank you!!!
We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Raffle. We ended up with 59 prizes that were drawn and a total of $1050 was raised for your school. We hope all the winners enjoyed their prizes.

Our next meeting in on Wednesday 10th April in the staffroom from 9.15am. These meetings are a great way to find out what is happening at your school. Everybody is welcome including babies and toddlers.

“JAMES COURT” TENNIS
We will be conducting our 95th Tennis camp to be held 15th to 19th April, 2013 inclusive at Glenquarie Tennis Centre. Fees are $100 for the week which includes Crazy Hair Day Thursday and Free Sausage Sizzle on Friday.
Tennis Coaching commences on Monday, 25th April for group and private lessons 4 years and up.
Please call Michael Mullane on 0408 448 618 for an enrolment form.

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