From the Principal
What a fantastic Education Week!! Open Day was a huge success. I know your children were thrilled to see you here at school, visiting their classrooms and attending the assembly. I was immensely proud of the performers during our Assembly on Tuesday. The Book Fair too was very popular, with children excitedly showing each other their purchases. I have enjoyed my purchases too!

The photo shows the P & C and Day club presenting the school with a cheque for $8000 which is the result of much fundraising for your children. We are extremely thankful to everyone who contributed in some way to this amount and it will be put to good use in the library for additional shelves and to enhance the technology in our school.

Thursday’s perfect weather was matched by the enthusiasm of your children at the Athletics Carnival. The level of participation by the students was outstanding as was their sporting attitude to competing. Thank you to all who were able to attend any part of Education Week and to our wonderful staff for the amazing job they did across all the activities for the Education Week.

I would remind you that the theme for Education Week 2013 was “Celebrating our Stories” which is a timely reminder for us all to spend time and talk to those around us and to discover the

### Coming Events

**August**
- 13th Mathematics Competition
- 21st Sport Photos
- 22nd Day Club Meeting
- 22nd Zone Athletics – The Crest
- 23rd Father’s Day money due
- 26th P&C Meeting – 7pm
- 28th Book Week Performance
- 30th Father’s Day Stall

**September**
- 5th Market Day
- 12th K-2 Athletics Carnival
- 18th Cupcake & Cookie Day
  - Day Club Meeting
  - 2nd Hand Uniform Stall
  - P & C Disco
- 19th Multicultural Day
- 20th Last day of term

**October**
- 8th Children return
- 11th Summer PSSA resumes

### PSSA Sport Venues

**9th August**
- Boys Soccer – Hammondville Oval
- Girls Soccer - Hammondville Oval
- Rugby League - Bye
- Netball - Woodward Park, Liverpool
- Hockey - Moorebank Hockey Centre

**16th August**
- Boys Soccer – Ash Rd Sporting Complex, Prestons
- Girls Soccer - Ash Rd Sporting Complex
  - Prestons
- Rugby League – Childs Park, Chipping Norton
- Netball - Woodward Park, Liverpool
- Hockey - Moorebank Hockey Centre

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richness and diversity that is the community of Sackville Street Public School.

Research has consistently shown that the quality of teaching, critical for the success of your children, is enhanced by ongoing professional development. As we have been fortunate to receive funding from the Commonwealth government, staff will be participating in a range of professional development activities over the next twelve months. While this may at times see them away from their class, the learning that they gain will be worth the short term disruption. I am sure you applaud their willingness to continually update their skills in this way.

In the spirit of our athletics carnival and the great effort everyone showed:

*Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent.* (Marilyn Vos Savant, American Columnist & Writer)

Janet Chan
Principal

**Illness and absences**

There are some viruses spreading through our school at the moment. We do not expect students who are unwell to attend school. When students return to school it is important that a note is provided to the teacher explaining their absence. If you see a Doctor and he/she provides a medical certificate, this is adequate as an explanation too.

If students have continued unexplained absences, the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) will be in touch with your family. Taking phone calls from the HSLO and attending meetings can be an inconvenience, so ensure absences from school are explained.

If you are experiencing difficulty ensuring your child or children regularly attend school, please notify the class teacher.

Mrs Kristy Hill
Attendance Co-ordinator

**Library News**

**Premier's Reading Challenge**

The PRC ends at the end of August, so keep reading all those sticker books!! Congratulations to the following children who have completed the challenge. Georgia Faux, Anwyn White, Amisha Kumar, Xavia White, Kieran Clothier, Adinda Southwell, Gabrielle Tangitamaiti, Holly Freeman, Bethany Harbrow, Rida Khan, Isabela Rabling, Josiah Southwell, Cameron Clifford, Jonathon Clifford.

**Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair during Open Day. We raised $1400 to purchase shelving and resources to help make our Library look even better.

**Donation for shelving**

Thank you also to the hard working P&C and Day Club who presented the Library with a cheque for $4000 in which to complete the shelving refurbishment. The whole school community thanks you for your support in modernising our Library.

**Book Week**

Book Week will be celebrated from the 17th – 23rd August. The theme this year is READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE and during that week the children will be participating in activities to celebrate.

As always, we are also having a performer come to the school to entertain the children for Book Week on Wednesday 28th August. This year we have the author Monty Prior and the cost for his visit will be $4.50. A note will go out shortly with more details.

Mrs Chenoweth
Librarian

**Student medical forms**

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health.

If you have a child with a medical condition that you have already advised us of, you will receive a copy of the new forms shortly. You will need to

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fill them out and return them to the school office as soon as you can.

The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

All other students will receive these forms later this term. We are asking that all forms be completed and returned as soon as you can. If you child has no medical conditions or allergies you will still need to return them so that we can make sure the information we have is the most accurate and current. We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call the school.

ESL Parents Meeting
There will be a meeting for ESL parents at 2.30pm on Wednesday 14th August in Mrs Vasu’s room. Mrs Chan and Mrs Mozayani will attend the meeting.

Responsible Pet Care Visit
On Friday 2nd August K-2 students were involved in a presentation by Adele and her lovely dog Cinnamon called Responsible Pet Care. Students were taught how to respond appropriately if approached by an angry dog and how to approach dogs in a safe manner. Some students were lucky enough to demonstrate these actions with Cinnamon.

P & C News
Next Meeting
The next P & C meeting will be on Monday, 26th August at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the P & C; it only costs $1.00 to become a member.

Day Club News
Cookie Dough Fundraiser
The final figure is in and our Billy G Cookie Dough has raised $1577 for our school!! The money will be used towards classroom technology. Thank you to everyone that supported our fundraiser!! There were over 400 tubs ordered! We would like to say a big thank you to Sarah, Libby, Bec, Jenni, Christine, Jen, and Sharon for all their efforts in sorting and packing all the individual orders.

Father’s Day
The Day Club 2013 Fathers’ Day Fundraiser notes are going home this week. The stall will be held on Friday the 30th of August. We are using a pre-order system for this fundraiser and the children will then get to choose from a selection of gifts on the day of the stall. The money needs to be returned to the office by Friday the 23rd of August.

Only cash will be accepted which means no cheques or eftpos. If your child brings money on the day there is no guarantee that your child will be able to choose a gift as they will have to wait until after all prepaid children have selected first.

Next Meeting
Our next meeting is on the 21st of August in the staffroom from 9.15am. These meetings are a great way to find out what is happening in your school. Everybody is welcome including babies and toddlers.

Notes that went home this week:
Father’s Day Stall
Market Day & Sausage Sizzle
Sport Photo Day

Payments that are due:
Father’s Day Stall - $5 per gift due 23/8/13
Sausage Sizzle - $2.50 due 29/8/13
Remember to keep making payments for the Stage 2 and Stage 3 camps.

Copies of all notes that go home are on the school website.
We are currently accepting enrolment for Kindergarten 2014.

If you have a child turning 5 before 31 July 2014 please come to the office to collect an application form.

Kindergarten Farm Excursion
On Wednesday 17th July Kindergarten visited Mowbray Park Farm near Picton.

The students and teachers had a fantastic day. We enjoyed horse rides, milking a very big cow, a tractor ride into the paddock where we got to feed hay to the cows. We even made damper that we put on long sticks and cooked on an open fire. The cooked damper was smothered maple syrup.

Everyone who attended had a great day and came home with many stories to tell.

Congratulations on your outstanding behaviour throughout the day Kindergarten!

Hi all! CDSA (Campbelltown District Softball Association) will be hosting a Family Fun Day on Sunday 18th August at Milton Park, Ingleburn from 10am-3pm.

All members and their families are welcome to come along and join in some good old fashioned fun!

Just bring along something that can be cooked on the BBQ for your own lunch, and be prepared to join in on the fun!

We will be taking registrations for all levels of Softball/Tee ball from 5yrs to 95yrs. We are planning a fun filled season for U11 / U15 and Opens Mixed / Men and Women; this is a sport that all the family can play. We play at the same ground every weekend from October through to March. Our registration prices need to be seen to be believed. It is reasonably priced so the whole family can afford to play. We will have some ‘come and try events’ running on the day so everyone can get the feel for this great game.

Date: 18th August
Time: 10am-3pm
Location: Milton Park

More info call: 0423 098 916

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