Dear Parents,

It has certainly been a busy and exciting term with sporting events, our whole school excursion, competitions and of course our concert this week. The concert is going to be a wonderful showcase of our talented children – singing, dancing, acting and performing their little hearts out with joy and delight! I’d like to thank all our staff and particularly Mrs Palin who have put so much time and effort into our production. It will be a wonderful way to end the term!

This week’s “Banner Kid” is Stefanie who was one of our wonderfully behaved children on the excursion on Monday. She was a great buddy and listened carefully to the teachers. Well done Stefanie!

Miss Sue Bush (Principal)

Prefects Profile

The practice for the concert looked great and we know the concert will be a huge success. Look out for some famous singers and great dancers. We are all excited and looking forward to performing in front of our mums and dads.

Your 2015 prefects

Cowpasture Concert

Tickets for 3/4D and 4/5K for the Cowpasture concert on Thursday 15th October must be purchased by THIS FRIDAY 18th September.

2 tickets are available per family at a cost of $5.00 each.

School Concert

Please see the separate note sent home today with final details for the concert this week. A final reminder that ALL children are needed for BOTH performances. If you wish to purchase tickets, please see the office as soon as possible. Extra tickets are now available from the office.

Coming up this week......

WEEK BEGINNING – 14/09/2015

Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: ‘Music Through the Ages’ Concert
Matinee 12pm
Evening 6.30pm

Friday: Last day of term
**Big Certificates**

Our next Big Assembly will be Thursday 8th October (week 1 next term.) Safe, respectful learner certificates need to be handed in to the office by this Thursday 17th September for Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates.

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Cayden who has achieved a remarkable result at the SWS Regional Athletics Carnival last week. He came third in discus and will now compete at the State Athletics Carnival next term. This is a fabulous achievement and we wish him luck. Well done Cayden!

**Grandparents Day**

This year we will be celebrating Grandparents Day on Wednesday 21st October. Outer Liverpool Community Services (OLCS) will be coordinating the celebration with book sharing and morning tea.

**Public Speaking**

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who participated in this year’s Public Speaking competition. It can be a daunting experience getting up in front of your peers to speak. All of the teachers were very impressed with the level of competition in each class and the final speakers were excellent.

Congratulations to the following students from each section who will now attend the zone competition at Oran Park PS next term. Good luck everyone!

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**Anti-bullying Lessons**

This week students will learn about helping others and strategies which they can use. They will learn about turn – talk – tell.
Classroom Capers

**KB – Kindergarten visit the big city lights!**

Last Monday Kindergarten were very excited to go on an excursion to the city and travel on different types of transport. We had lots of favourite things that we did including a ride on the ferry and a visit to the powerhouse museum. The next day in class we were still so excited about the excursion that we talked and wrote about it!

*Miss Bindah*

I liked the train and I had lots of fun. By Laura

I went on the bus and got a train. By Mackenzi

**K/1H – Writing**

**Our Excursion**

On Monday KB, K/1H and 1/2O went to the city because we are talking about Transport. We went on a bus and we saw an airport. First we went to the toilet. After, we had recess and I had a banana. After recess we went on the Alexander ferry. Then we went on the light rail. After we had lunch we got to play at a park. Last we went to the Power House Museum. It was fun.

By Miranda

**Our Excursion**

On Monday infants went on an excursion to the city. We went on a bus. It took over an hour. When we got there we went to the toilet. Then we had Fruito and we went on the ferry. I took lots of photos on my camera. I saw the harbour and I saw the Opera House. When we went to the Power House I saw lots of old transport. My friends took photos of us. The bus took us back to school and we went home. We had a great day.

By Amy
Our Excursion
On Monday we went to the city. We went on a bus. Then we went off the bus. We walked to the toilet. Then we went to a park to eat and I had a pear. Then we went on a ferry which was called the Alexander. It was fun because we sang. We saw the Harbour Bridge and the Anzac Bridge and we saw Luna Park. After that we walked to the light rail. Then we stopped for lunch. Then we went to the Power House Museum. In the museum we saw what it looked like in space. It was a great day.
By Natalie

1/20 Writing
On our excursion, we went there on a bus. We went to the ferries. Sheridan chased the birds and after that we had lunch. Then we had to go on the ferry. After we went on the ferry we went on the light rail. We went to the Power House Museum. We had fun.
By Joey

On Monday we went to the city for an excursion and it was very busy. First we travelled by bus to the city. Then we walked to the park to eat lunch and chase the birds. Then we walked to wharf 5 and we hopped on a big ferry. We saw Luna Park and I wanted to go to Luna Park, but we had to go to Darling Harbour. At Darling Harbour, we got in 3 groups of 6 and it took a couple of minutes to wait for the light rail. I had to stand up because there were too many people on the light rail.
By William

Our Excursion
On Monday the 7th of September we went on our excursion to the city. It took over one hour to get there. We drove there by bus. First thing we did when we got there was to go to the toilet and after the toilet we went to have recess. After recess we went on a boat called the Alexander ferry. It went fast. After that we went on the light rail and it took us to Darling Harbour. At Darling Harbour we had lunch. After lunch we got to play on the equipment and I climbed to the top. After that we went to the Power House Museum and we saw airplanes on the top of the roof. We got to go on top of the steps and we saw on top of everything. I had a great day.
By Cooper

On Monday we went to the city. We ate our lunch and we saw seagulls. Then we went on our ferry. We saw Luna Park and we went to the Power House Museum. I saw motorbikes and planes.
By Christian

Yesterday we went on an excursion. We travelled by bus. We went to the city. Then we went to the park for lunch. After we ate lunch we went to wharf five. Then we went to Darling Harbour to go on the light rail to take us to the Powerhouse Museum to see all the olden day transport. There were space ships, cars, trams, motorbikes, planes, horse drawn carriages and videos.
By William
Then we waited for the buses to go back to school to go home. It was the best excursion I’ve ever had!
By Andy

2/3P Writing

WHY DID I WAKE UP AT 12 O’CLOCK? By Alano Ruisi

Zac was an ordinary boy but he always had nightmares. Zac often thought about why he had horrible dreams filled with ghosts, zombies and skeletons trying to attack him and eat his flesh. Every night he tried to stay up until nine o’clock because he was scared of his nightmares. Eventually Zac falls asleep and the horror dreams begin: The wind is blowing, the moon is full and Zac is standing in the middle of an old haunted house. One minute later zombies, ghosts and skeletons spawn in front of him. Zac runs for his life. Zac notices all the exits are blocked by zombie guardians. The zombies, ghosts and skeletons get closer, closer, closer and closer. Suddenly Zac remembers a very important trick his karate sensei taught him. Zac ducks down and sweeps with his leg to trip them over. From the corner of Zac’s eye he sees a trap door that leads to the basement. Zac quickly runs over to the trap door. He uses all his strength to lift the heavy trap door open. Once the door opens Zac sees a slide to the outside forest. He hops in and slides to the bottom. He holds a ladder and climbs up behind a bush. Zac looks around the forest to see if he is safe, but no the bushes rumble and Zac doesn’t know what to do. The zombies, ghosts and skeletons begin to get sucked into the ground: Zac wakes up in shock. Suddenly all the zombies, ghosts and skeletons start to rise up in Zac’s bedroom. He checks his clock and faints. It’s twelve o’clock!

THE WEIRD THING THAT HAPPENED AT COCKATOO ISLAND – by Michael Stramandinoli

2/3P were going to Cockatoo Island but half way there the ferry broke down. Then we started to sink, but we suddenly popped up at Cockatoo Island. It was so weird! Then Gaz our tour guide gave us some identity cards. Then we walked up a steep hill and we got so exhausted. Then we went into the prisoner’s room. It was so weird. Gaz was such a good tour guide until he turned around and we noticed he had an eye patch on him. It was so strange some of our class got scared and were nearly sick. Then we walked around and suddenly we noticed we were all wearing an eye patch. What is going on? Then something strange happened. Someone accidentally scraped their knee then we noticed we all had a scrape on our knee. After that we were walking down with Gaz though the old sandstone mine. Someone touched the rock and then the weirdest thing happened. The boy was called Brendan. He suddenly sunk into the ground. The next thing we all sunk into the ground to the bottom of Cockatoo Island. We saw three strange things under the ground. We saw the rest of Kemps Creek kids under the ground in a massive cave, with olden day convicts and guards with them. They were protecting the students. When 2/3P fell down something else happened. It was like we fell onto a soft mat. Then we noticed that if anyone got hurt, everyone got hurt the same. However, we found out it was all just a prank put on by the Cockatoo Island workers. We then went back to the ferry to go back to school, however the weirdest thing was about to happen. The school had disappeared when we arrived back!!!

3/4D Haiku Poems

This term 3/4D has been writing some Haiku poems about nature. A Haiku poem is a Japanese poem that follows a pattern using syllables.

Waterfall
A sparkling glide
Gulp, smashing into water
A glimmering sight
Aiesha

Sunrise
Natures creation
Variety of colours
Warm graceful delights
Jayde
Sunrise
Happiness and joy
Spreads like a blanket of fire
An orange skyline
Eleisha

4/5K - Mass

In Mathematics 4/5K have been learning about mass. We defined mass, converted between different units of mass and measured the mass of each item in our lunch boxes.

“Mass is how much an object weighs” - Michael C

“The words I learnt were weigh, hefting and dense.” – Christa

5/6H Visit Cockatoo Island

Last Monday as part of our whole school excursion Year 5/6H visited Cockatoo Island.

The purpose of the excursion was to examine the history of Cockatoo Island and get a better understanding of the different groups who have lived on and used the island including indigenous Australians.

The island was used firstly as a gaol. The convicts were kept busy by quarrying sandstone. One famous inmate (the only one to ever escape from Cockatoo Island) was called Fred Ward who was later to go by the name Captain Thunderbolt.

In 2010 Cockatoo Island was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. A must see for everyone!

Kids and teachers alike had an amazing day.

Mr Harvey and 5/6H
We celebrated Book Week on Wednesday 26th August 2015. Book Week is organised by the CBCA – the Children’s Book Council of Australia. In 2015 the CBCA celebrated 70 years of enjoying and promoting the best of Australian literature for children and young people. Each year the CBCA choose a theme to highlight the importance of reading. This year the theme for Book Week was “Books light up our world”.

This year, the students at Kemps Creek Public School studied the books listed in the Picture Book of the Year category. These books are intended for an audience ranging from newborn babies to young people aged 18 years old. Picture books are for everyone! The winner of this category was My Two Blankets, illustrated by Freya Blackwood and written by Irena Kobald.

During our Book Week celebration, we watched the wonderful book trailers created by our library monitors. The book trailers aimed to promote and advertise one of the shortlisted picture books. The library monitors did an absolutely amazing job! Well done Caprice, Dean, Jack, Jade, Logan and Tiannah!

And of course, Book Week wouldn’t be a celebration without a parade! Thank you to all the students and staff for dressing up as your favourite book character. As we saw during Book Week, books light up our world and take us on amazing adventures! I hope that you will all continue reading and remember to share a story and continue to light up the world!

Mrs M. Grasso – Teacher Librarian (Rel)

Happy Birthday to the following children this week and in the holidays ...

Anastacia, Antony N, Enis, Dylan M, Jada, Jordan T, Aliza, Brock, Kingston, Robert
**Kids Corner**

Q: Where do elephants keep their clothes?
A: In their trunk.
By John & Dante in 5/6H

**Interesting Facts!**
- A lion’s roar can be heard 8km away.
- Crocodiles swallow rocks to dive deeper.
- An ant can carry ten times its own weight.
By Kassem 5/6H

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