Value Diversity, Equity and Integrity

Believe in and value the school, home and community partnership.

Strive for excellence in all facets of education which empowers the students for lifelong learning.

Aim to provide a caring, safe, quality learning environment while respecting the dignity and individuality of all members of the school.

Newsletter Term 2, 2013
**Principals Report**

We began Term 2 with two Staff Development Days where the new English Curriculum was presented to Staff. Valuable time was spent in understanding the differences between the old and new and how we could integrate our technology into the multi-model area of the new curriculum. Staff all felt that the extra breadth and scope of the new curriculum would significantly enrich the learning opportunities for our students when introduced next year. Professional Development will continue in this area for the rest of 2013.

We were chosen by Disability Programme Directorate to provide input into the new website for Disabilities as well as a series of photos for the site. Thank you to all parents who gave permission. They have promised to send all photo is to me for approval and we will get a copy of all photos taken. As a professional photographer was used I am expecting some interesting photos and will share these with families when available.

The presentation of the front of the school has improved greatly with the addition of the grass around the front circle. Staff have been vigilant in training students to remain clear of it to give it an opportunity to really implant. I am confident during next Term students will again have full enjoyment and use of the area.

Half Yearly Reports will be sent home at the end of this week and I encourage parents to discuss these with teachers early next term.

The DVD of last year’s Christmas Concert is now available and can be purchased from school for a donation of $5. The money goes toward paying for the all-round production and copying of the video.

The P&C Chocolate Drive Fundraiser has started with chocolates being sent home today so you can all start selling to family and friends during the break. Office staff will gladly send more home next Term and we will provide a prize to the family who sells the most boxes. This is the only fundraiser the P&C do and we ask for your support as we use the proceeds to buy extra teaching resources for our students. We are living in a time where students can have access to a range of technology to enhance their learning. This is a means by which all family and friends can support our students.

Rockdale Council have informed me that they are installing a camera across from the school as a means of preventing rubbish being dumped on our site. This has been an ongoing problem for us and we welcome this move.

I wish you all a safe holiday and look forward to seeing all students’ safe return at the beginning of Term 3 on Tuesday 16th July

Lesley
Kindergarten

Class K have been celebrating reconciliation week in term 2!

We have also been busy making lots of art work, making friends, and practicing our skills on the climbing equipment.
Class 1

What a busy term we’ve had in Class 1. The children have all worked hard on their learning goals and it’s been a pleasure seeing them enjoy school.

Our Morning Circle session is a favourite in class and it’s great to see the children greet their friends every morning by waving or singing hello. It’s in these sessions that we also practice our counting and phonics through the use of songs and rhymes.

The children really look forward to our visits to the nature run, gross motor activities in the hall, soft play climbing, and of course the trampoline!

The children take pleasure in our creative learning tasks in class. Playdough and painting are favourites.

The interactive whiteboard is still a very popular tool in the classroom. The children love to use it to draw, practice their writing, and to watch and play interactive games.

Thanks you for your continued support.

We wish you all a very happy and safe break,

Kath, Betty and Rose
Class 2 News

Term 2 has really flown by with the busy little people in class 2. We have been working hard on our current unit of work ‘Changes’, which involves observing the way we, our families and other living things can change in different ways over time. Class 2 have been developing their gross motor skills on the soft play equipment area in the hall. Our twice weekly hall visits have been filled with fun, fitness and plenty of opportunities to practice our social skills through turn taking and sharing activities.

Happy Holidays,

Nadine, Beauty and Maria
Hello, we are Class 3 and this term we have been continuing our unit of work called ‘My Place,’ which explores our home environment, school area, local community and the wider community of Australia.

This unit focuses on our relationships with family, community, environment, and place. We have been concentrating on our home environment, doing lots of creative work about ourselves and our homes, including making miniature clay homes, and looking at our school environment by taking photos and collecting flora on our school walks.

Each week, we have been spending time in the kitchen cooking traditional Australian dishes such as Damper, Vegemite on Toast, Anzac Biscuits and Sausages on bread.

Keeping up with our healthy habits, we have been continuing our ‘Crunch & Sip’ Program, eating a piece of fruit a day with water or juice.

Hope you all have safe and happy holidays, see you in Term 3!
Class 4

We have had a wonderful term! As you can see in the photos we have been busy creating some great artworks, practising our fine motor skills and all the while having so much fun.

Hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday.

See you next term!

Dina Levin

Hello from Class 5

Wow! Hasn’t the term gone fast!

In Class 5 we are Jamie, Oscar, Hassan, Jackson, Lou Lou, Laura and Nicola.

So far this year we have had a wonderful time listening to and acting out stories. We have lots of favourites and we are learning to recognise or match some story words and sentences. We enjoy keeping fit by moving to music on the interactive whiteboard and we are beating out rhythm using percussion instruments. We all love the cymbals and are learning that we take turns to share favourite things.

We are growing a ‘grass seed caterpillar’ in our classroom and it is our responsibility to water it and care for it as we learn about Living Things and how they grow and change.

We have done some cooking and made baby cakes to celebrate birthdays we like icing the cakes!

All the kids in Class5, Pauline, Dianne and Lee, hope you have a lovely warm winter holiday break.
Class 6 has been busy working on many exciting projects this term. The students have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes as part of their Mathematics focus.

In our Creative Arts program, the students have been experimenting with different mediums and producing wonderful Artworks.

We’re appreciative and are always thankful to our SLSOs, Dale and Belinda for their assistance and contribution so far this year.

We hope you have a safe and happy winter break.

Teacher: Spiro
What’s New with Class 7?

Class 7 has settled in quite nicely to term 2 with a new teacher, Jason. We have all had the term to get to know one another and become comfortable with our new routine. Firstly, our new morning routine has been a hit with full interactivity on the Smartboard and allowing more choices and participation to facilitate learning.

Most of our regular weekly schedule has remained unchanged from term 1 but now we are attempting to create a couple of master chefs with our new nutrition and cooking program. This program is aimed at teaching the students to buy, cook and taste interesting healthy foods. The students have really enjoyed travelling to Arncliffe shops and Woolworths, all with perfect Cairnsfoot behaviour. The cooking has been a great success too with the students cracking eggs, beating mixtures, cutting mushrooms and sampling some of the world’s best cuisines. This program also promotes kitchen and road safety as well as allowing the students to develop money awareness. It has been an interesting and enlightening term 2 we look forward to some more hard work and fun challenges over the next term.

Here we are shopping at Woolworths and cooking a mushroom omelette.
Class 8

Students in our class have been busy working this term. Have a look at our photos below. We would also like to welcome Sraboni to our class. Have a safe school holidays. See you next term. Lydia, Nora and Beauty
Shopping at Woolworths Wolli Creek is something we all look forward to on Friday mornings. We each have our own shopping list and enjoy walking up and down the aisles looking for our items. We made a few mistakes at the self check-out on our first few trips (multiple beeps for the one item) but have since learned how to find the barcode and scan each item only once. We are also learning that the shopping trip is to purchase items for our cooking lesson only and not for our own individual wish list. In the store we keep our hands to ourselves and we don’t touch things unless it is on our shopping list, we definitely don’t touch other shoppers or try to take things out of other people’s baskets. We have also had fun collecting the ‘earn and learn’ stickers form the Cairnsfoot school box and sticking them onto sheets. We hope to get lots of resources for our school.

Class 9 enjoyed the “Sensory Garden” concert at Athelstane public school.

Local Café                                           Cricket

Class 9, Gary, Marina and Gina wish everyone a happy holiday.
Can you believe it is already June? Winter is here!

Our class settled well into school routine.

We had great time with Anzac flower creations, We remembered those who fought for our freedom.

Come and see our garden. We planted seeds and we watch them growing. We brighten the garden a little with an Australian landscape. We all help to paint it on a fence wall.

Our activities:
- Making music
- Active sport - swimming
- Gardening
- Maths around us
- Sensory stories
- Cooking
- Art

We are learning about People and their Beliefs, about their culture, food and stories.
We baked a bread. Very tasty.

Maths around us.

Music is our favourite. Natalie can play keyboard.
Class 11
Term 2 has been very busy, and has certainly flown past quickly.

Human Society and the Environment outcomes have been a focus this term.

The class have had an interesting time with regular participation in interactive whiteboard activities. We have continued our activities in our Unit of Work, “France”. The students have enjoyed multimedia presentations to explore this topic, especially looking at images of Paris, the Eiffel Tower and French landscapes. Music, cooking and creative arts lessons focusing on France are also class favourites.

We would like to our wonderful SLSOs, Nina and Dalbir for all their hard work so far this year.

Have a great holiday and thank you for all your support this term.

Teachers - Trish and Cheryl
Class 12

During term 2, class 12 have been busy creating artistic designs. We have created a geometric design masterpiece and a photo display of different prepositions we have been exploring in the classroom.

This term we have also celebrated Naveen’s and Jenny’s birthdays.

During our cooking lessons our talented Masterchefs have created gastronomically sensations which tantalised the taste buds.

Class 12 hopes you have a happy and safe holiday. See you next term.

Susan, Stacey, Gina, Dale & Julie
Class 13

Half way through the year and we are loving school.

We have been out a few times including a great visit to Villawood Bowling Alley where Tim showed us his skill winning the competition with a high score of 115. The sportsmanship shown in our class is wonderful with everyone encouraging each other with loud claps and cheers.

We have also started training for cricket, with Edward and Hiba shown great bowling skills while Socrates and Tim are strong with the bat. It’s going to be exciting to see how we go when we start playing against other classes!

The class has also opened the “Cairnsfoot Playdough Factory” making playdough for most of the junior classes. We love experimenting with colours and scents, making special batches every week. Natalie is a great help, making and delivery our special playdough.

This term sees us farewell one of our friends, Keanu. We had a lovely meal with him at the Rowers club where we represented ourselves and the school with pride.

We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday

Cath, Noelene and Sue

Class 15

This term the boys in Class 15 have really settled in to co-existing and working together. It’s been great to see Sam, Ben, James, David, Kevin and Matthew getting to know each other and respecting each other’s property, space and privacy, while communicating more effectively with each other as the 2nd term has progressed. Class 15 wishes everyone a safe and happy winter break.
Class 14

The first half of 2013 has been busy for everyone involved. Most importantly we have developed our friendships and trust within the room and shown a new willingness to play and learn together.

Ahmad – Has reached a point in his learning where he seems to recognise that the supports are there to help him. If he continues in this direction the future windows of opportunity will continue to open.

Satrya – Continues to show impressive signs of improvement in relation to his play skills, communication, and working with staff.

Tristan - Is using various methods of communication effectively and beginning to use humour as a form of expression.

Nathan and myself are extremely proud of the boys and all they have achieved during 2013 so far. We look forward to a productive term 3 – a place where we can stretch possibilities and potential.  Macca
Hello parents and caregivers

Class 16 has been busy this term caring for the seedlings that we are growing as part of our small business unit of work. We have also been investigating the lifecycle of a plant, and recording our plants’ development. Our aim by the end of this unit of work is to sell the flowers to the teachers in order to make a profit.

We have continued our cooking program, which involves making weekly trips within our local community to locate and purchase ingredients that we use to create our recipes.

In addition, we have taken several short train trips in order to further develop our skills in using public transport and moving around the local community confidently.

Have a great break – see you next term.

Maria, Marina and Dominic