Principal’s Report - Richard Ford

I was looking at the school calendar the other day and realised by the time you are reading this newsletter that there are only 24 days left of school. In those 24 days we have Peddlers Day, 2 PBL excursions, Support Unit excursion to the Variety Club Christmas party, Choir performing at Kmart, swim school, Year 6 Graduation and Farewell, Christmas concert and a few more things. It is going to be a hectic time so make sure you stay on top of everything that is happening.

Firstly I have to say a big thank you to the P&C for running a wonderful disco. Not only did they raise almost $1000, the kids had a ball. The students out did themselves with the costumes and they just had smiles on their faces all night. This goes to show the power of being a P&C member. The kids wanted discos again, the parents got together and made it happen and convinced me to do it again. It is hard work but the kids got a lot of enjoyment out of it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of our outgoing P&C Executive members. The AGM was held last week and our President Jodie Bruyn, Vice President Mel Love and Treasurer Nicole Bailey all stood down from their roles. They have served the school well in their roles and have been great assets. I would also like to welcome the new P&C Executive: President – Barbara Skerry, Vice President – Tammee-Lee Gordon, Vice President – Elizabeth Bennett, Treasurer – David McDonald and Secretary – Pat Skerry. We know that they too will do a good job for the kids of our school.

Last week our Kindy’s got to be involved in some water safety lessons. A lady from the Royal Life Saving came out and did a number of activities with the students. It was good to see how many of our students knew how to be safe around water and what they needed to do in an emergency.

Kindy Orientation went off well and it was great to meet all the new parents and students coming to our school next year. Judging by the smiles on the faces of the kids when they came back from lessons with the Kindy teachers they had a fun time. Even though Kindy Orientation and Cubs is finished for the year does not mean people will miss out. If you know of anyone who had not enrolled at school for next year in Kindy let them know they can come up anytime and we will give them as much information as possible.

Next week is Peddlers Day. This will be my first Peddlers Day and the buzz around the school indicates that it will be a big day with lots of fun. Remember to bring in your money for tokens for the day. This is an event that builds our school community. All this money goes to towards the Year 6 farewell and reducing the cost for our students. The younger students help by raising the money and they inturn will have the school work together to raise money for them when they are in Year 6.
Talking about Year 6, I have been very impressed at the dancing that they have been practicing. They have had a lot of fun and all students are getting involved. Not only are they completing a component of the PE/Health syllabus, they are making sure that they have something to do on the night so they can have fun.

Notes have gone out about the PBL Reward Day. The Infants will be able to go to the zoo and the Primary will be able to go to the movies. This reward day invitation only goes to those who have stayed in the green all year.

We are currently looking at class structures for next year and this is all dependant on the number of students that are at the school. Recently we have had a couple of families mention that they are moving out of the area and will no longer be able to attend Crawford. If you know that your child/ren will not be attending Crawford next year please let the office know as soon as possible.

With everything that has been on the news about children’s safety it is important that you sit down with your child and make sure they know what to do in case of an emergency and stranger danger. We have a number of students who walk to and from school and sometimes by themselves. We want to make sure that they are safe, know what to do if they are approached by a stranger and to make sure they let the right people know if there are any concerns.

Richard Ford

Deputy Principal’s Report - D. Taylor

The term is moving along quickly, all our teacher and students are working very hard in the classroom to ensure we are completing tasks and working to the best of our ability. As the term moves forward we have many great and exciting things happening across our school over the next few weeks.

We are in the process of preparing for our end of year Presentation Day. We have sent home notes reminding parents of the cut off dates for claiming your ten point medallions for this year and what certificates can be considered. So please add up the certificates you have at home and bring them in to the office for verification by Wednesday next week.

Recently, we had a very close look at our attendance results for our students and we have a number of students who have a large number of partial absences on record. Can I please ask that you ensure your child is at school for the commencement of lessons at 9:00am as your child is missing vital information relating to their day and their learning. If you are collecting your child from the school early, can you please ensure you attend the office and that you provide the office with the reason for the departure. Teachers have been asked to follow up these ongoing late and early absences so if you receive a note can you please provide a brief reason as to why your child is presenting or leaving early.

As the year draws to a close we will be beginning the process of updating student’s health care plans for students with serious medical conditions. If you are required to attend one of these meetings you will receive a phone call from me and a time scheduled.

Finally I would like to commend our students for the level of respect they displayed during the school’s Remembrance Day service and lessons. Following is some of the great work presented by some of our students. Other examples can be viewed via the television in the foyer.

Mrs Taylor (Deputy Principal)
UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS 2015

The Uniform Shop will be open for business every Thursday morning from 8:30am - 9:30am in the Crawford Community Cottage.

STEWART HOUSE SCHOOL CLOTHING APPEAL 2015

Stewart House is once again holding their clothing appeal. Collection bags have been sent home. Please return any bags of clothing to the school front office by Tuesday 17 November, 2015.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

STUDENT TRANSPORT

STUDENTS WHO HAVE EXISTING BUS AND TRAIN PASSES AND ARE GOING FROM YEAR 2 TO YEAR 3 IN 2016 NEED TO APPLY ONLINE FOR A SCHOOL OPAL CARD FOR 2016.

Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools, their home address or moving from Year 2 to 3 or Year 6 to 7.

Website: www.transportnsw.info/school-students

For LOST, STOLEN OR DAMAGED opal cards:
Phone: 131 500
Or email: concessions@transport.nsw.gov.au

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PBL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received their PBL badges during our last assembly for being a safe, respectful learner.

KC Izayah, Isabella and Tarshya (White)  
KF Christopher (White)  
1/2A Izabella and Tanisha (Maroon)  
3/4G Bronte (White), Tinishal (Green), Lavin, Fatima, Margaret, Melanie Rose, Hayley and Kiara (Bronze)  
3/4L Rhonda and Hannah (Bronze),  
5/6C Bella and Mehul (Bronze), Tenesha and Lakisha-Anne (Silver), Jimmy (Gold)  
5/6S Abbey (Bronze)  
5/6T David (Platinum)

Special Swimming Scheme

If your child has been allocated a placement in the Special “Learn to Swim” classes held from 30 November - 11 December, 2015, final payment needs to be made NO LATER than Friday 13 November. If full payment has not been made by this date, your child will unfortunately lose their spot and children on the waiting list will be offered a placement.

Mr Atfield  
Swimming Scheme Coordinator

Kindercare Learning Centre located in Doonside is a privately owned centre offering a variety of services including Long Day, Before & After School Care and Vacation Care for ages 0-12 years.

Full Government subsidy and eligibility offered.  
Our centre is open 7am to 6pm all year round.

Our Before School Care operates from 7.00am – 8.45am.

Our After School Care operates from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

For further enquiries, please contact Jackie De Abreu on (02) 9622 8214 or visit our website www.kindercare.com.au