Principal’s Report - Richard Ford

You know the end of the term is near when you are reading the second last newsletter for the year. The focus on learning has not stopped and students are still trying to do their best. I have had students bring me maths, stories they have written, artwork they have created and even one student read a speech to me. They are truly doing an amazing job.

Last week I had the pleasure of driving the choir to Blacktown Kmart to open the Wishing Tree Appeal. The students did a fantastic job singing and the staff at Kmart were very appreciative. Thank you to the huge turnout of parents and community members who supported the choir on the day.

Also last week the Stage 3 students ran Pedlar’s Day. The students seemed to have a ball and there was something for everyone to do. I was impressed with the leadership skills of the students who were running the stalls, as they made sure they did what they had to do for the other students to have fun.

We also had an external evaluation of how we do Positive Behaviour for Learning in the school. We had a great result with 96.5%. The evaluation looked at documentation in the school, the following of practices, what some staff knew about PBL and what students knew about PBL. This was interesting as when I was reading Year 5 Student Leader speeches I found the common theme of students wanting to be Safe, Respectful Learners and leading others in the school to do the same.

Tomorrow is the K-2 PBL day. This is for students who have stayed in the green level all year. Students who did not get an invite will be doing alternate activities at school. Students at school will also get a reward if they have stayed out of trouble this term.

Richard Ford—Principal

PBL AWARDS

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

KC  Jordan, Lana, Blake and Zahra (White)
K-2V  Madeleine and Sofia (White)
       Cody (Green)
3/4G  Nikolina (Bronze)
3/4L  Morrie (Green), Hannah (Bronze)
       Avele and Jai (Silver)
We are fast approaching the end of the year and many exciting events are coming up.

It is so pleasing to know we have so many of our students attending the PBL Green Zone excursions over the next couple of weeks. We have 141 Kindergarten to Year 2 students attending the Zoo this Friday and 153 Years 3-6 students attending the Hoyts movies day next week. These students have demonstrated the highest level of safety and respect to their learning and have remained in the Green Zone all year. Well done to all these students. Enjoy this extra special reward, you deserve it.

We have the Year 6 students being prepared to leave Primary School and begin their next challenge of becoming high school students and exploring their future goals. They have some end of year events focusing on them and moving on. They will graduate on Monday 7 December and they will dance the night away on Tuesday 8 December at the Farewell and finally on Wednesday 16 December they will be given a big cheer as they pass through the tunnel at 2:50pm as they leave us for the last time.

Presentation Day will take place on Monday 14 December. The Infants Assembly will take place at 9:30am and the Primary Assembly will take place at 11:00am. We look forward to seeing our families coming to share in the excitement and pride of all our students’ achievements.

Mrs Taylor
Deputy Principal
CHOIR KMARK VISIT

Last week we had the pleasure of taking our Choir students to Kmart in Blacktown. The choir were invited to spread some Christmas cheer and to open Kmart’s Wishing Tree Appeal. This is a very important cause as all donations are distributed to those less fortunate than us.

Along with the Salvation Army, the choir performed three Christmas songs. They also enjoyed eating the special Christmas Tree shaped cake.

We were extremely proud of how the choir performed and conducted themselves. They are a credit to our wonderful school. We hope to be invited back next year.

A big thankyou to Mr Ford for driving us to Kmart!

Miss Allen and Mrs Furlong.

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

PEDLAR’S DAY 2015

Stage 3 completed their annual Pedlar’s Day last week with huge success. Stage 3 raised money to go towards their End of Year Farewell and a gift for the school when they leave.

Although it was a hot day, all our students participated in a variety of stalls, with the drink and iceblocks proving to be very popular on the day.

Stage 3 would like to thank our school community for supporting them so strongly on the day. Many members of our community provided donations which were greatly appreciated.

Mr Campbell
Stage 3 Supervisor
P&C
CHRISTMAS STALL

Our friendly P&C is holding a Christmas Stall in the Crawford Cottage on Tues 8 December, Wed 9 December, Thur 10 December and Fri 11 December.

From 11:00am—1:30pm

The gifts will range from $1.00—$10.00

Merry Christmas Everyone.

Barbara Skerry
P&C President