Principal’s Report - Richard Ford

Welcome back to everyone and welcome to all our new families. For those new to the school, the newsletter comes out every fortnight and can be found on the school website. We also try and attach it to the school Facebook page and school smartphone APP.

Our Kindergartens started last Thursday and they looked very cute in their school uniforms. There were mixed emotions from the very eager to the very shy and anxious. We know it takes a little time settling and that is why we put a lot of support down in Kindergarten for the first few weeks.

Currently we have 20 mainstream classes and 3 Special Education classes in the school. The school has used some of its funding to lower class sizes so the students can get more face-to-face time with the teachers. We have had a number of new enrolments but classes should remain the same. The classes are as follows:

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<td>1/2L – Mrs Wilkinson</td>
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- Supervisor – Mrs Giroud

- Supervisor – 1/2G

- Supervisor – 3/4C

- Supervisor – 5/6H

- Supervisor – K/6U

Support teachers
- RFF/STLA – Mr Lowing (supervisor)
- RFF/STLA – Miss Inman
- RFF/STLA – Ms Arnall
- RFF/STLA – Mrs McIntosh
- RFF/STLA – Mrs Halawi

- English Additional Language or Dialect – Mrs Dybac
- Reading Recovery – Miss Parkinson
- Library – Mrs Benfield
- Instructional Leader – Mrs Lewis
- Mentor – Mr Campbell

This year we are investing a lot of resources into training for our teachers. Each fortnight your child’s teacher will undertake 2 hours of professional learning about literacy. K-2 will be focussing on a very successful literacy and language program called L3 and 3-6 will be undertaking training in Focus on Reading. These two initiatives are very good in helping teachers explicitly teach literacy skills and improve student results.
I would like to thank the P&C for the generous donation of $1000 to the school. At the P&C meeting we discussed its use and decided that the money should go to help fund an anti-bullying performance happening at the end of term.

It was also great to see some new faces joining the P&C and coming to find what it is all about.

The meetings take place at 9.30am on the first Wednesday of every month. The dates for the planned meetings for the P&C are:

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Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school property unless they are a service dog for somebody with a disability. This is purely for safety. If a dog follows you to school please inform the office immediately so we can try and get the dog back to its owners.

Bike safety is a very important thing. We will be contacting parents of students who do not bring a helmet to school and will refuse to allow students to ride bikes to school if it continues. The advice about riding to school is that students under 10 should not ride to school unless accompanied by an adult. This is due to not having developed their peripheral vision by that age and it being unsafe. We ask that students also always walk their bikes whilst on school grounds.

**Swimming Carnival**
The swimming carnival will be held next Thursday 11 February. It will be held from 1.00pm – 3.00pm at Emerton pools. It is open for students turning 8 and above this year who are competitive. Currently we only have 8 students who have indicated they will be attending. Notes need to be in by Monday and any students that need a note can go to the office Friday.

**PSSA**
Students signed up for teams last week for Summer PSSA. Currently we are going through the numbers to see what sports we can offer. For those students that are successful the cost each week will be $5.

Richard Ford
Principal

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**GATE TIMES FOR ELECTRONIC PEDESTRIAN GATE**

8:30am - 9:15am
2:55pm - 3:30pm

During these times, the electronic gate is unlocked for entry and exit of the school. All that is required is to push or pull the gate open.

Outside of these times the gate will be locked. Entry and Exit of the school will be by pushing the button located on the gate and waiting for a response from the school office.

Unless you require to sign your child out for an early pass from the front office, the gate will remain closed until 2:55pm.
Always hold hands with younger children when crossing the road.

Always make children get in and out of the car on the footpath side.

Teach your kids road safety. Be a good role model!

The school premises is a Non Smoking Area

Thank you for your cooperation.
PCYC Spartans Rugby League Blacktown

Players required for 2016 season for U/6 to Open Age
Girls 13 to 16 years & Ladies 17 and over
Minimum age to register for children is 4 years
Discounted fees for families with multiple children

All enquiries Phone 0466509790

PCYC Spartans are a young club now heading into our Ninth season and boasting some great results with our teams winning premierships and the club nominated and winning many prestigious awards.

PCYC Spartans is a Goodsports accredited club and in 2015 was the NSW club of the year and National winner of the Goodsports Community Development award.

2016 we require players for all teams
Girls can now register from U/6 to U/12 and compete in mixed teams with the boys and then 13 to Womens Opens teams which are all female teams

We are Proudly partnered with the GEO Group at Parklea supporting us through their Industries programs.

We are located at Allen Robertson Reserve Vardys rd Kings Langley Training Commences from February 2 call 0466509790 for details.

U/6 to U/17 Registrations can be done on our facebook page by clicking the sign up button
https://www.facebook.com/BlacktownPcyCspartans/

Or register at http://www.playnrl.com/

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
The school’s front office will be attended
Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 3:15pm.

UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS 2016
The Uniform Shop will be open for business every
Thursday morning from 8:30am-9:30am in the
Crawford Community Cottage.