Term 1 Week 8

From the Principal

Over the past few weeks staff have been meeting with parents and caregivers regarding individual learning programs, class and whole school programs and timetables. Of course, families are encouraged to contact the school at any time regarding the progress of their child's learning. Staff use the communication booklets, as well as phoning parents, to maintain regular contact. Your involvement in the school is important and valued by staff.

The official opening of the new buildings and redeveloped playground will be held on Wednesday 21st May. At this stage we have not been officially advised who will open the new buildings but planning is going ahead for this special occasion. The children are really enjoying the new facilities including the playground and new bike track. As the planning progresses we will provide you with details and hope many parents, caregivers and friends can attend the opening.

Sailing was postponed while annual checks and maintenance was undertaken with the rescue boat and other equipment. Next week the sailing program will recommence at Lake Canobolas. As you would be aware, a number of the staff have undertaken significant training to conduct this activity. This training involves the staff completing Yachting Australia Instructor accreditation. This nationally recognised qualification ensures the school is able to conduct sailing on a regular basis at the Lake. The Access Dinghies the school use have special design features that further ensure the safety of the program. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend sailing when your child is involved in this activity.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning Program (PBL) is continuing at school this year and assists students and staff to maintain a positive, happy atmosphere around the school. As part of the PBL program we often talk at assemblies and in the classes about the school expectations which are; Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe. These expectations are also in place on school and class excursions, sporting visits and when we are looking after visitors to the school.

Throughout the year there are a number of sporting carnivals offering students the opportunity to compete against other students in touch football, cricket, netball and athletics. Every Thursday all the senior students are involved in tabloid sport which includes Zumba, community walks and skill sessions on the school oval.

Congratulations to Jay, Lottie, Anthony and Shane who will represent the region at the NSW Swimming Championships to be held at the Homebush. This will be a great experience for our athletes and special thanks to the Anson Street School coaching and sporting staff.

Last week the annual Harvest was an outstanding success. The children looked magnificent in their farming clothes and they all enjoyed the music and Bar-B-Q organised by staff. Thankyou to Mr Gell and all the staff involved in this special day.

Enjoy your weekend

Garry Brotherton

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

Important Dates

- Breakfast Buddies: Every Friday
- School Photos: Monday 31 March
- Family Planning NSW Forum: Monday 31 March
- School ANZAC Service: Tuesday 8 April
- Term 1 Concludes: Friday 11 April

Western Combined High School Swimming Carnival

Anson Street's awesome foursome swimmers Jay, Lottie, Anthony M and Shane R recently travelled to Dubbo for the Western CHS Swimming Carnival.

These students have trained hard since the Western Regional Swimming Carnival and it has paid off.

Lottie came 2nd in 50m and 100m freestyle, 1st in 50m breast and back, Jay came 2nd in 100m freestyle, 3rd in 50m freestyle, 3rd in breast and back, Anthony came 1st in 50m freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke and Shane came 4th in 50m freestyle and breaststroke and 2nd in backstroke.

Lottie, Jay, Shane and Anthony can now travel to Homebush Olympic Pool at the start of April with the Western Region Squad.

Well done everyone and keep up on the good training.

Karla Parsonage
**Responsibilities of Parents and Carers**

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to contact the relevant Special Transport Service (bus or taxi) if students do not require transport on a particular day. **Transport can be cancelled by contacting:** CareWest Bus Service 6362 6554 or Orange Taxi Service 131 008

**Students should not be dropped off at school prior to 8.45am.** Staff require this time to prepare and organise materials for the day. On occasions when this is unavoidable students should sit on the seats provided in the foyer area until the bell goes at 8.45am at which time they go to their classroom.

### Absences

Please ensure a phone call or a note explaining your child’s absence from school is given as soon as your child returns. If no explanation is given the absence is entered into the computer as an “unexplained” absence. If too many unexplained absences occur for a particular student it is then followed up by the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO).

**School & Class Notes**

Please remember to check school bags and communication books for any notes that may have been given out at school. These notes may include the newsletter, permission notes or information about what’s happening in your child’s class and may need to be signed and returned as soon as possible so your child doesn’t miss out on any outings or special events.

Mobile phones, iPods and other electronic equipment wherever possible should not be brought to school. Our experience is that this equipment can be easily broken or misplaced. Should phones be brought to school they can be left at the main office for safe keeping and collected in the afternoon.

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**Stars of the Week**

**Term 1 – Week 5,6&7**

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**Community Noticeboard**

### Puberty, Sexuality and Relationships Forum

**Family Planning NSW** will be holding a **FREE** forum for parents and carers of children and young people with intellectual disability.

Find out how to support your family member’s personal development and sexuality in a positive way.

The forum will include: Preparing for puberty changes; Decision making and safety; Sexuality and disability; Books, DVDs and resources; Tips for talking about sex and answering tricky questions; Meet other parents; Free resource bag

Parents, foster parents, relatives and other unpaid carers of people with disability are welcome.

**When:** Monday 31 March 2014

**Time:** 6 – 8pm

**Venue:** Trade Training Centre, Anson Farm (opposite Anson Street School)

**RSVP:** Friday 28 March 2014 to Danielle Fehir at Family Planning NSW on 02 8752 4388 or by emailing daniellef@fpnsw.org.au

**Cost:** FREE

For more information contact Christine McFarland at Anson Street School or go to fpnsw.org.au/parentforums

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**Legal Matters Information Session**

**Do you have a child with a disability? Are you interested in finding out more about legal matters which may affect you and your child in the future?**

Planning for the future is often a concern that carers of a child with a disability may have. Carers may be uncertain of the steps they need to take to get things sorted.

The Cerebral Palsy Alliance will be holding a Legal Matters information session on **Tuesday 1 April at 95 Prince Street from 10am to 12pm.** The cost is free and morning tea will be provided.

Mr Jim Prosser-Fenn, Baldock, Stacy & Niven, will be presenting an information session covering; Wills; Power of Attorney; Guardianship and Disability Trusts. There will also be opportunities to have your questions answered.

To RSVP contact Suzi Welch by Wednesday 26 March 2014 on 6360 1455 or via email swelch@cerebralpalsy.org.au. Numbers are limited.