Thursday 26th March 2015
Week 9 Term 1

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Family Fun Night
Thank you to Ivana Prevetera (Social/Fundraising coordinator) and all the volunteers who helped make the Family Fun Night a tremendous success. It was great to see everyone getting into the spirit of the night. Congratulations to those who won prizes in the raffle and thank you to everyone who donated prizes – Urban Jungle Olympic Park, Putt Putt Golf Ermington, Tenpin City Lidcombe, Shaw family, Rashay’s North Rocks, Bunnings, Westfield Parramatta, Boing Central Baulkham Hills. Your generosity is appreciated.

School Cross Country Carnival
The cross country carnival will take place on Thursday 30th April. (Term 2, Week 2) All students from K to Year 6 participate in this carnival and it would be helpful to commence training as soon as possible. More information on this event will be sent home early next Term.

Band Concert
The end of term band concert will take place next Tuesday at 3.30pm in the school hall. Both the junior and senior bands will perform and trophies will be presented to students who have put in extra effort this term and made great improvement.

School Photographs
Please note that school photographs will be taken on Monday 11th May (Week 4 Term 2). Details and an order form will be sent home on the first day back next Term. The dearest pack costs $37.00.

Harmony Day
Burnside will be celebrating Harmony Day on Monday 30th March. This is a day when we can celebrate our cultural diversity. The message for Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. All children and staff are asked to wear orange or dress in a traditional costume. It is compulsory to wear closed shoes. (No sandals or thongs) There will be a parade of students at 9.00am and parents are encouraged to attend this colourful event.

Easter Hat and Crazy Hair Day
Next Thursday, K to 2 students are asked to wear Easter hats and 3 – 6 students are asked to do something crazy with their hair. Everyone is asked for a gold coin donation and funds raised will go to Stewart House.
**Daylight saving ending**
Remember to put your clocks back an hour when daylight saving ends in NSW at 3am Sunday 5th April. It begins again on Sunday 4th October when clocks go forward one hour.

**Healthy Breakfast**
Thank you to Jane Wallace and all the volunteers who helped make the breakfast a great success. We do appreciate the funding of this event by the P & C.

**School Development Day**
This will take place on Monday 20th April and is an integral part of the professional learning program in the school. This year there will be a combined Parramatta Learning Community Conference involving the teachers from seven nearby schools. (Parramatta, Parramatta North, Parramatta East, Rosehill, Rowland Hassall, Oatlands and Burnside)

**Working with Children Check**
All volunteers in our school will be required to complete a free Working with Children Check by the beginning of 2016. For more details or to apply for a check go to: [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au)
This process needs to be done online but if you do not have access to the internet call 9286 7279.

**Peter Catliffe**
Principal

**Sounding out aloud**
Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.

**Fitness for the family**
Michelle Bridges talks about how to make fitness a priority for the whole family - and the start of a lifetime habit for your kids. Try out tips to keep your kids healthy, active and out of the pantry.

**Penrith Observatory – School Holiday Hand-on Science Programs**
Our programs will run regardless of the weather. **Cost:** Astronomy Nights -$18 adult, $12 child/ concession and $50 family. Workshops - $15 per person
**Bookings are essential:** Book and pay online: [www.uws.edu.au/observatory](http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory), What’s On
**Contact:** Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au

**Wednesday, 8th April 10am - 12noon - ROCKET WORKSHOP**
Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and **SAFE** and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost $15

**Saturday, 11th April 7pm – 9pm – GALAXIES AND BEYOND**
The night will include a colourful and informative multimedia presentation, a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6 m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes.

**Thursday, 16th April 10am - 12noon - STAR STUFF WORKSHOP**
The program will include hands-on science activities, a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie, water rocket launches and **SAFE** and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost $15

**Saturday, 18th April 7pm - 9pm - GALAXIES AND BEYOND**
The night will include a colourful and informative multimedia presentation, a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6 m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes.