



School Newsletter

For **Term 2 Week 2**

Starting **2 May 2016**

Dates to Remember

May

- 3rd - P&C Meeting - 7pm School Staffroom
- 4th - School Assembly 456S
- 5th - School Cross Country Carnival
- 6th - Reading Spark Commences
- 10th - NAPLAN Day 1
- 11th - NAPLAN Day 2
- 12th - NAPLAN Day 3
- 16th - Debating Primary Debating Workshop (Stage 3 Team)
- 18th - 2/3P Assembly
- 20th - National Walk safely to School Day
- 25th - South Sydney PSSA Zone Cross Country
- 31st - Premiers Sporting Challenge Leaders Day

June

- 1st - K/1H Assembly
- 9th - Nadia Wheatley visiting school
- 15th - KMP Assembly
- 21st - New Enrolment Parent Information Evening 7pm



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Mother's Day Stall and Raffle

This years Mother's Day stall will be held at 11:35am after the Cross Country Carnival. Students are encouraged to bring \$5 to buy something for their mother. The stall is run by the P&C as a fundraising activity with many of the gifts being donated. Please bring \$5 for the day. Additionally, a letter with raffle tickets was sent home on Friday with your child. Each letter had 10 raffle tickets which are \$1 each. Please buy or sell on the tickets to win some great gifts.

Reading Sparks

In the previous few years, the Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN) has worked with St Peters Public School to provide one-on-one reading and numeracy support for students at the school. This Friday the program will be commencing again and running for 8 weeks. A number of students will receive support. Mr Lavitt will supervise the volunteers.

NAPLAN 2016

Well it's nearly that time of year again when students in year 3 and 5 take part in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy - otherwise known as NAPLAN. The tests take place in week 3 in the 4/5/6 classroom in the morning session. There are 4 tests which cover a range of areas of literacy and numeracy. The schedule is:

Tuesday 10th May	9.00am-10.00am Language Conventions 10.10am - 11.10pm Writing
Wednesday 11th May	9.00am-10.00am Reading
Thursday 12th May	9.00am-10.00am Numeracy

Sometimes parents get more worried than children about these tests. You needn't be. The tests do not contribute to school reports and assess their learning in whole to date.

OC Class Applications

Last week a letter was sent home to all parents with students in year 4 who may wish their children to take Opportunity Class entrance tests. The OC classes form 2% of year 5 and 6 government schools population and are designed to cater for the needs of academically gifted children. Applications are online and all children entering sit a test which is held in July. Ask at the office if you need help.

Cross Country Carnival

Last week a note was sent home announcing our annual school cross country carnival. To be held on Thursday, the carnival will include the whole school. We have requested that all students bring a spare pair of shoes and socks in case the grass is wet in the morning. We are expecting good weather, but early morning dews may still be on the ground. Additionally, if there is anyone who can help out in the first couple of hour of Thursday it would be much appreciated.



The Week Ahead in Learning for Term 2 Week 2

This Week in KMP

English	Mathematics	Other KLAS	Reminders
The sight words we will introduce this week will be: some, get, have, run, jump. We will continue our literacy sessions with activities such as news where we will continue to work on speaking clearly and using the appropriate volume. In news we are also working on being a respectful audience and asking interesting questions.	We will be focussing on addition using concrete materials and pictorial representations. We will use everyday language and informal recording methods. Asking questions such as 'How many all together?', when we add two or more groups together.	Got Game: Athletics We will be having our Cross Country Carnival on Thursday. Kindergarten will participate in a fun run.	Please remember that our library lesson and borrowing will happen on FRIDAY this week and from this week on, Cross Country is on Thursday please remember to return your notes ASAP. Students should wear their sports uniform.

This Week in K/1H

English	Mathematics	Other KLAS	Reminders
K will learn about m and l while yr 1 will learn about 'ee' as in 'peek'. K sight words are: some, get, have, go, run, jump. Students will continue learning to connect their experiences with a text.	K and Yr 1 will learn about subtraction using concrete materials. Year 1 will write number sentences. Students will continue learning about h volume and how much 'full' means. In data students will create graphs using sticky notes and analyse the information to report back to class.	K/1H will be learning how to catch in PE. In Got Game students will learn athletics skills. In art students will study an Aboriginal Dream-time story and use Aboriginal techniques in artwork	Library is on Wednesday . Home Reading may be changed any day. Thursday cross country carnival.

This Week in 2/3P

English	Mathematics	Other KLAS	Reminders
This week students will continue our unit on informative writing. Phonics for year 2 will focus on consonant blends with 's' and grammar will continue with punctuation at the end of sentences. Year 3 phonics will focus on short vowels and grammar focus will be on combining sentences with verbs	Mathematics this week will continue with fractions, looking at fractions on a number line and our work with 2D shapes will continue.	Our artwork inspired by Paul Keel will be completed which ties in with you 2D shapes unit in mathematics. In PDHPE our interpersonal relationships unit will be completed as we were unable to complete it last week.	2/3P will now have library on a Monday. Can all students please bring their library bag on Mondays now. Thursday cross country carnival.

This Week in 4/5/6S

English	Mathematics	Other KLAS	Reminders
We will continue to read, "The Lost Thing". We will discuss the themes in the book and create a word cloud based on the themes. We will use the library to compare picture books for younger readers and older readers. We will discuss audience and purpose of books. In BTN we're focusing on identifying the main point of the story.	All students will learn to identify pyramids and prisms by their bases. Students will learn to match 3d objects with their nets. Last week when learning factors we were able to cover prime and composite numbers as well. This week students will learn about square and triangle numbers. We will also revise rounding large numbers.	We will begin an artwork related to the Gold Rush for year 5 and 6 and British Colonisation for year 4. In got game students will learn athletic skills. For sport we will continue with soccer skills.	Our library day is now on Tuesday. Please bring recorders everyday school so we can practise our assembly item. We will run assembly on Wednesday.

This Week in Stage Groups

Kindy	Years 1 & 2	Years 3 & 4	Years 5 & 6
Early Stage One will begin our Science topic: Sense of Direction. We will begin by establishing the classes understanding of the five senses.	In Science we will conclude out reports on 'Snails'.	Science will continue on Tuesday with our unit of forces to recommence. History will restart on Thursday with a further look of who convicts were and why they were convicts.	Student will be introduced to a new topic called 'The Gold Rush'. They will learn about the discovery of Gold and key figures in the discovery of Gold in Australia.

This Week in Music

KMP	K/1H	2/3P	4/5/6S
We will be learning to sing a variety of songs under the unit topic "Me and my Friends". We will be recognizing how we are all different and all special. We will be learning a song about "Spotty Socks" and all children will be encouraged to bring in different socks with spots or stripes or colours in week 3.	We will be focused this term on developing confidence in singing by ourselves and with others by playing music games in circle time, encouraging the students to sing responses and take turns. We will be listening and responding to and recognising a variety of sound tone colours and listening for difference.	Next lesson will see us further progress with our recorder repertoire recognising the notes B, A and G. We will also be introducing xylophone playing into our weekly music program creating more complex performance textures.	We are continuing to cover the repertoire required as part of the Opera House recorder repertoire. Next lesson will see us rehearsing "Pagodas's" with a recorded accompaniment for this week's assembly item which we will proudly present as a work in progress.

This Week in Mandarin

KMP	K/1H	2/3P	4/5/6S
KMP & K/1H will learn to count number 1 to 5 in Chinese. And they are going to do some counting games.		2/3P & 4/5/6S will learn to count number 1 to 5 in Chinese. They will be trying to trace and write the numbers in Chinese as well.	



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