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Kalori Newsletter

No. 16
September 2018

Principal's Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

First Day Term 4 K - 6

New Kindergarten Parent Meeting 7:30pm

Kindergarten Orientation Day 1

Mon 15th Oct

Thur 18th Oct

Thu 25th Oct

WHAT'S DUE NOW

Yr 5/6 Forensics Incursion

Dance Costume

PSSA Bus money

Yr 2 Excursion money & notes

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 2020

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 14 March 2019.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply next term. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online has been email to all Year 5 parents. The application website will open on the 9th October 2018 and closes on Monday 12th November 2018. No late applications will be accepted. More information on how to apply can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/.shs-oc>

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance. Please note that you can submit only ONE application for each student.

COULOU RUN – 23rd OCTOBER (TERM 4 WEEK 2)

Today we will be emailing soft copies and sending home hard copies of our annual P&C Colour Run information. You will receive some general information and a sponsorship form so that you can start collecting over the holidays. We will be combining this year's money raised with last year's to fund an upgrade to our playground for all to enjoy.

TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY REMINDER

In the last Kalori I announced that our school will again be participating in the Partners in Learning Parent Survey. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey. We would appreciate any parents who could spare a few minutes to complete the survey over the long weekend or school holidays before it closes. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement and we use this information to drive school decisions and measure impact in relation to school planning directions.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey is open now and closes on Friday 26th October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>
Below is a direct link to the survey for your convenience. Your voice is very important to us and I'd like to thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts with us:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/ppps>

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART – JUMP OFF DAY

Yesterday we had our Jump Rope for Heart 'Jump Off Day' that signalled the end of our skipping and fundraising for the Heart Foundation. It was a fabulous experience overall for everybody this term and encouraging to see everyone in the school jumping yesterday getting their heart rate up! I'd like to thank Ms Dawes for organising this initiative and inspiring our children to make healthy choices. During the program this term, Ms Dawes organised a visit from the 'Loftus Leapers' who taught our students a few skipping tricks in their brilliant demonstration and she arranged for a massive delivery of free fruit and water, courtesy of Woolworths, on our Jump Off Day yesterday. The best part of Jump Rope for Heart was that we all got to exercise and get fit while raising money to support research into the Heart Foundation's lifesaving research and health projects. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful families and community members who contributed to the \$10,000 we raised over the term.

SOME GENTLE REMINDERS

As we head into the holidays and embark upon the final school term for 2018, could I please remind parents that our driveway access points are for staff and deliveries only. As a parent of three myself, I understand that we sometimes run late and need to shave off time where we can or want to get as close to the destination as possible; however could I please ask that you refrain from driving into the driveways as we want to keep our children safe and minimise the number of vehicles moving in our school during school hours.

Also, it has been brought to my attention that one or two parents have been seen using the student toilets, particularly around school pick-up times. I understand that when nature calls, you can't argue with it, but could I please ask that you do not use the student toilets as it is not appropriate. If you can't hold on, please approach our office staff and we will be able to provide access to an adult toilet.

HELMETS COMPULSORY FOR STUDENTS RIDING BIKES & SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL

It is encouraging to see a growing number of students riding their bikes and scooters to school. Unfortunately we have noticed a number of students without helmets though. Some students report having lost their helmet or not having one at all. Can I please remind everyone that it is a requirement for students wear helmets when riding bikes/scooters to school. With the holidays upon us, please use the time to have a search for that lost helmet or perhaps buy a new one if need be. Many thanks for your support and understanding.

SUMMER UNIFORM

This is just a friendly reminder that all students must be in full summer school uniform from the beginning of Term 4.

STAGE 3 CAMP - THANK YOU

Our Stage 3 campers had a fantastic time down in Canberra last week visiting interesting places such as Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial and Questacon. Experiences like these are ones that our children will always remember and I'd like to thank all our parents for your support and commitment, and for giving your children the opportunity to share this experience with their teachers and friends. A big thank you goes to the parents who transported students to the Area Athletics carnival and then down to

Canberra so they could join in with their friends. I'd also like to thank our wonderful staff, Mrs Chatterton, Mrs Rose, Mrs Domenici, Mrs Perantuono, Mrs Allen and Mr Narris for taking time away from their families for three days in order to make the camp possible. Finally, I'd like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Chatterton who organised the entire camp, coordinating everything from the itinerary and accommodation through to the individual dietary and medical needs of all 133 students. These are significant events on the school calendar and it has taken a great team effort to make it an enjoyable experience for our children.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION

This term our students undertook an education tour of the national capital. The students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Australian Government for their continued support of this program.

Activities undertaken as part of this educational tour are outlined in the Stage 3 section.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As this is the last newsletter for the Term, I'd like to wish you all a very safe and enjoyable holiday. We've had yet another very busy term and I know this spring break is well deserved by all. Just a reminder that students are due to return to school on Monday 15th October to commence Term 4. See you next term!

Ben Walsh
Principal

Stage 1 Report

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Gold Principal's award at assembly.

- Suriya Royal
- Theresa Li

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Year 2 Georges River Excursion Wed 17th Oct

EXCURSION DATES FOR TERM 4

Here are some dates for your diary for our K-2 excursions next term. Notes for both Kindergarten and Year 1 excursions will come home in Week 1.

· YEAR 2	- Week 1	Wednesday 17 th October	Georges River Walk
· KINDERGARTEN	- Week 6	Wednesday 21 st November	Calmsley Hill Farm
· YEAR 1	- Week 6	Thursday 22 nd November	Symbio Wildlife Farm

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART MUFTI DAY

Congratulations again to all K-6 students for raising over \$10,000 for Jump Rope For Heart. The way our school community has supported this very worthy cause is truly amazing. Yesterday, Picnic Point was a sea

of red with all students getting involved in the Jump Rope for Heart day, culminating with a fun afternoon of activities shared with our peer support groups. Thank you again for your support and generosity and to Miss Dawes for organising this wonderful experience for our kids. Keep skipping kids!!!!

K-2 SPORT

This week was our final week for Sport in Schools. This has been a very worthwhile sporting experience for our students and they have thoroughly enjoyed the wide range of activities and skills they have learnt along the way.

Next term K-2 sport will be every Thursday and we will need parent helpers to assist in our rotational activities. A note will come home next term with all details and any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

HOLIDAYS

Term 3 has been a super busy one as usual and we wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday. Looking forward to seeing all the students back on Monday 15th October for another action packed term.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our Kindergarten Transition Program for students for 2019 begins next term. **PLEASE NOTE** the following dates:

Term 4 ~ Week 1

Thursday 18th October ~ 7:30pm – 8:30pm
For new parents only

Term 4 ~ Week 2

Thursday 25th October ~ 8:50am – 11:00am
Meeting for ALL parents &
Kindergarten Orientation 1 for students

Term 4 ~ Week 3

Thursday 1st November ~ 9:00am – 10:45am
Kindergarten Orientation 2 for students

Term 4 ~ Week 4

Thursday 8th November ~ 9:00am – 10:45am
Kindergarten Orientation 3 for students

Stage 2 Report

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following student who has received a Gold Principal's award at assembly.

- Madeline Walsh

THE ROCKS EXCURSION

Year 4 had a wonderful excursion to The Rocks area last Thursday. We experienced and learned so much about life in early Sydney and it was amazing to visit buildings and streets that are still as they were 200 years ago. It enabled the students to use their imagination to 'step back in time'. We played some fun games and sat on the same steps that Jim and his friends sat 100 years ago. We also heard the story of James Cadman and the occupation he had to find at 10 years of age.

Overall, it was a very educational and enjoyable adventure, which even a bit of rain didn't spoil!

Please keep an eye on the school website as I will be putting up some photos... Lots are already on the school's official Facebook page.

The above report was written by Mrs Chatt but what she failed to acknowledge was her own efforts. Countless hours of emails, lists, phone calls and cross checks were carried out by her. The excursion was successful not only through our cohesive team of teachers who laughed, shared stories and ensured the safety of all, but also the behind the scenes organisation. Thanks Mrs Chatt, from your buddies on Stage 3 and of course, the students.

TEEN RANCH – YEAR 6 ONLY

Year 6 students will be encouraged to attend Teen Ranch, which will be from 26th - 28th November.

The all inclusive cost for the 3 day 2 night excursion will be sent out in week one of Term 4. We are waiting on some costs to be able to put this note out. We understand that the cost may be difficult for some families, especially those with more than one child attending. Following deposit payment, we will welcome payments by instalments (if required). Should further difficulties be experienced, we suggest that a confidential phone call to the principal be made so that suitable arrangements may be organised.

Thank you to those families that have indicated that they are available to drive some campers to and from Teen Ranch. We will be in touch next term with more organisation.

We will require a non refundable deposit of \$50 from each student so that we can book the correct number of buses and to inform the Teen Ranch organisers of numbers of students attending.

This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare the students for their transition into high school, along with being a memorable and social way of completing their primary school education.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

Parents please check that your child has adequate stationery supplies and that they are brought to school each day. Whiteboard markers, pens, pencils, ruler and geometrical instruments (if requested by maths group teacher) are used daily.

The holidays are a good time to clean out and restock those pencil cases.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

It's time to start getting things ready for the farewell. One of the highlights of the night is a DVD Mrs Chatt puts together using the students photo. She needs a baby photo and a Kindy photo if your child was not at PPPS for Kindy. You can either email the photos to Mrs Chatt at pamela.chatterton@det.nsw.edu.au or send in a hard copy and she will scan it and send it home straight away.

RETURNING IN TERM 4

Term 4 is a very busy time, especially for Stage 3. We stress the importance for all students to return with a positive work ethic and adherence to our strict uniform code. We realise that uniforms may start to get a little snug and it would be pointless for parents to purchase new items of clothing. Parents are reminded that our uniform shop has a good selection of quality pre loved garments and we urge families to use this service if required.

Nominations for leadership roles in 2019 have been distributed and Year 5 students must consider if they will run for any of these positions. We urge parents to discuss the responsibilities and positive aspects of these positions and we wish all students the best of luck with the elections next term.

Nomination forms are to be returned to Mrs Chatt on or before 3:00pm Friday 2nd November Week 3. No late nominations will be accepted.

Band

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Term 4 Band resumes	Mon 15 th Oct
Band Committee Meeting	Mon 29 th Oct

BAND RESUMES FIRST DAY BACK

In Term 4, the band will start right from the first day Monday 15th October. Please be ready and on time for your morning practice, Seniors!

BAND COMMITTEE MEETING

Our meeting will be held on Monday 29th Oct (Week 3) at 7:00pm. We are hoping to have a few more parents attending than last term! This is the last meeting for the year and various issues, dates and decisions for 2019 need to be discussed. Please come along and have your say. We need a stronger parental involvement in the band organisation!

Chess

Junior Chess League Team A - SEMI FINALS!

Congratulations to our Junior Chess League Team A, who had an amazing 7:1 win over their Emanuel School opponents in the zone finals. They went on to play a very strong team from Strathfield PS in the metropolitan semi-finals and although they did not win, they played very well and just missed out at 3:5.

Congratulations again on your grit and sportsmanship:

Felix Nguyen

Leo Le

Daniel Nguyen

Joshua Lui

MORE PLAYERS NEEDED FOR CHESS ACADEMY LESSONS

The number of students attending the chess tutorials on Wednesday afternoons is growing steadily and we are only a couple of players short of being able to form a second class. It would be beneficial for all the players, as the tuition could be better geared to individual abilities and skill levels. These lessons are run by a highly skilled tutor from the Sydney Chess Academy and there is a fee involved. Any student K-6 can register, regardless of their chess skills - from non-players to experts.

If you think your child may be interested in joining, please see Mrs Stawski to ask about a free trial session.

SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

The annual school tournament is organised by the Sydney Chess Academy and held at our school in Term 4. At this stage it is tentatively booked for Wednesday 5th December, to be confirmed. A fee is involved in this competition - more details will be sent home next term.

CHESS CLUB

Now that the Junior Chess League school competitions are over, it is a good time to join the chess club or just come along to have a look. If you don't know how to play chess, we will teach you. It is an excellent problem solving activity which requires careful planning and thinking. The goal is to take as many of your opponent's pieces as possible, so that you can finally capture his or her king! Check mate!

The chess club is on every Tuesday lunchtime in Mr Burdon's room, and every Thursday lunchtime in Mrs Stawski's room.

OUR GARDEN

Our garden is growing beautifully. Our plants are looking so happy and healthy after the rain. It has really helped our new little seedlings along. Each grade helped to plant some of the veggies with the help and advice of the Padstow TAFE team and the classes are now responsible for looking after their "garden patch". Hopefully we will have some delicious produce to harvest after the holidays! A big thank you to Don who is going to water and care for the garden this holidays.

We would again like to thank Padstow TAFE landscape students for their invaluable help with design and construction.

We would also like to sincerely thank Rodgers sand and soil supplies at Revesby for their donation of soil. We would also like to sincerely thank Flower Power for their donation towards our purchase of seedlings.

PIRATE DAY

Thank you for your support on dress like a pirate day. We raised \$347 towards sponsoring our World Vision student. Well done, Picnic Point!

Sport Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Girls Touch Knockout Tue 23rd Oct

SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME

Notes went home a few weeks ago for expressions of interest for Year 2 students to participate in our Special Swimming Scheme. This is a very important program for all students but particularly to those students who were not ready to participate in our swimming carnival this year. We have been doing this program for a number of years now and it is highly recommended. This week we have now opened it up to any Years 3-6 students who would like to further develop their swimming skills particularly coming into Summer and in preparation for our carnival next year. Please return all notes to the office by Monday 15th October to secure your place. Notes will come first day back with final costing. Thank you.

AREA ATHLETICS

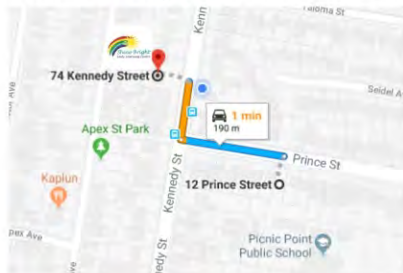
Congratulations to all competitors who represented East Hills at the Sydney South West Area Athletics carnival on Wednesday 19th September. We had some excellent individual results and team results. Congratulations to Josh Sabbagh, Azaleeah Oloapu, Channary Royal and our junior boys relay team, Reece Lewis, Jordan Pantazis, Blake Petrovski and Josh Sabbagh for their outstanding results on the day. We wish them all the very best of luck when they represent Sydney South West at the State Athletics Championships next term at Homebush.

A special thank you to the parents of our senior students who drove their children to Canberra straight after the carnival. We very much appreciate you driving them to camp so they were able to do both the SSW Area Carnival and participate at camp. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

			HEAT	FINAL
Josh Sabbagh	1 st	9 Years 100m	14:65	14:72
	1 st	Junior Relay	1:00:89	1:00:67
Azaleeah Oloapu	1 st	12 Years Shot Put		9.54m
	5 th	11 Years Discus		19.74m

Reece Lewis	1 st	Junior Relay	1:00:89	1:00:67
	11 th	10 Years 100m	14:43	
Jordan Pantazis	1 st	Junior Relay	1:00:89	1:00:67
Blake Petrovski	1 st	Junior Relay	1:00:89	1:00:67
Channary Royal	2 nd	11 Years 200m	29:64	31:00
	4 th	11 Years Long Jump	3.93m	
	4 th	11 Years 100m	14:18	14:48
	11 th	Senior Relay	1:01:46	
Jake Bender	9 th	11 Years Long Jump	4.03m	
	9 th	Senior Relay	59:08	
	10 th	11 Years 200m	29:65	
	16 th	11 Years 100m	14:26	
Daniel Merheb	9 th	Senior Relay	59:08	
	12 th	11 Years 100m	13:88	
	13 th	11 Years 200m	30:09	
Serena Giang	11 th	Senior Relay	1:01:46	
	14 th	11 Years 200m	31:80	
	21 st	11 Years 100m	15:36	
Kayley Sommer	8 th	11 Years 800m	2:05:02	
	11 th	Senior Relay	1:01:46	
Anton Petrovski	9 th	Senior Relay	59:08	
	12 th	12 Years 800m	2:52:49	
Damon Beard	7 th	8 Years 100m	15:46	15:69
Finn Benson	8 th	Junior 800m	2:52:93	
Lucas Pengue	9 th	Junior 800m	2:58:46	
Ashton Simpson	9 th	Senior Relay	59:08	
Abbey Fuz	11 th	Senior Relay	1:01:46	
Brandon Ednie	11 th	Junior Shot Put	7.82m	

Located 190m from Picnic Point PS



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CHILDCARE CENTRE

Teenie Weenies is a privately, family owned and run childcare centre by the Sister and Brother team of Marie and Chris. Marie having a Child Care background since 2002 and Chris' love for food and cooking has had Teenie Weenies operating in the community since opening there doors in late 2010. Teenie Weenies work towards meeting and exceeding all requirements and acknowledge the importance of play and learning in early childhood environment. We are a small 29 place service with a close knit team who are dedicated, highly skilled and motivated educators.

Mon-Fri, 7am-6pm

Qualified Cook

School Readiness

Home-like environment

NSW curriculum framework

We have an Open Door Policy, come in and visit at anytime.

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SET
GROW**





FREE ORTHODONTIC CONSULTATION

Have you ever wondered whether your child may need braces?

Do you have any concerns about your child's teeth?

Are they crooked or crowded?

Do they have an overbite or an underbite or do they have an incorrect jaw position?

If you are not sure, come into Brite Dental for a FREE consultation including photographs. The dentist will discuss your child's needs and recommend the best course of action. Please call our friendly staff to arrange this **FREE** consultation on **97744662**.

MEDICARE - \$1,000 Free Dental Benefits

Did you know about the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Scheme CDBS? Eligible children will have access to a benefit of \$1,000 over a two year period which covers examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. (**CDBS Benefits do not cover orthodontic or cosmetic dental work**). Brite Dental **Bulk Bill** any of these services directly from Medicare. So while Medicare have this benefit available, bring your child into Brite Dental for an examination. Don't delay, Call us TODAY on 97744662.

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Mon - Sat 9AM - 5PM
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Active Travel:

Walk, Scoot or Ride!

Supervised walking or riding to school a couple of days each week will help children develop important road safety skills. If you live further away, try driving part of the way, and walking the remainder with your children.



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South Western Sydney
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Active Travel:

Walk, Scoot or Ride!

Did you know?

Children who are physically active in the morning arrive at school more alert and ready to learn. They may also perform better in the classroom.



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Walk, Scoot or Ride!

MYTH: It's safer to drive my children to school

This is actually not true! More walkers on the street makes drivers slow down. Kids' walking to and from school actually helps to reduce both the number and speed of cars. Help our school become a safe and healthy place by trying active transport.



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HEALTHY SNACK IDEAS:



- ✓ Pikelets
- ✓ Fruit bread
- ✓ Plain rice cakes
- ✓ Air-popped popcorn
- ✓ Wholegrain crackers
- ✓ Reduced fat yoghurt
- ✓ Reduced fat cheese
- ✓ Vegetable sticks eg celery, carrot, capsicum
- ✓ Cherry tomatoes
- ✓ Corn cob
- ✓ Cucumber
- ✓ Fruit (whole or sliced) eg grapes, orange segments, kiwi fruit, mango slices, pear, apple, banana



Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

Seminar 1 – An overview of the principles of positive parenting

FREE INFORMATION SESSION

Greenacre Area Community Centre in partnership with Families Together invites mothers, fathers, carers and grandparents with children up to the age of 12 to this information session presented by

Kathy Theofilopoulou
Accredited Triple P Practitioner
Bankstown Community Resource Group

Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns. All parents with children aged up to 12 years can attend, however this program is most effective with children aged 3 to 8 years.

Seminar 1 - An overview of the principles of positive parenting.
Seminar topics include:

- creating a safe, interesting and positive learning environment
- using assertive discipline
- having realistic expectations
- taking care of yourself as a parent

Wednesday 31 October 2018

10.00am - 12.00pm

Greenacre Area Community Centre

87 Waterloo Road, Greenacre

On-site parking is available

Bookings are essential and places are limited. Please fill in the slip below and return to Greenacre Area Community Centre or call Families Together on 0407 708 626.

Families Together is for mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers living in the Fairfield, Liverpool and the former Bankstown local government areas. Children's services workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will not be given a place.

Child minding is not available for this seminar.



I will be attending the Triple P Seminar at Greenacre Area Community Centre on Wednesday 31 October 2018 from 10.00am to 12.00 midday.

Parent/Caregiver's name:

Contact number:.....