Principal’s message

Dear parents, students and staff,

It has been an incredibly busy end to the term, but also a most rewarding one. You may have noticed that our playground has been transformed with various brightly painted games in different areas of our school. This will mean that when our students are outside there will be greater learning and social opportunities to interact with their peers, while experiencing some new games. A very big thankyou to Lend Lease for their amazing effort to support our school.

On Thursday 18 September, four of our students represented Fort Street in the Premier’s Spelling Bee. I felt so proud of the efforts of all four students who represented our school. It was wonderful to achieve at this level of competition. Rianne succeeded in winning the competition at the senior level and will now go on to represent our school in the state final, to be held at the ABC Centre at Ultimo on 5 November. Congratulations Rianne.

At the beginning of term 4 – week 2, our students will be participating in Dance Fever. The Dance Fever program exposes students to numerous styles of dance so that a range of different dance skills can be learnt and displayed by students. I will look forward to seeing our students using these new dance skills when we have a school disco.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday and a well-deserved rest after such a busy term. Keep safe and hopefully enjoy some sunshine during the holidays.

Kind Regards,

Julie

Julie Solomon
Roald Dahl Day
Roald Dahl is arguably the most popular children’s author in the English-speaking world and we celebrated his contribution to literature this Thursday by viewing his films throughout the school. We chose between classics like Willy Wonka, The BFG and Fantastic Mr Fox.

Lend Lease Community Day
Many thanks to our friends at Lend Lease for coming in on Thursday and making our school look more beautiful. If you venture around the front and back of the school, you’ll notice some new paintings that make our school look much more fun. We would like to thank our friends at Lend Lease for all their support shown to FSPS over the years. Stay tuned to next term’s first newsletter for some snaps.

Reduce, reuse, recycle
Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country’s food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

Mobile Maths Games
Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Year 2 to Year 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You’ll find links to both here: http://bit.ly/oSREYV

Selective schools
Are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You’ll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: http://bit.ly/selectiveHS

The Susannah Place 170th Anniversary took place over the weekend. Students from 2/3L and 4K created the bunting for the event and our very own guitar tutor, JR, performed!
What’s happening in 4K?

This week, 4k has been working on their online information texts. They have been designing and creating their websites on their chosen Australian animal. Here are some extracts from their ‘About’ pages on their websites.

Welcome to www.cuddlywombat.weebly.com. This website is where you will find factual information about the amazing wombat. You will learn information about their appearance, behaviour and habitat. Also find out about such facts as: what national emblem does the wombat represent? Are they an official or unofficial emblem? To find out more return to our home page and read on. Enjoy!

Karla and Charlotte

Welcome to www.Tasmaniandevil.weebly.com. On our website you will learn all about the Tasmanian devil. You will learn about how they got their name, where they live and what the Tasmanian devil looks like. If you want to read on, return to our home page and get going on your journey of discovery.

Joleen

Welcome to www.wombatclub164.weebly.com. It is a factual website that will inform you about the wombat’s appearance, behaviour, habitat and breeding. You will learn interesting facts you can use in your learning such as, who is the wombats closest relative? What family does it belong to? Click on our home page and enjoy exploring!

Nikki and Chelpin

For more of what’s been happening in 4K lately, check out the next page of the newsletter to read some creative pieces from Charlotte and Declan.
4K students have been learning about Australian commemorations and celebrations. They have been writing letters home to family from the perspective of soldiers and nurses that served in World War 1. They have written letters that express their feelings and describe their experiences in preparing and training, travelling and fighting in Gallipoli. We read letters from the book ‘The Light Horse Boy’ by Dianne Wolfer and listened to stories from the books ‘Anzac Biscuits’ by Phil Cummings and Owen Swan and ‘Our Place’ by Nadia Wheatley and Donna Rawlings. These stories helped paint a picture about the types of experiences the soldiers had and helped us write our ‘Letters Home’.

**Letter Home**

**Charlotte**

Dear Mum and everyone there,

We boarded the ship that will take us to Gallipoli a few hours ago. All the men were betting with the nurses about how many of them would be the first to reach the shore, but my friends and I talked about how much we missed home. Even though the men act brave they admit they’re scared, all of us are. I can see ships and they are specks in the distance. I am writing this on the deck, so I can hear the waves lapping against the ship. I wonder how many patients I will have to attend to. I hope everyone at home is okay. This is a lot to handle for a nineteen year home. Don’t worry mum, I will be home soon, safe and sound. Tell Jemima and James that I said hello.

I loved the biscuits sent from home. Everyone had one, we were all famished. The food here is disgusting!

From Jessica

**Declan**

Dear Mum,

I am on the boat on the way to Gallipoli. I am very nervous, but I am still excited to be going to a new country. I can hear the men on the boat yelling, and feel the boat moving along. I can taste the salty water flying into my mouth. I can see every one writing letters to their loved ones, and the chief officer handing out our safety gear.

There is not much to do on the ship, so all we really do on board is play cards, read books, and look at the beautiful sunset.

Love Harry
Dear parents

It is the end of school term and school holiday is coming. Please don’t forget to book your children early for the holiday program. Holiday program activity sheets are near the sign in/out sheet to pick up.

The school holiday program is full with exciting and fun activities the children will enjoy. We will have an exciting excursion to the Featherdale Wildlife Park on the first week and play unlimited laser tag at FunTime4Kids the second week. So, make sure you book in while there is still place. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on our OSHClub phone (0408 276 937).

See you in the holidays!

Recent program activities

Regards

The Fort Street Team
Next week's activities

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OSHC program phone: 0408 276 937
Coordinator: Stephanie Kristian and Eleanor Whale
Assistants: Laura Malcolm (Before School Care) / Matt Gates and Matt Willmott (After School Care)
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.