Dear parents, students and staff,

Please be advised Mr Laba Sarkis is still on leave so parent/teacher interviews for Years 5/6L will be held at a later date.

The new IWB has been installed in the Library, it looks amazing.... Thank you parents of FSPS!!

I was lucky enough to accompany 6 students to the Primary Debating development day at Annandale Nth PS last Wednesday. It was a very informative day of learning, one that will really assist the students as they begin the journey of transition from public Speakers to confident debaters!

Well done to all the students who participated in the FSPS Speak Offs on Thursday. I look forward to hearing the results this week.

NAPLAN will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday this coming week. The assessments will begin at 9.30am. It is important students are at school in time to have a little social interaction before school commences so that they begin the day settled and relaxed. NAPLAN is for students in Yrs 3 & 5.

Wishing everyone a very enjoyable weekend

Kind regards,

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We love speaking

We completed our speak-offs this week for the Stage 2 and 3 public speaking competition. Well done to Larissa, Cecilia, Charlotte and Mackenzie for competing in Stage 2. The Stage 3 finalists were Mia and Max (pictured below), along with Rianne and Niloofar. The speeches were very impressive, and for the first time ever, we also held impromptu speeches in the hall! Results should be announced in next week’s newsletter.

Parent-teacher interviews

The teachers are excited to meet the parents next week to discuss the progress of the children we teach. The duration of each interview should be about 10 minutes.
Printable planners for homework and study
School A to Z has printable monthly planners which include school holidays and the numbered weeks of each Term (for example Monday 19 May is the start of Week 4, in Term 2). Print one for each child to stick on the fridge or on their noticeboards. It’s a great way to teach them how scheduling their time means they’ll fit in the fun activities as well as their other commitments and responsibilities.


Is your child’s backpack damaging their spine?
A recent Australian study has shown that approximately 25% of school-aged children suffer from back and/or neck pain at any one time. It’s believed to be due to a combination of factors such as poor posture, everyday load carrying and the use of computers.

The Children’s Hospital at Westmead suggests young people should:
not carry more than 10% of their body weight
use a backpack with the straps over both shoulders and a waist strap
load gear so that the heavier objects are nearer to the spine, with the lighter objects towards the front of the pack
lift a backpack properly- bend at the knees and lift the pack with both hands

More tips at http://bit.ly/1iB4Ob0

Cross country results
Congratulations to all of our students who placed in the cross country races last week. The first six students of the 8/9 years races and above will be eligible to compete at the Balmain PSSA Cross Country Carnival on Thursday, 22 May.

Boys
5/6 years: 1st Ben, 2nd Rowan, 3rd Gerrard
7 years: 1st Yoahn, 2nd Matthew, 3rd Yash
8/9 years: 1st Cooper, 2nd Luke, 3rd Andrew
10 years: 1st Omar, 2nd Justin, 3rd Christian
11 years: 1st Rickey, 2nd Ben, 3rd Liam
12/13 years: 1st Korey, 2nd Rio, 3rd Bibek

Girls
5/6 years: 1st Nikita (1K), 2nd Tarnia, 3rd Isabelle
7 years: 1st Sally, 2nd Gabriella, 3rd Aiden
8/9 years: 1st Savanna, 2nd Coral, 3rd Miryana
10 years:
11 years: 1st Maria, 2nd Fiona, 3rd Nilofar
12/13 years: 1st Rianne, 2nd Serena

Thanks to Katarina and Paul from Dymocks Children Charities for visiting 2H and 4K on Thursday afternoon. We’re looking forward to reading our Term 2 books.
REMINDER: ONLINE BOOKINGS

Our bookings are open online once again: please remember to book your child in advance. This ensures your child has a space at the program that afternoon. OSHClub staff have a duty of care to chase up any missing children by 3:10pm at the latest – booking your child in ensure we will seek their presence at the program!

School Bags
Last week we had a mix up with families accidentally taking the wrong bags home. It would be much appreciated if all regular families could double check they do not have an additional bag floating around! In most cases, these issues are resolved the next morning, however you have not been so lucky this time.

We will continue to ask the children to keep their belongings inside their bags, and their bags lined up against the wall. A bright key chain displayed clearly near the front of your child’s bag may assist with this issue. We will also speak with the children about taking responsibility for their bags and their items when they arrive and when they leave OSHClub 😊

Next Week
We’ve enjoyed making special trinkets and cards for Mother’s Day this past week. Next week, our theme will be ‘Things that go!’, and we’ll have a chance to make a milk bottle top rubber band car (a parent contribution-thank you!), and try our hand at constructing a race track with recycled materials. The older children wish to contribute to the Wednesday Cake Stall for Stewart House, so we will be cooking up a storm on Tuesday!

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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.