Term 2 Week 1

Principal’s message
Dear parents, students and staff,
Welcome back to Term 2 and welcome to new students and their families; Eddie (2/3L) & Matthew (2H), Zhiying (KR) and Calista (KF).

Huge thanks to the mum and dad helpers who braved the hill this morning for the FSPS X Country - your assistance makes it possible to run safely and smoothly. The organised chaos went off in good time and apart from a small technical hiccup (10yrs girls will run the race on Monday as a whole group), the students completed the course with lots of enthusiasm followed by exhaustion! Congratulations to the placegetters - ribbons will be distributed during assembly next Friday and the qualifying reps will receive information regarding the PSSA Zone carnival.

Today the school community had a chance to reflect and commemorate ANZAC Day (25th April). Thank you to the students and teachers for the preparation of this assembly and to Commander Doble (Eli & Aidan’s dad) for being our special guest and sharing with us what this day means to you.

You may have noticed how wonderful our garden is looking! This is thanks to Mary Ann our new General Assistant, gardener (see photo right). Mary Ann loves to dig deep in the garden in between volunteer work and caring for her family. Thanks too, Mrs Gramellini for organising the big truck full of mulch!

Still on the garden, thank you to Savannah & Che’s grandma for delivering 3 trees to our school. They grow quite large so we are attempting to source some extra big pots to plant them in. Thank you Mike (Yr5) for a kind donation of a fruit tree. Mike has been part of the Eco Warrior team this year.

Kind regards,
Michele

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Calendar

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| Tuesday 20 May | Kindy Information Night
              | ICAS Computer Skills Test                 |
| Tuesday 22 May | Scooter Safety Program Stage 1
              | (Years 1 & 2)                             |
              | Balmain Zone Cross Country Carnival       |

Mr Laba Sarkis is recovering from a recent operation, he is currently on sick leave. Miss Donaldson is relieving teacher on 5/6L.
News

Library update

Dear parents and carers,

The library times for borrowing have remained the same for Term 1 and are as follows:

Tuesdays: 1K and KF
Wednesdays: 5/6L and 4K
Thursdays: 2/3L, 2H and KR

Please ensure your child has his/her library bag with them on the nominated library days, as students are unable to borrow without their library bag.

As always, students are welcome to come and visit Miss Clancy in the library during the second half of lunch to locate books, research topics or just to pop in for a chat!

Happy reading!
Miss Clancy

Cross country

A big thank you to all the parents who helped out with supervision on Observatory Hill today. We couldn’t run days like today without your support! Stay tuned to next week’s newsletter for race results.
**NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:
- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

Please visit [http://www.nap.edu.au/](http://www.nap.edu.au/) for more information about NAPLAN.

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**The Anzac Spirit**

*by Charlotte, 4K*

The ANZAC spirit means having courage, confidence and also making strong friendships and sacrifices. Jack Simpson showed the ANZAC spirit by helping the injured and dying by lifting them onto his donkey and helping them continue in the war. Simpson was courageous and risked his life for others. He went to the war to bring peace to the world.

**Simpson and His Donkey**

*by Matthew, 4K*

Simpson and his donkey represent ANZAC Day because of their spirit. Simpson could’ve enrolled himself without the donkey but he brought the donkey and risked his life. Think for yourself. Simpson had to look at three things, which were where the wound is in the soldier, lifting up the soldier and if bullets were firing at him. In only 24 days, Simpson and his donkey brought back more than 300 soldiers. This brave act is why Simpson represents the ANZAC spirit.

*Well done, Charlotte and Matthew! These are excerpts from their speeches that were delivered at today’s assembly.*
Here’s a Venn diagram created by 4K. Can you work out how the 3D shapes have been sorted?