Term 2 Week 4

Principal’s message

Dear parents, students and staff,

Congratulations to the FSPS Debating Team– Niloofar, Rianne, Saarah and Ben – winners of your first debate!! This week they versed Balmain PS over the statement: Smarter kids should be separated and go to their own primary school. Our students chose to rebut that statement. They came up with great arguments and won! Thank you to Mrs Solomon for helping prepare the students and to Liam (chairperson), Mia & Zhixin (timekeepers). Their next debate is at Haberfield PS on 3rd June. Good luck!

Well done to our rep X Country team who competed yesterday in the zone carnival. It was a big race, against 22 other schools. Your team sportsmanship shone through with your encouraging cheers.

Today, being Walk Safely to School day, is a timely reminder of taking special care on the roads around schools. In our school I would like to remind parents about parking in the designated areas and always looking out for students, especially in the afternoon during our busy dismissal time.

Finally, fantastic work around the school this week- lots of writing & reading from Kindy and painting, collage and drawing across the school!

Wishing everyone a safe and fun weekend.

Kind regards,

Michele

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Today in assembly we said “Thank you Pania” (Bronagh’s mum) for her many years of dedicated volunteering on the P&C with uniforms, canteen and OSSH. Three cheers for Pania!!!!

SAVE THE DATE:

Diary dates: FSPS Athletics Carnival is Thursday 12th June, 2014
Birchgrove oval
This is our 1st ever FSPS carnival (on our own). We hope lots of parents can join us for a big day of athletics and picnic!!
Debating
by Saarah, 5/6L (Year 6)

Students Rianne, Niloofar, Ben and I starred on Tuesday for Fort Street Public School’s first ever debate! [Liam also featured as chairperson.] It all started like this. We walked over to the Environmental Education Centre with Mrs Solomon to meet our competitors – Balmain. We soon flipped a coin and voted on our topic – Should there be separate primary schools for smart kids? We picked to argue the negative and began to plan. An hour later, the debate was on.

It was like a game of battleships. When they would fire questions at us, we would fire our hearts out by trying even more. After the debate, the results were announced. “Fort Street wins!”

We were all overjoyed and a tear was even shed by Niloofar. What a fantastic day! We celebrated with $1 ice creams back at school. Yum!

Scooter Safety Program

Yesterday, Years 1 and 2 participated in the Scooter Safety Program with our guest, Luke. The weather was stunning and we had a great time learning about how to place on safety equipment, ride responsibly and use the brakes. Many thanks to Miss Farrow for organising the event.

Chess Club

Just a reminder that Chess Club is on Monday at lunch time. All students regardless of ability are welcome to come to the 2H classroom once they have finished eating their lunches!

Make sure lunch boxes come home empty
Damien offers a few tips that might help ensure that the lunch box comes home empty:
Try to involve your kids when doing the shopping. They are more likely to eat the food if they helped choose it and pre-planning the list will avoid lengthy shopping trips!
Encourage participation in the lunch preparation. If they know what they are going to get, they have something to look forward to.
Add something as a surprise, maybe just a small treat which is not quite as healthy as the rest of the lunch.


Balmain PSSA Cross Country Carnival
by Rianne, 5/6L (Year 6)
Cross country may sound like an exhausting day of running but it’s not as bad as it seems. It’s a fan day and getting an opportunity to be fit and healthy motivated me more than usual. Korey and Rio were our star athletes, coming 15th and 16th in their races. Bicentennial Park is a great place and we had a great opportunity to observe the beauty of the surroundings.

Cross country made my arms feel like jelly. But meeting/making new friends, chatting, cheering and almost (not really) winning made it all worthwhile. Congrats to Korey and Rio. You made the crowd go crazy. You were great. Everyone ran and finished their race. I’m Niloo far and I’m tired.
Welcome to our new coordinator!
As many of you have heard, Nat will be leaving Fort Street for another school early next week. If you frequent the Holiday Program, you will certainly cross paths with her again as she will ‘tag team’ with Elly.

About Elly
Elly has spent the last seven years in the Child Care industry, owning and operating her own Long Day Care for six. She then went on to help another first time owner establish her centre before transitioning into work with school aged children. Elly is currently completing a degree in Primary Education, combined with Special Needs Education and has years of experience working with children with additional needs. If you have any concerns about your child, or their after school care experience, please do not hesitate to contact her at the service.

Next week
Last week the children participated in several science based activities, and the bi-carb and vinegar volcano in the sandpit with Steph was certainly the most popular! Many of us got our hands thoroughly covered in red food dye (our ‘lava’), and tinkered with the correct ratio of bi-carb soda to vinegar. They enjoyed the ‘experimental’ aspect of the activity, as well as the messy, hands-on approach, as always!

Above is Trinity’s volcano poster. To the left is our bi-carb and vinegar volcano!

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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.