Principal’s message

Dear parents, students and staff,

While it was a disappointment not to have been able to hold our carnival yesterday it is good to know it will all happen this coming Wednesday, 18th June. Same place, same time. We’ll keep fingers crossed for dry conditions and a sunny, mild day!

Consultations across the inner city community of parents and teachers continue regarding the future provision of secondary schools within Sydney’s CBD and inner suburbs. You can join the online discussion forum through the www.dec.nsw.gov.au website: type community consultation into the search bar and follow the prompts.

Some upcoming dates for Term 3:

Week 1, 15-18th July: FSPS will celebrate NAIDOC week with a variety of activities and local excursions

Week 3, 28Jul.-1 Aug. : Education Week, including open day & picnic lunch on Tuesday 29th 9.30-11.30am

Week 4, 4th Aug: Bondi showcase event (dance team)

Week 6, 18-22 Aug: It’s Book Week and the 2014 theme is “Connect to Reading” And that’s just the start of the term!!

Kind regards,

Michele

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News

Book Bonus
This year our school is participating in Book Bonus, an online fundraiser linked to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Book Bonus offers an opportunity to encourage our students to read book for the Challenge while raising funds to help resource the school with high quality books.

Our school will receive books to 100% of the value of the funds raised by our students and we’ll also be helping schools in need across NSW. 50% of all funds raised will be used to provide books to schools in Dymocks Children’s Charities literacy support programs.

Note also, there are prizes for the students’ participation with each child raising over $200 receiving a book of their choice (valued at $20) and prizes for the top fundraisers in the state.

How to register:
There are 4 steps to registering for Book Bonus

1. Please go to www.bookbonus.org.au, click register now and log in or create an account
2. Complete your child’s details and note our school on the form (Fort Street Public School) as the “Team name”
3. Sign and return the parental consent form
4. Send the link to your family and friends asking them to support your child’s participation in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

For more information on this fundraiser, go to the website www.bookbonus.org.au or contact our Dymocks co-ordinator, Mr Harris.

Basketball
Thanks to our general assistant, Scott, we now have a fresh new basketball hoop for the back playground. It’s proving to be very popular with the kids at lunch and fruit break.
Sharing doesn’t always come naturally
Children should be encouraged to share time, space and possessions from the earliest possible age. Sharing is an important element in forming friendships and a prerequisite for living and working effectively with others. It is a vital skill for social and academic success at school. Parents can stimulate children to share by establishing a co-operative atmosphere at home. There are many situations in family-life that can be used to foster co-operation and sharing.

Allow children to serve themselves from dishes at the meal table rather than put food on the plate for them.

Use family discussions to teach children to take it in turns speaking and listening to others, which is a very important social skill.

Provide games and toys for the whole family to share. The rules of board and card games provide a good structure to follow. Children need to be able to both win and lose graciously.

Limit children’s time at solitary activities such as television and computers. Encourage interaction with other children through indoor and outdoor activities.

Share television time with other members of the family.

Provide an opportunity for a child who has difficulty sharing to occasionally play with younger children or even toddlers. It is often hard to avoid sharing with younger children.

EEC toys of the past excursion
by Ellis, 2/3L (Year 3)
On Wednesday, my class and 4K went to The Rocks for an excursion. We made whirly-gigs, weave bracelets and ate black liquorice. We went on a hunt to find things in the olden days and found a post box, a toilet and a wheel. We were told stories about Jim and James and at the end we played bingo. We went to Susannah Place, played some games and then went back to school.

The whirly-gigs proved to be the most popular toy of the excursion, although they are pretty tricky to figure out at first!
Program update

Over the past week we have been looking to incorporate more art and craft activities as the children have given us a lot of positive feedback about these activities. Free painting, group race track designing and constructing vehicles have all been very popular. We will continue to update our displays just inside the school hall doors, so please pop your head in and have a look!

We have also been working on our sporting abilities! The children have loved the school’s addition of a brand new basketball ring, and games such as ‘Corner Tag’ and ‘Red Light, Green Light’ have been some of our favourites. The children have also independently created their own dancing competitions, and the music from ‘Frozen’ as well as Justice Crew’s new single have been very popular dance tracks.

Bookings for the June – July Holiday Program are now open online. Friends and families from other schools are able to attend as long as they create an online account. Please book in sooner rather than later because places will go quickly, and once they are full we are unable to extend.

Thanks,

Elly Dunn - Fort St Program Coordinator

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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.