Term 3 Week 4

Principal’s message

Dear parents, students and staff,

The Fort Street community experienced two great performances this week. On Tuesday night the Dance team rocked and rolled their way through a great number in the DEC’s Showcase @ the Juniors concert. This event is held over three evenings and provides opportunities for many local schools, primary and high to showcase the performing arts at their schools. The ticket sales raised $5000 for Stewart House. This was the second year our students performed and this year our team totalled 22 students! They were fantastic and the costumes looked amazing. Well done dance team and huge thanks to Miss Lanceny for your inspiration, dedication and commitment.

Today we were blown away by KR’s debut stage performance of We’re going on a bear hunt! The Kindy’s performance involved timing, actions, rhythm and beat, teamwork and voice projection as well as remembering the words to a whole big book! They were truly amazing and have set a high benchmark for everyone! Well done KR and to Ms Ryan for all your guidance, inspiration and hard work.

Warm regards for a great weekend,
Michele

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Calendar

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KR performs @ assembly

Tuesday 12 August
UNSW Mathematics assessments
CSIRO Science Incursion: Science In Action

Wednesday 13 August
SRC fundraiser: Crazy Hair Day
Principal’s Conference 9-3

Friday 15 August
Assembly – 1K performance
Premiers Sport Challenge - halfway mark!

Mon – Fri 18 Aug – 22 Aug
Book Week: Connect To Reading
Scholastic Book Fair @ the EEC
National Science Week: Food for our Future, Science, feeding the World

Tuesday 19 August
Book Week Parade (9:15 am in the back playground – parents welcome!)
Read Around the School (2.10 pm)

Wednesday 20 August
BPSSA Athletics Carnival – Day 1
Good Luck school reps!

Thursday 21 August
Spelling Bee school Spell Off to be held in the Hall @ 11.45am

Friday 22 August
BPSSA Athletics Carnival – Day 2
Premiers Reading Challenge closes

Monday 25 August
Totally Amazing! performance K-6 ‘Worlds Apart’

Friday 29 August
Assembly – 4K performance
**KR goes on a bear hunt at assembly**

Well done to all the students of KR (and Ms Ryan) for a brilliant performance at our Friday assembly this morning. All of us at Fort Street were all absolutely impressed with your talents! A special thank you to the parents for coming as well – and the little bubs that came to see their big brothers and sisters too.

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**Showcase**

*by Niloofar, 5/6L (Year 6)*

About 20 schools came together on Monday to prepare for the Showcase. We had a few run throughs and they were okay – it was fun to see the performances of the other schools. The Showcase is where schools prepare dance routines and come together to share them with the wider community.

Our dance was 1950s themed partner dancing. It was fun and energetic. The whole dance group offers a special thank you to Miss Lancey for the time and effort she put in to making the performance happen – but most importantly, we have to thank Miss Lancey for her patience!

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**Penny the Pirate**

Zenon was kind enough to share his copy of Penny the Pirate with 2H this week. It’s a book released by OPSM to help parents test the eyesight of their children. You can pick up a free copy at your local OPSM.
Discipline is not a dirty word

Discipline is a necessary part of parenting, yet it is often misunderstood. Discipline is usually associated with punishment. Effective discipline teaches children about appropriate behaviour. Good discipline teaches students to take responsibility for their own actions. It does not involve physical harm. However, it does require firmness.

Try the ESCAPE formula when dealing with children’s misbehaviour.
Establish clear limits and boundaries for children. Rules need to be clear and specific.
Stop, think and go against your first impulse when children misbehave. If you feel you are losing your cool with your children, take a walk, phone a friend or even count to ten before interacting with them.
Cue children once when giving instructions or directions. Repeated requests or threats only encourage ‘parent deafness’ in children.
Act when children don’t stick to the limits or refuse to co-operate. Rather than nag or coax children into doing the right thing, implement a consequence that is related to their misbehaviour. For example, children who won’t pack up their toys should lose them for a while..... hide them.
Pinpoint the reason for children’s misbehaviour. Much misbehaviour is to get parental attention. If you constantly nag children, coax attention seekers to co-operate or nag ...... try changing your ways.
Encourage children at every opportunity.

REMEMBER, CONSISTENCY RATHER THAN SEVERITY IS THE KEY TO EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE.

Book Week Parade reminder

Just a reminder that our Book Week Parade is on Tuesday, 19 August. Following the success of our Easter Hat Parade in the back playground, we’ll be holding the Book Week Parade out the back as well. Students need to come dressed as a book character for the day – and Ms Clancy, our fantastic librarian, would love to see everybody come with the book that their character is in as well.

Missed your open classrooms photo in last week’s newsletter?
Check the gallery at www.fortstreet-p.schools.nsw.edu.au for plenty more action shots from Mrs Peel-Yates, Mr Beinssen and Mr Harris.
Whacko Hair Day
Wednesday, 13 August

$4 for crazy colour in your hair and a surprise gift!