Principal’s message

Dear parents, students and staff,

Congratulations to the FSPS Spelling Bee champs who took out the Spell Off comp yesterday. **Stage 2** students Matthew Year 4 & Cecilia Yr 3, and **Stage 3** students Rianne & Saarah, both Yr 6 will represent Fort Street PS at the regional finals on Monday, 8th September. We wish them all the best - keep practising those words! Well done to the other competitors for reaching the FSPS Spell Off! They were Rickey, Cherry, Charlotte, Archie and Kamran. All of them FSPS top spellers.

School’s continue to improve when the whole school community works together for the same outcomes. Communication needs to be clear, concise and on time. We are excited to announce our subscription to the School eNews app. Staff will undergo implementation training over the next week. Look out for the flyer with all the information you’ll need to get started (for all users of smart phones). More next edition!

The students looked fabulous dressed up for the Book Week Parade last Tuesday. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who came along to join in the fun and to our little friends at Sydney Cove preschool, who braved the weather to join us too. There will be more pics up on the website shortly. Huge thanks to Mrs Gramellini for organising and running the Book Fair. Thanks to the parents support of this event $ 2,400 in books was sold and as a direct result the FSPS library will add a further $700 worth of books. Students will be surveyed to have their say on which titles should be included!

Warm wishes for a great weekend,
michele

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Book Week Parade

by Zali, 2H

Tuesday was totally awesome! We did the Book Week Parade in the school hall. We had the whole school there including parents.

There was a funny costume. It was a little girl from Sydney Cove dressed up as a pink Crayola. My two favourite costumes were the crayon and my friend Abi’s costume. My costume was Snow White and my brother Archie dressed up as Wally from Where’s Wally? It was his birthday on Tuesday so it made the day even cooler.

I liked the part where we walked around parading our fantastic costumes and high-fiving people. There was also a place [the Environment Education Centre] where you could buy lots of books and other things.

One of the girls from the leadership team named Rianne told us a story she wrote about a boy and girl living in the future. She only read the beginning, but I loved it and it was very interesting! Overall, today was a great day and I’m already looking forward to next year’s Book Week Parade.

CSIRO Science Show

The students absolutely loved the CSIRO Science Show last Tuesday! It’s great to see so many students from FSPS taking a keen interest in science – and it’s pretty easy to build that interest when the CSIRO puts on such interesting shows.
How can you help your child in reading?

Show your child that you value reading by reading whenever you can.

Encourage a positive attitude to books.

Provide a variety of texts for your child to read to you, e.g. stories, comics, poems, plays, cartoons, reference books, magazines, children’s recipe books.

Encourage your child to borrow books from the library.

Point out words on street signs, packets and labels.

Encourage your child to predict what a book is about from the cover and illustrations.

Talk about illustrations and diagrams in books and discuss how they add meaning to text.

Reread favourite books.

Talk about the different purposes for reading a picture book, a novel, a television guide, a newspaper, a telephone directory, a recipe book, an encyclopaedia.

Point out the different size and shape of words.

Point out the first sound of a word and encourage your child to think of other words that begin with the same sound.

Encourage your child to read books for enjoyment as well as for information.

Encourage your child to talk about characters and events in texts.

Encourage your child to make sound effects for the characters and events.

Ask your child to think of possible beginnings and endings for stories read and heard.

‘Sound out’ difficult words and/or give clues to the meaning of difficult words.

Praise your child when they are reading, e.g. ‘well done — that was a difficult word’.

Encourage your child to have a go at reading words that are unfamiliar.

Ask your child to read on past the unknown word to gain clues from the rest of the sentence.

Show your child how to find the meanings of unfamiliar words in dictionaries.

Encourage your child to watch films and videos of books they have read.

Talk about the ways in which a film version of a book compares with the print version.

If your child is having difficulty with reading, or not enjoying reading, ask your child’s teacher for help.

Whacky wacky hair day

by Nadia, 4K

Whacky wacky hair day was crazy! We all had our hairs coloured wacky colours like orange, blue, pink, purple and many more! My sister had her hair sprayed all green and blue tied up with feathers! Everybody said her hair was wild!! In our hair we could also choose to have sparkles or streamers. Most people in 5/6 L got the craziest hair of all!

Also there was a surprise bag for the girls and boys. A string with beads and also two stickers for the girls and for the boys, a mini bag of rubbers with some stickers as well! We are raising money for the poor people in Africa who walk for 6 hours a day to get a single glass of clean water. We are trying to help get them a water-well so they don’t have to walk a lot. Thanks to Miss Kontkanen and the SRC for making this event happen!

Dear Tariq and Bilal,

14th August 2014

Thank you for coming to KR classroom and sharing information about Pakistan with us all. We loved the pictures of Aitchison College, Lahore, The Kalasha Tribe, The Temples & Mosque, the blue and white peacocks and the deer. We also enjoyed our Sour Patch treats and especially performing ‘We’re Going on a Bear Hunt.’

We wish you, Shaheen, Kiran, Fatima and Muhammad a very happy ‘Pakistan Independence Day’.

Please do come to visit us again as we loved you visiting our school.

Love from KR and Ms Ryan
School Drama and City of Sydney

School Drama™ is a professional development program for primary school teachers, which demonstrates the power of using drama pedagogy with quality literature for improving English and literacy in young learners.

STC partners each participating school teacher with a teaching artist over a school term and together they explore how drama strategies can be integrated into any area of English and literacy, such as narrative writing, speaking and listening and/or student engagement.

This term our school has been lucky enough to take part in the School Drama program, thanks to generous funding provided by City of Sydney council as part of their commitment to supporting the arts and arts education within the City of Sydney. We have 2 classes involved with the program, and are very excited to be incorporating new strategies for teaching and learning into our practice here at Fort Street Public School. If you would like to find out more about the program, you can visit the STC Ed website: www.sydneytheatre.com.au/schooldrama.