Principal’s message
Dear parents, students and staff

Wow, it’s all about communication this week! This is our newly revamped newsletter – huge thanks to the technical and creative skills of Mr Harris for giving us a brand new look.

We can also announce the official launch of School Enews. Please scroll on to page 2 & 3 to find out all about it. From next week the newsletter will be sent out via School Enews and the website. This will give parents instant access to important school updates as well as help streamline administration processes. A win for everyone! Once again, huge thanks to Mr Harris for researching and implementing this digital program at Fort Street.

Despite a very wet weather and lots of absences for flu, by students and teachers, the Zone Athletics went ahead this week. Congratulations to the students for doing their best in the rain. As of going to print we can say congratulations to Rio & Korey (both Year 6) for qualifying for the Sydney East carnival.

Next week FSPS will celebrate Literacy & Numeracy week. Please join us next Friday, 5 Sept. for a special assembly (listed on the calendar). The Dance Team will perform the number they did at Showcase this year, 2/3 will perform and students will show the iMovies they made recently. Around the hall students will showcase the fabulous units of work completed from the quality text ‘Sunday Chutney’.

Please join us!
Warm regards 😊
Michele

Calendar

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| Monday 1 September | Literacy and Numeracy Week begins  
|            | StartSmart Financial Literacy lessons  
|            | Andy Griffins @ Customs House (Years 3 to 6)  
| Wednesday 3 September | Mrs Solomon returns  
| Thursday 4 September | Ms Farrow attending prof. learning for new Science syllabus  
| Friday 5 September | Sydney East PSSA Athletics Carnival  
| Friday 5 September | Assembly 9.10am – 2/3L and dance team performances, iMovies from 2/3L & 4K, displays in hall from Years K to 6  
| Monday 8 September | Regional Spelling Bee Finals  
| Friday 12 September | Mrs Peel-Yates begins LSL  
| Friday 12 September | Assembly – 5/6L performance  

This week Fortsea was in 2/3L

We value
Friendship @ FSPS
Fort Street PS now uses SchoolEnews

We are pleased to inform you that you can now subscribe to receive newsletters, notes and year specific information via email and also access these via an app for your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Instant alerts are sent to your smartphone after you install the app ensuring that you don’t miss important notices.

We would prefer you to receive the news electronically. There are many advantages including:

- easy and direct reminders straight to your email account;
- simple to use mobile apps with alerts;
- your child can’t forget or lose the newsletter;
- access to the newsletter if your child is absent from school;
- reduced photocopying and administration time costs to the school; and
- supporting our environmental initiatives.

Please note that any savings to the school is money that can be better used on classroom resources or for improving your child’s school environment.

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    3) Open app and search for your school name or postcode

   or

3) QR Codes for iPhone, iPad, Android, Web App
Bon voyage, Mr B!

Mr Beinssen says goodbye to Fort Street while he goes on holidays and hopes everyone enjoys eating the vegetables and herbs and remembers to take care of the garden and also his much loved pet Darkling Beetles. Congratulations to Sarah (4K) who took home some garden fresh broccoli as a prize for her enthusiasm in helping with gardening during her lunch breaks.

Don’t forget to wash those carrots before you eat them 😊

Notes sent home this week

School Swimming Scheme
If you missed a note, please check School Enews or talk to your child’s teacher.

Alisha becomes a citizen of Australia

Alisha, 4K
A few Thursdays ago, my mum and I became citizens of Australia. It was a very exciting moment, although it was boring waiting for a few hours to go on stage. We received little gift bags which had native plants in them.

Sunday Chutney

Niloofar, 5/6D (Year 6)
This week, our whole school has been doing activities around Sunday Chutney to prove that one quality text can be used by all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. I worked all day to create this masterpiece.
KF explored capacity this week. They ordered their own drink bottles in order from the one with the least capacity to the one with the most. Ready Kitty’s work below for more information.

**Wonderful writing, Kitty!**

Due to the BPSSA Athletics Carnival being held Wednesday and today, we had no PSSA sports this week. We’ll feature a recap of the carnival in next week’s newsletter.

Well done to Karla and the rest of 4K. Your assembly item, *It’s a Long Way to the Shop If You Want a Sausage Roll*, was hilarious and pretty inventive as well. 4K wrote their own lyrics. Many thanks to Nadia’s mum for the photo.
If you are looking to read a book that has a happy ending, you might as well put this book down. This is a story about the unfortunate lives of the three Baudelaire orphans.

Violet, Klaus and Sunny Baudelaire sat on the Domocles Dock in the cool, rushing breeze. Mr Poe, their temporary guardian walked up to them, and gently placed a wrinkled hand on Violet’s shoulder. Violet looked up “Ready to go children?” Mr Poe asked, then suddenly coughed into his handkerchief. Mr Poe had a strange habit of coughing in between the middle of a sentence. “The taxi is ready.”

Silhouettes of buildings, both old and new rushed past the window. This urban landscape soon transformed into a vast country side, where cows and sheep seemed to be the only citizens in the area. “Kids, this next relative you’re going to meet,” Mr Poe coughed, “is to be called Aunt Josephine, and she is... unusual.” “Yabba!” shouted Sunny, which probably meant something along the lines of ‘how?’ “Sunny is probably trying to say, how is she unusual? In what way?” Violet questioned. Mr Poe sighed, exasperated, which, in this case, means a bit annoyed, to say the least, “Well...” he started, but stopped abruptly when the taxi screeched to a halt. Klaus’s glasses almost flew out the open window.

“Well, children, looks like we’re here,” Mr Poe smiled sheepishly, gesturing towards a house, mounted on the top of the hill, overlooking a large lake. There were no houses for miles around, only scattered patches of forest. At the front gate, was a middle-aged lady, occasionally glancing around cautiously, and before long, she finally noticed the taxi. She stared at the taxi, but did not walk towards us, who were standing alongside it, but, in fact, stepped back a few steps.

“Oh dear,” Mr Poe sighed, before coughing once again into his handkerchief. “It looks like she’s scared of taxis as well, we’d –cough- better heave this -cough- luggage up then.” Violet, Sunny and Klaus stared up at Mr Poe, as how three children would look at an adult who just stated that the world is flat, when the children know that it actually isn’t. “What I’m trying to say, is that Aunt Josephine is, well, scared of almost everything, so, children, do try to be nice to her.” Mr Poe stated bluntly.

Aunt Josephine was a decent person, but, when it comes to doing anything outside her comfort zone, generally she can’t. Just to give an idea of how his person feared things, whether it be cats, dogs or phones, she was even scared of items in her own homes.
THE JUNIOR TOUR (20 Sept – 5 Oct)

Price:
- Adult: $29.50 (inclusive of 20% off discount for every adult)
- Child (Ages 5 – 15 years): $20.00
- Concession (Full time students aged 16+): $28.00
- Family (2 Adults and 2 Children): $95.00

Special Offers: We’re giving adults 20% off their tickets on the Junior Tour*, and if you’re kids are seeing a Kids at the House performance (The 26th Storey Treehouse or Fluff), then 1 child per paying adult will go half price on the Junior Tour.*

Terms & Conditions
*Offer valid for 20 Sept – 5 October 2014, not in-conjunction with any other offer. See Fluff, or The 26 Storey Treehouse and 1 child per paying adult will go for $10 on The Junior Tour. Present your kids performance ticket at the Box Office or call 9250 7250 to redeem the offer.
*Offer only valid for the Junior Tour and not in-conjunction with any other offer.

Tour Highlights:
- Kids will venture inside theatres and foyers where their favorite characters including the likes of Peppa Pig and Cat in the Hat have performed, and if they’re lucky, see stage props from Kids at the House performances Fluff or 26 Storey Treehouse.
- The September Junior Tours will be themed around ‘Sound in Theatre’ so kids will get to interact and learn about instruments and various props that are used to generate sounds for performances.
- Each child will receive their very own Kids Activity book jammed packed with fun activities, quiz’s and educational information.

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THE JUNIOR LUNCH (20 Sept – 5 Oct)
Combining a laid-back atmosphere with fuss-free, fun-to-eat food, coupled with Sydney’s best harbour views, dining at the Opera House is the ultimate family experience.

Whether the kids prefer fish and chips, a burger or a melted toasty, treat the kids to a Junior Lunch for $15 and under at one of our family-friendly restaurants serving from 12pm to 3pm at Opera Kitchen and the newest pop-up restaurant, cafe & bar The House Eatery by George.

KIDS PERFORMANCES (20 Sept – 5 Oct)
The 26-Storey Treehouse
Suitable for children 6+
Adapted by award-winning playwright and author Richard Tulloch (The Book of Everything and Bananas in Pyjamas) and under the direction of Julian Louis, The 26-Storey Treehouse is brought to you by the same cracker team that delivered the smash-hit stage version of The 13-Storey Treehouse. Don’t miss it!

Fluff
Suitable for children 3+
This cheeky production brings a joyous mix of physical comedy, multi-media, song and music, juxtaposing technology with handmade children’s toys. And as each lost toy’s journey is revealed, you’ll be very glad that they have found their way to this delightfully imaginative, upbeat home!

Creative Play
Imagination and learning come together in our Creative Play programs, every school holidays. Bring the kids down to engage with the creative play team these September School Holidays.

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