Principal’s message

Many thanks to Corban & Cooper’s dad, Steven, for erecting our new netball posts. Students should now be able to improve their goal shooting techniques in readiness for the Netball competition in Terms 2 & 3.

I would like to thank our panel members, Steven Carter, Christina Yong & Mark Harris for their diligent efforts during the recent selection process of the classroom teacher position. The position is currently awaiting the 10 days appeal process after which time an announcement will be made. Thank you for your understanding during this department process.

The City of Sydney council is undertaking improvements to the cycle/pedestrian path in Upper Fort Street, in addition to major changes to Watson Rd & Argyle St. Please find the scope of works on display in the front entrance of the school & information at the back of this newsletter.

Congratulations to the FSPS swimming team yesterday; improvements are being made every year. In 2015 we had 28 competitors with 8 students making the finals of the 50m freestyle. Special thanks to Birchgrove PS for sharing the carnival with Fort Street once again.

PSSA sport begins this coming Friday. Teachers are currently selecting the teams (Oz Tag & Soft Ball). Please keep a look out for permission to compete notes, being sent home on Monday.

Kind regards for an enjoyable weekend.

Michele Peel-Yates

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Maths games in 5/6M
1H digs gardening

After winning the Crunch and Sip challenge last week, 1H won the opportunity to plant the first garden bed of the year with our school's expert gardener, Mary. We planted baby spinach, sweet chillies, strawberries, lettuce and many other fruits and vegetables. We are excited about watching the garden grow over the coming weeks, and seeing how many bugs and spiders we can spot in the garden as well.

Jargon buster

Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA's? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.


Avoiding injuries

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?


Maths questions

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It's aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.


Helping your child with homework

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.


We will feature the swimming carnival and the school's new SRC in next week's newsletter.
How can I get involved in the P & C and School Community?

There are many ways for parents to become involved in the P&C and around the school to make a positive contribution to their child’s education and experiences at Fort Street Public School. Parent involvement helps make our school community stronger.

If you are interested, please supply your contact details below to be included on the parent email distribution list to receive information about events and activities. The information you provide will not be shared externally.

Parent Name:

Contact Number:

Email:

My child’s name & class:

Yes. Please contact me about being involved with fundraising

Yes. Please contact me about being involved with the canteen or uniform shop

Yes. Please contact me about helping in the classroom eg reading, art

Yes. Please contact me about being involved with special events

Yes. Please contact me about expertise or skills that I am willing to share;

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Thank you for your time
FORT STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

FILM CLUB

Make your own movies!

See Mr Mc for details!
SPECIAL CHINESE NEW YEAR ASSEMBLY

“KUNG HEI FATT CHOY”

FRIDAY 20 Feb 2015, 9am @ School Hall
Attire: Chinese (Cheongsam) or Anything RED

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED TO BE INVOLVED
or would like to find out more
talk to Christina, Fundraising Coordinator, P&C

LOOKING FORWARD TO
CELEBRATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY
AT OUR SCHOOL!
THE OCCUPANT

Proposed Parking Changes – Watson Road, Millers Point

Further to community consultation held late 2013, there have been moderate changes to the proposal for the streetscape improvement at Argyle Street.

The Argyle Street Upgrade project is dedicated to improving pedestrian amenity through Argyle Place, Millers Point.

Reclamation of the existing bus lay-over for conversion into a pocket park remains part of the proposal. Direct pedestrian access through Argyle Place from Circular Quay to the new Headland Park at Barangaroo is also retained.

The main traffic changes to the proposal are as follows:

- The introduction of a Shared Zone at the northern end of Watson Road, where it intersects with Argyle Street. This will legally require drivers to give-way to pedestrians. The Shared Zone will include a 10 km/h speed limit.
- The introduction of a speed hump further east along Watson Road to ensure vehicle speeds are reduced when entering the Shared Zone.
- Reduction in “Council / Authorised Vehicles Only” parking on Watson Road - reduced from 3 to 1 parking space.
- Reduction of one 2P parking space on Watson Road.
- Deletion of the proposed pedestrian crossing across Lower Fort Street, as it does not meet Roads and Maritime Services warrants for a crossing.

The project will improve pedestrian safety for residents and visitors to the area. The proposed Shared Zone is shown on the attached plan.

We would like to hear your views traffic calming and parking proposals before a final decision is made. Feedback can be provided by email to council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or by post to Traffic Operations, City of Sydney, GPO Box 1591, Sydney NSW 2001.

The City welcomes community feedback and you are encouraged to make a submission. Please note that City staff does not assume either support or opposition if you choose not to provide a submission on the proposal.

Submissions must be made in writing and quote your name, address and reference number 2014/555794 before 6pm on Monday 20th February 2015. Submissions may be made available to the public if the City receives a request under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

City of Sydney
City staff will review all submissions on the proposal and prepare a report for consideration by the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC) at its meeting on Wednesday 18th March 2015.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and address the Committee. The meeting starts at 2pm in the Town Hall Council Chamber at 483 George Street, Sydney. If you would like to attend the Committee meeting, please contact Claudia Calabro on 9265 9648 three days before the meeting to register.

The Committee report is available for the public after 5pm on the Friday before the Committee meeting and can be viewed on the City’s website via the following link:


If you require any further information (or have questions) about the proposed shared zone, please contact Fiona Solomonides on 9265 9333 or email fsolomonides@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Terry Daly
Acting Director City Projects and Property