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ZONE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 21st May, 29 of our students from Punchbowl PS competed in the Zone Cross Country Carnival at Lees Park.

All of the students represented Punchbowl with pride as they competed against the other schools in our zone.

The cross country course was 2 kilometres long for the 8, 9 and 10 year olds and 3 kilometres for the 11, 12 and 13 year olds.

Two of our year 6 students, Raoel Yakub and Adam Raad, both finished in the top 10 for their age group. Adam came 9th and Raoel came 6th. Congratulations to Raoel who will now compete in the Regional Cross Country Carnival on 11th June.

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Zone Carnival. They all displayed great sportsmanship and determination and were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

SEMESTER 1 STUDENT REPORTS

We will be holding Parent-Teacher interviews in the last week of this term. You will receive your child’s semester 1 report at the interview. Notes will be sent home this week for booking interview times.
We are reaching that time of the year when your child will receive their mid-year report. As parents, we want the best for our children, but in too many cases this is measured only by the number of Bs and Cs brought home. Emphasize to your child the importance of doing the very best job that she/he can. Encourage them to succeed, and measure their progress in realistic terms, letting them know that you care and are available to help.

Your child’s report can bring feelings of joy, excitement, and pride; it can also cause concern, frustration, and uncertainty. In either case, the report marks a new beginning to set goals as well as reflect on achievements, challenges and work habits. Here are some ways you can support your child:

ɐ  **Focus on the positive:**

Regardless of the grades your child brings home, you must first focus on positive aspects of the report. Starting on a positive note shows your child that you truly care about the accomplishments, not only areas that need improvement.

ɐ  **Ask the right questions:**

Be careful not to overreact to low grades, or grades you view to be unsatisfactory. Instead, use this time to look at past performance and plan for the future. Talk to your child, asking questions to understand how a particular grade was earned.

ɐ  **The next step:**

Help your child set realistic and attainable goals for the next reporting period.

*Rose Manousaridis*

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**KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2015**

We are now taking enrolment applications for Kindergarten and Preschool for next year. Applying for enrolment is easy:

ɐ  **Just come to the front office and ask for an enrolment form.**

ɐ  **Fill it in and then bring it back to the office, with the required documentation.**

If your child is currently enrolled in our preschool we will send an enrolment form for Kindergarten home with your child early next term. Please return it as soon as possible.

The closing date for Preschool applications is Friday 5th September 2014. The Preschool enrolment panel will review all applications and issue letters of offers to successful applicants on Friday 19th October 2014.

We always welcome new families to Punchbowl. If you know of any local families in our area with Kindergarten-aged students please encourage them to visit the school. We are always happy to show new families around the school and talk to them about our great educational programs.
Our Sacc Centre held a morning tea to support the Cancer Council’s World’s Biggest Morning Tea which raises vital funds for cancer research, prevention and support services. The morning tea was very well attended and the food was delicious, reflecting the many cultural backgrounds of our school community. The parents and children who attend the Wednesday playgroup did a fantastic job decorating the SaCC centre for the occasion. Over $100 was raised.

Rana Jadid from the P & C attended a World’s Biggest Morning Tea function at the Lantern Club.
She presented a donation on behalf of the P & C to our local MP Robert Furolo.
School staff also held a morning tea which raised over $150.

Punchbowl PS is active in our local inter-school debating competition. Our debaters are very dedicated and hard-working. They meet regularly during their lunchtimes to practise and improve their debating skills.
The team for our first debate this term was Khadija Alam, Maysa Ghazzaoui, Fatema Hamza and Fatema Beydoun. They won their debate against Milperra PS. Congratulations!

Our first P & C meeting for term 2 was held on 28th May and was attended by over 35 parents. Thank you to everyone who came along. At the meeting Mrs Sedman talked about the on-line maths practice program, Mathletics, which is available free to all students at Punchbowl PS. While Mrs Sedman explained how the program works, Houda from 5S demonstrated on screen. You can log on to Mathletics at http://www.mathletics.com.au. Every student has their own individual password for logging-on to the site.
Our Mothers’ Day stall was very successful and raised over $1000. Thank you to everyone for your support. We hope you all had a lovely Mothers’ Day and enjoyed your gifts.
Our next P & C meeting is on Wednesday 25th June at 9:10.

Zeinab Khalil President
During this term, our PBL Lessons have been focusing on “being a good friend in the playground”.

Teachers have been discussing with students positive words that relate to friendship. It is important that we teach children to “build each other up” with positive words, rather than using negative words and “put downs” towards each other.

Teachers use a variety of learning activities to engage students in the lessons. Sometimes it can be difficult for students to understand how another student might be feeling in a situation. By participating in drama and role plays, discussion groups as well as creating multi-media documents and classroom posters, students will develop an understanding of the importance of being a good friend as well as, the effects put downs can have on other students and those around them.

As parents and caregivers, you play an important role in demonstrating what a good friend is and what being a friend looks like. There are small ways in which you too can help teach your children about being a good friend:

- do things for one another
- use positive and kind language
- focus on strengths
- demonstrate sharing with others
- help someone who is feeling down by listening to them
- discuss feelings and positive ways in which to react to negative situations, such as walking away if feeling angry and using words not actions to respond.