

Principal's Report

Sick Children

Now that winter is well and truly upon us we will have more and more children coming to the office feeling unwell. Although we do not encourage students to stay at home for minor illnesses like colds, if they are coughing or sneezing a lot could we ask you to keep them at home in order to prevent the spread of these illnesses. We always try to contact parents if we believe that the student is too ill to stay at school. In order to contact parents we need to have up to date phone numbers. **If you have recently changed contact numbers please send the new numbers to the school.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PADSTOW PARK

Last week Padstow Park turned 80 years old! To celebrate this anniversary Mrs Graham and her Environmental group have been working on the Anniversary Garden. This garden is outside G Block and is a shade loving garden of ferns, bromeliads, and orchids. They have also begun a fun loving collection of little statues. If you would like to contribute to this garden I am sure donations of plants would be gratefully accepted.

Thank You Mrs Graham and Tree Troopers!!!

Building Education Revolution

As part of the Federal Governments' building program for schools, we have just been informed that we are part of Round 2. This means our project should start later this year or early next year. We have been allocated \$1 100 000 for a new Library and \$1 400 000 for classroom facilities upgrade. The new Library comes with an interactive whiteboard, study rooms and computer connection ports as well as office facilities and teachers resource rooms.

As part of the classroom facilities upgrade we are hoping to be able to provide sinks and "wet areas" for painting. The current Library will be converted back to a classroom space and "multi purpose room".

Mrs J. Mollica, Principal

**Happy 80th
Birthday
Padstow Park
Public School
est. 1929**

ENROLMENTS KINDERGARTEN 2010

A child is eligible for enrolment in Kindergarten if he/she is five by the 31st of July 2010. The school begins to organise Kindergarten enrolments about halfway through the year. Padstow

Park Primary School invites parents to come to the office to collect enrolment packages for children who will be starting Kindergarten the following year. We also ask parents to let neighbours and friends, who have school-age children, know that they need to enrol their child in 2009 for 2010. Parents/caregivers need to provide **proof of age documentation** (birth certificate or passport), **Proof of Address** and **Immunisation Certificate** for school entry. In **October/November Kindergarten Orientation Meetings** are held. You will be advised and invited to attend by letter. On this day enrolments are organised, parents are able to become familiar with the school and the programs we offer and children are able to experience a taste of Kindergarten by spending some time in a Kindergarten class.

Watch a video about Kindergarten orientation and starting school at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue03/watch/index.php.



REMINDER

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

**Monday, 29th June to
Friday, 3rd July 2009**

Notes inviting you to meet with your child's teacher have been sent home. Please complete the interview request form by choosing 3 preferred times indicated and return the slip to your child's class teacher ASAP. Your child's teacher will send a confirmation of your interview time.

Each interview will be scheduled for 10 minutes. Parents are requested to adhere to this time in the interest of fairness to all. If necessary, longer interview times may be booked with the teacher at a time that suits both teacher and parent.

Basically,

- * Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) interviews are Monday, 29th June 2009
- * Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) interviews are Tuesday, 30th June 2009
- * Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 (K - 2) interviews are Wednesday, 1st July 2009
NB KP Interviews will be held early in Term 3 when Mr Plunkett returns from Leave.

Teachers have also indicated times during release that they are available during the same week.

PARENT TIPS

TO MAKE THE MOST OF PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

- spend some time with your child before the parent teacher interview discussing their strengths, weaknesses and any problems at school
- make a list of questions to ask teachers about your child's work, how they get along with classmates and their general attitude towards school
- be prepared to listen when meeting teachers, even to criticism of your child's work or behaviour
- ask questions, especially if you don't understand or agree with something
- try to take away from the meeting some positive steps that you, your child and the teachers can take to help your child succeed.

Source: www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents/index.htm

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRAVEL IDEAS

What can you buy for a dollar these days?

Believe it or not you can take your child on a trip to Coffs Harbour, Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra and many more places in the school holidays for as little as a dollar. CountryLink lists all sorts of vacation ideas and great travel deals for families on its website. www.countrylink.info/promotions#dollar.

If you are in Sydney or travelling to Sydney, make use of the Family Fare deal when seeing Sydney by public transport. When at least one fare paying adult travels with their children or grandchildren, the first child travels for a child fare & the other children travel free.

On Family Funday Sunday, \$2.50 per person will get you all day travel on CityRail, Sydney Buses, Sydney Ferries and participating private bus companies. It's available every Sunday, when a minimum of one adult and one child related by family travel together.

For more July school holiday ideas go to School Parents ezine at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine.

BE YOUR BEST BUDD:IE

To help your child stay safe online, the Federal Government has launched a new tool called Budd:ie E-Security which is available free for all.

The Budd:ie E-Security Education Modules feature e-security tips, games and video content. They have been developed specifically to provide an enjoyable and informative experience for students from Yr 3 to Yr 9.

To download this free resource or order a CD-ROM go to: www.staysmartonline.gov.au/games-videos/budde.

TAX TIME TIPS AND FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Tax time is here again - time to get some tips and tools for managing your finances. As any financial counsellor will tell you, managing money is easy - it simply means not spending more than you earn. The problem is that very few of us actually ever do this. You can find the tips you need to make a fresh start for the new financial year at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue03/budget.php.

PADSTOW TAFE

**Business Administration
Semester 2, 2009 courses**

- * **Computing**
- * **Financial**
- * **Office Skills**
- * **Medical**

Plus Trainees and

Recognition of Existing Skills and/or Experience
Information Sessions

Wednesday, 1st July 2009
9:30am and 5:30pm

Enrolments From Wednesday, 1st July 2009
10:00am to 7:00pm

For all enquiries, please contact
Janelle Barlow, Head Teacher
on 9722 5337.

MILPERRA MOOSH VACATION CARE


MONDAY, 13th JULY - FRIDAY, 24th JULY
8:30am - 6pm. Ages 5 - 13.

During the school holidays send your kids to Milperra Moosh for a fun day of activities, arts and crafts, excursions, sports or just having fun playing with kids their own age.
\$40 PER DAY - Child Care Rebate.

Bookings essential.
Please phone Kate on 9774 2353 or
0418 224 297.

TERM 2 DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

- Thu 18th** Year 6 Kokoda Track Excursion
- Tue 23rd** Spelling & Writing Competitions 
- Thu 25th** **P & C Hot Dog Day \$2.50 each**
12:30-3:30pm Premiers Debating Round 3 - Glenfield Public School
- Fri 26th** 9:30am Debate against Padstow North - Library

Mon 29th Reports due home to parents
29th June - 3rd July **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

- Mon 29th** Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Interviews
- Tue 30th** Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Interviews

JULY

- Wed 1st** Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (K-2) Interviews
Premiers Debating Round 2 Padstow Park PS v's Marsden Road PS - Hall
- Thu 2nd** Multicultural Public Speaking - Hall
- 6th & 8th** Stage 2 CARES
- Fri 10th** Last day of School for Term 2, 2009

TERM 3 2009

- Mon 27th** First day of School for Staff only
- Tue 28th** First day of School for Students T3, 09