



Fisher Road SCHOOL  
Together We Can

February  
2013

## Principal's News

Welcome to everyone as this is our first Newsletter of the year. All has settled down at Fisher Road with a very smooth start to the year. As previously mentioned we have a number of new students and we look forward to welcoming those students and their families at the Family Picnic Day on March 24<sup>th</sup>. A note will be coming home about that event.

Much of the focus this year will be on the Australian Curriculum and ensuring that our programs are ready for the mandatory implementation of the English, Science, Maths and History syllabuses in 2014. There will be many changes this year across the Department which will change some of our work practises. All changes will be well thought out and where they have an effect on families we will be informing everyone. In general, the management changes will benefit the school with more decisions being made at the school taking into consideration the nature of the needs of the students and the school. During the next few weeks will have our Parent/Teacher evenings which are a great chance to hear about programs and events.

Very soon our students will be receiving the new Fisher Road uniform and my thanks to Caroline White and to Helen Lusmore for all their work at coordinating this. A very special thank you to Matt Tonkin (teacher) and his father who worked during the holidays to renovate our canteen kitchen. Matt's father donated much of the materials used. We now have a fantastic learning space for our students.

This will be a busy term for all. Staff are getting to know students who may be new to them as well as undergoing their own supervisory meetings, which are part of their accountability and professional development.

Please remember, if you have concerns or question please feel free to contact either me or your child's teacher. It is always better to sort issues or ask questions as they arise and not wait until things, that may be easily addressed, become major concerns.

Susan Barisic

### Coming Events.

Parent/Teacher Evenings – February 18<sup>th</sup> (Junior) and 25<sup>th</sup> (Senior)

March 10<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Special Professional learning day for staff only

March 18th Harmony Day celebrations

March 24<sup>th</sup> Family Picnic

March 28<sup>th</sup> Easter Hat Parade (Juniors)

April 8<sup>th</sup> Swimming Carnival

April 12<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

*Note: Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> AND Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> will both be School Development Days (no students, staff training)*

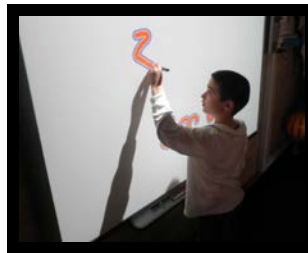
### Class NS

The Smart boards are a great piece of technology and have hundreds of educational uses that are used every day by the students at Fisher Road School. A popular program on the Smart board in Class NS is one that enables you to write using a variety of pens, sizes and colours. The students love using this program and it is a very good way of encouraging the students writing skills in an effective and motivating way.

Nick and Rosemary



**Russel**



**Zach**

### **FROM THE OFFICE**

Just a reminder to all parents/caregivers to please complete the student package with all details for your child and return to school as soon as possible. This information is requested each year to verify that details for contact phone numbers and medical information is as up to date as possible. Thank you to the families who have completed and returned the forms which are in the best interest of your child.

The Entertainment book fund raiser will again be organised by the office staff this year. Information will be sent out late March for a launch date after Easter.

### Class MP

Kane, Ella, Nathaniel, Anastazia and Kiang Kiang welcome Connor into this class. Our timetable is up and running and we've been kept busy doing activities in and out of the classroom. We look forward to an exciting and challenging year.

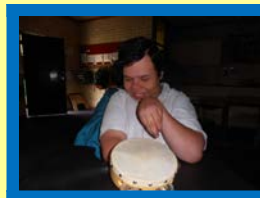
Maria and Monika



**Ella**



**Nathaniel**



**Kane**



**Connor**

### Classes RR & MT

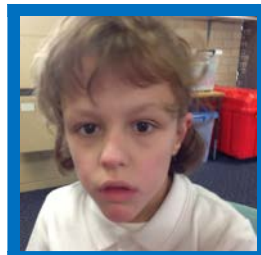
Kane has joined the Senior High School this year, and has the responsibility for hoisting the Australian flag each day. He goes to the flag pole during Roll Call to raise the flag, and returns at 2.30pm to lower it. He is doing very well!



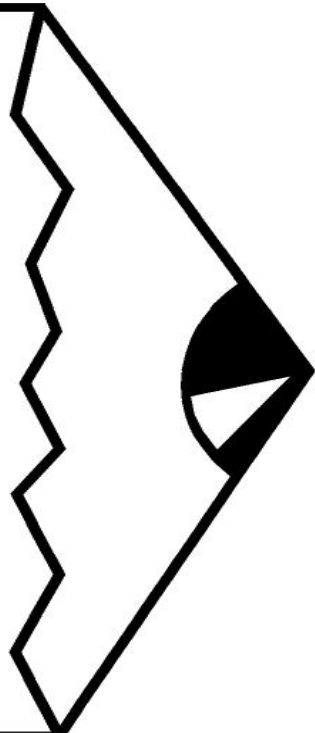
Ruth, John, Matt & Sue M

### CLASS JM

Everyone has settled back into school very well. We would like to welcome Gwyneth, who is new to our school. She has enjoyed meeting her new classmates. Class JM have begun going to the park every Friday for Community Access. Andrew and Ty enjoy climbing up the ladders with Gwyneth and going down the slippery dip. Arun and Jasper enjoy a turn on the swings and the trip on the bus is a very exciting time for all!  
Julie & Wendy.



Welcome Gwyneth!





### Class AM

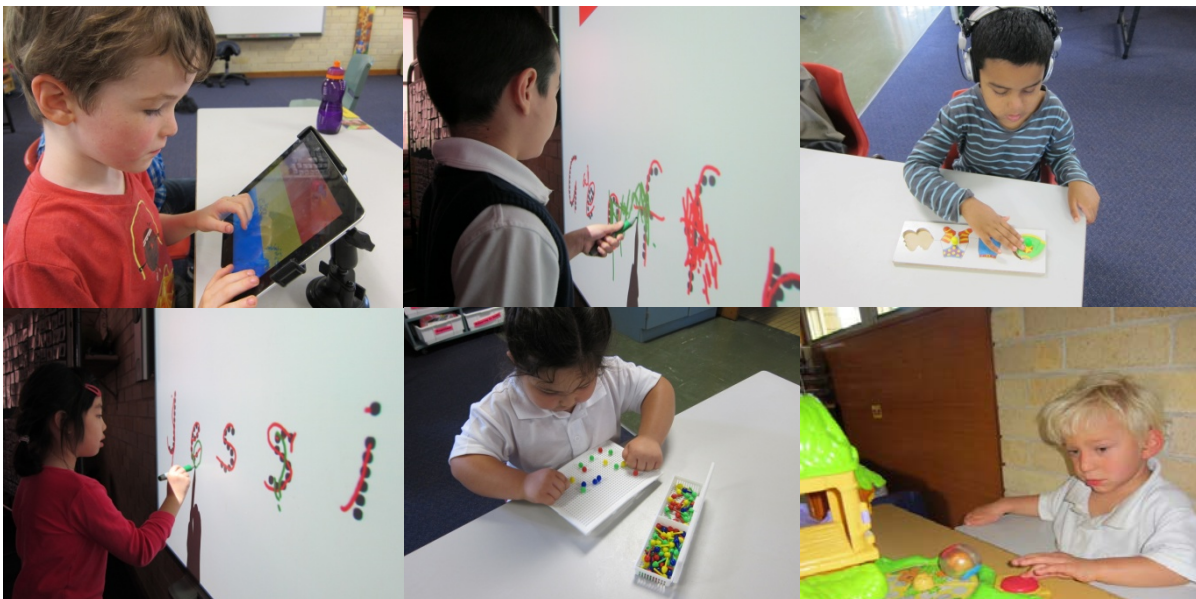
The first few weeks of Term 1 has seen class AM concentrate on technology, art, positioning and swimming lessons. Arianne (Mon/Tue) and Tanya (Wed/Thu/Fri) team teach with Carmel our SLSO. The high support class welcomes Jordan this year. Jordan, Maia, Kai, Angelina and Marcus have been enjoying using the iPads and experiencing the new sensory items. The class will be attending the Mater Maria College fete in March which will be a much appreciated community outing.

Arianne, Tanya and Carmel

### Class JP

A big welcome to all the new starters in class JP – Ben, Jessica, Charlii and Rehaan. Everyone has settled in extremely well and we can already see improvement and progress in different areas. We have been working hard completing desk work tasks and learning to sit in a chair. A new program that we are starting this term is called sensory eating; we will be tasting a variety of different textured foods to help expand the types of foods we eat. We are all looking forward to a fantastic year filled with fun and hard work.

Jen & Di



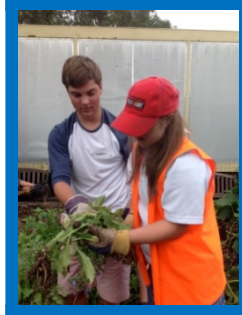
### CW Group

Welcome to the new students – Harrison and Hannah. We all like getting to know you both. We have enjoyed an excursion to Flower Power to buy plants for the vegetable garden. Jake and Hannah helped to choose the seedlings and everyone carried the bags back to the bus. Chester and Harry from The Shore School have helped us to prepare the garden beds. Everyone has a job in gardening. Michael and Harrison water the garden, Emma and Chelsea pull out the weeds, Hannah digs and turns the soil, Jake sprays the all-natural insect repellent and Adam takes the weeds to the compost bin.

Caroline and Jenny



Jake



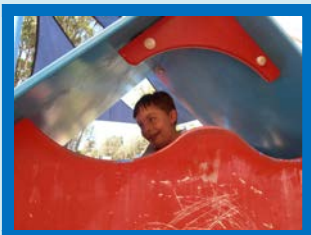
Harry and Chelsea



Hannah

### Class TH

Class TH would like to welcome Max to Fisher Road School. He is settling in well, and enjoying the company of his classroom peers and staff. We have discovered Max has a witty sense of humour, and loves to be told jokes. The other students (Alexandra, Laragh, James, Kyle and Eddie), have also adapted comfortably into classroom routines. The class is enjoying swimming, cooking and our weekly excursion to Warriewood Park, for community access.



Trish, Sue & Mandy

## **Fisher Road Stars**

**Liam:** Walking around in the community. RR Group.

**Hannah:** Washing the dishes in cooking class. CW Group.

**Jake:** Serving in the canteen. CW Group

**Reehan:** Increasing independence. JP Group

**Jessica:** Improved communication skills. JP Group.

**Zach:** Improvements in swimming. NS Group.

**Naomi:** Good use of PECS at KFC. NS Group.

**Russel:** Locating grocery items at Coles. NS Group

**James:** Good drinking skills. TH Group.

## NSW SCHOOL-BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Ministry of Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based vaccination program.

In 2013 the following vaccines will be offered:

- Hepatitis B vaccine - a 2 dose course for all Year 7 students who have never received a course of Hepatitis B vaccine when they were a baby.
- Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine - 1 dose for all Year 7 students who have **not** previously received Varicella vaccine or had chickenpox disease.
- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping cough) vaccine - 1 booster dose.

This dose was previously recommended at 15 years of age. Your child will only be offered this vaccine in Year 7.
- HPV vaccine (Human Papillomavirus) - a 3 dose course. The vaccine will be offered to Year 7 male and female student and Year 9 male students as a 3-dose course over the school year. Students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 at school but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8.

*Parent Information Kits* will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the Consent Form and return it to their child's school. Please ensure the child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parent/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so in writing to the School Principal. The Procedure for withdrawal of consent is on the NSW Ministry of Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation)

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child's name) on the Consent Form, as this is required to record the student's information on the National HPV Register and for female students only, link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

**A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents / guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this record of Vaccination.**