



# Fisher Road School

'Together we can'



December 2013

FISHER ROAD SCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

## Principal's News

This will be the final Newsletter for 2013. I would like to take this chance to say thank you to all families, our students and the staff for the support and hard work during the year. It has been a good year for our students with some very pleasing results in their target achievements across the school. The information on student results and the work done at the school during the year will be presented in the Annual School Report, which will be sent out in April, 2014. I have completed our Annual Financial Statement which outlines expenditure and income over the year. This document is available to all families. If you would like this information please contact the school and you can have a copy sent to you.

Sadly we are losing 4 students at the end of the year, with 3 graduating and 1 student moving to another school. We wish those students well in their future endeavours. However, we will be gaining 8 new students, which will make the school "full" for the start of the year. A major loss to Fisher Road School will be with the retirement of Robyn Talbot our Assistant Principal. Robyn has been an invaluable member of staff and will be greatly missed. Rosemary Alexander (SLSO) has already retired and we have said our farewells and good wishes to Rosemary in her retirement.

During this term we have been working with Barrenjoey High School students painting a rhino to be exhibited as part of the Save the Rhino project through Taronga Zoo. We now have our rhino ready for pick up. The rhino will be displayed, along with other artists' rhinos, at local shopping centers.



Students from Barrenjoey High school and Fisher Road School during the rhino exchange.



Keep a look out for him in the new year!

Over the holidays we will finally be getting a new roof put on A block. We also hope to have special cleaning and re-grouting of the pool change rooms done in this time.

Although this is the last Newsletter for the year, I will be sending home a reminder note about a few last minute details before the end of the school year.

I do wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to a wonderful new school year in 2014.

Please note that the last day of school for students is Wednesday December 18th. Staff will be at school for the next 2 days having professional learning sessions on Work Place Health and Safety, the Code of Conduct and preparing programs and exchanging information on students ready for 2014. First day back for students is Wednesday, January 29th.

Susan Barisic

**Thank you, farewell and best wishes to Robyn Talbot.**



**Bye!**

**I can't believe I have been at Fisher Road for close to 20 years. It has been a wonderful school to be involved with, and I will miss the students, families, friends and staff. There are great memories to take away and I am sure that I will be kept informed of what is happening at Fisher Road in the future (especially with regards to the garden).**

**Wishing you all a safe and happy Holiday Season and all the best for 2014.**

**Rob T**

## From The Office

**The Uniform shop will close Wed 18th for the year and will re-open in 2014.**

**You can now buy uniforms online. How do I Register?**

**What you'll need: email address, a password (choose your own), and this school registration ID: 25242963**

- 1. Log on to [www.school24.com.au](http://www.school24.com.au)**
- 2. Choose "For Parents" link in top right corner**
- 3. Choose "Create account" (2nd tab from left) and complete the details**



## Class JP

Jen & Di

All the students in class JP have enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit. We have decorated our Christmas tree, listened to carols, cooked Christmas treats and had some fun with some online Christmas games. We have also worked hard making loads of Christmas craft and we look forward to sending it home. We have had a great year together learning and having fun. The staff on the class would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a fun, safe holiday!



## Class RT

Arianne, Robyn, Sue R and Donna

The staff and students have been enjoying the new seats in the shade on the oval.

We would all like to thank DY RSL for their generous donation. The seats were much needed.

Class RT wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing, safe holiday.





## Class AM

Robyn, Tanya & Carmel

We were all excited about being in the concert and loved our costumes. Being pushed in our wheelchair dance was fun and thankfully the staff did a good job and did get it right on the day!

We are all looking forward to Christmas and wish everyone a great Holiday Season.



## Class JM

Julie & Wendy

We can't believe the year is almost at an end. We are currently winding down our programs and getting really creative with our Christmas crafts and decorations. We have also been doing some Christmas cooking; our white Christmas slice tastes delicious!

The class did an amazing job at the concert and all looked fabulous in their costumes.

Wendy and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.





## Class NS

Nick & Fran

It has been another great year of integration at Collaroy Plateau Public School. The students have all enjoyed the various activities that we have done over the year with their mainstream peers, especially library, sport and indoor games.

In the photo you can see members of the class and a student from Collaroy Plateau busily engaged in playing a board game together.



## Class MP

Maria & Monika

It has been a great year for everyone in this class. Kiang Kiang and Ana have been regularly coming to school and participating in nearly all class activities. Connor and Nathaniel had overcome the medical setbacks they had this term and Ella's eating routine has improved. Sad to say we will miss our school captain Kane Butterworth who's finishing school in a few days. We wish you all the best, Kane.

Thank you to all the parents who supported us in our programs. We hope to see you around next year.



## Class TH

Trish, Sue & Mandy

It's hard to believe 2013 school year is almost over. What a year it has been, and what a busy term four we have had. This term, our focus was getting prepared for the end of year concert. A lot of time was put into coordinating our "Jagger moves", as well as sorting out groovy costumes. I'm pleased to say, that each student did a superb job on the day, and definitely looked the part! Have a safe and merry Christmas.



## Class CW

Caroline & Jenny

Term four has seen a focus on developing paint and brushwork skills as well as other fine motor skills associated with arts and crafts. Students have painted and sprinkled glitter to make decorations. As well, wool and tinsel were carefully wrapped around a wire frame to make gorgeous wreaths. Students also worked as a team to fold paper, stamp and decorate cards to celebrate the holiday season. All this creativity ties in with the stages four and five Visual Arts outcomes in the Life Skills Syllabus.

Happy Holidays Everyone!



## FISHER ROAD STARS

### Class RR

Kane: Feeding the chickens

### Class MT

Lachlan: Cooking and kitchen skills

### Class JP

Kanga: Listening skills

### Class RT

Dylan, Lachlan and James: Fantastic participation in the concert

### Class MP

Kane: Looking after the welfare of students in the class

### Class JM

Gwyneth: Use of PECS

### Class CW

Adam: Making himself a sandwich

### Class AM

Dallas and Angelina: Great swimming

### Class NS

Thomas: Good addition work on the smartboard

### Class TH

Alexsandra: Great work in hearing therapy



# Class MT & RR Senior High School

Matt, Ruth, Sue M & John

Whatever did we do before iPads? They have been a terrific asset to the resources at school and act as a great teaching tool and reinforcer for most students.

Here's wishing all our students a great Christmas, and 'au revoir' to the three graduating students and all the best for the future.



## Community Breakfast





# Fisher Road School Concert

## Look at Our Costumes!





# Simply Balloons



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Thank you very much to Jane Shepherd who has kindly donated the helium balloons for the end of year party at school.

## International Day of People with Disabilities.

On Monday, 2nd December, CW group went to Cromer Community Centre to join in the activities organised by Warringah Council. Students had an enjoyable time and had lots of fun. Each student painted a tile that will be used to form a tile wall in the playground at Dee Why Beach. Fun was had by all, dancing to the great music played by Hey DJ and parachute games. After the Mayor, Michael Reagan spoke, we all grouped together and had pizza, sandwiches and fruit for lunch.



## Warringah Council Disability Newsletter

For information about activities, carers, fundraising, financial assistance, resources and conferences send an email with 'subscribe' to [janzm@warringah.nsw.gov.au](mailto:janzm@warringah.nsw.gov.au) or contact Marjorie Janz, Disability Information Officer, on (02) 99422686.





## Teen Sport and Rec Camp in Broken Bay

Northcott are looking for referrals for teenagers aged between 12 and 17 years who have a primary intellectual disability with moderate to high support needs to participate in a Sport and Recreation camp. Siblings\* aged 12 years to 17 years are also invited to the camp to participate in activities with their attending sibling with a disability. The camp is run and staffed by Northcott. The camp is fully funded and there is no cost to families. Participants will have the opportunity to experience a range of activities tailored to their level of comfort and ability including climbing, games, sports, canoeing and swimming. All with experienced instructors and support staff supervision.

\*Siblings are not expected to perform a primary care role during the camp.

### Camp dates:

*There are two dates available -*

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Please indicate which date would be your preference at the top of the referral form.

**What's included:** Food, accommodation, activities and support staff, transportation from Parramatta.

**Who:** Children with a primary intellectual disability.

**Participant age range:** 12 – 17 years

**Level of support:** There will be a three staff member to five participant ratio (3:5) Northcott staff are trained and have a current First Aid Certificate. Sport and Recreation staff are also trained and qualified in program areas.

**Transportation:** Will be provided from Parramatta. Please speak to Alicia, following the contact details below, should there be any issues around transport.

**Cost:** The camp is completely free. However participants may like to bring a small amount of spending money for souvenirs.

**Requirements:** Once a referral has been accepted there will be various information and healthcare forms to be filled out before the participant attends the camp.

*Please note: Preference will be given to first time campers.*

**Deadline for referrals:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014, but preferred as soon as possible. If you have further questions, please contact Alicia Melita.

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**Tuesdays & Thursdays (2x per week)**

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**WHERE**

**Hornsby PCYC – Performing Arts Centre**

22 Waitara Ave, Waitara

**Fix Australia**

319 Penshurst St, Chatswood

**North Ryde RSL Youth Club**

Magdala Rd, North Ryde

**Pittwater Sports Centre**

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