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Year 12 Graduation Party

The Year 12 Graduation Party and lunch was a very sociable and fun way of celebrating the success of our Year 12 leavers in achieving their HSC in Life Skills. The students from the Senior and Junior Sections, parents and staff all had a wonderful time, and it was a great way to mark the end of Year 12 for the leaving students: Lachlan, Neri, Kiang Kiang, Liam and Jacob. On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish them all the best for the future and their transition to post school life.

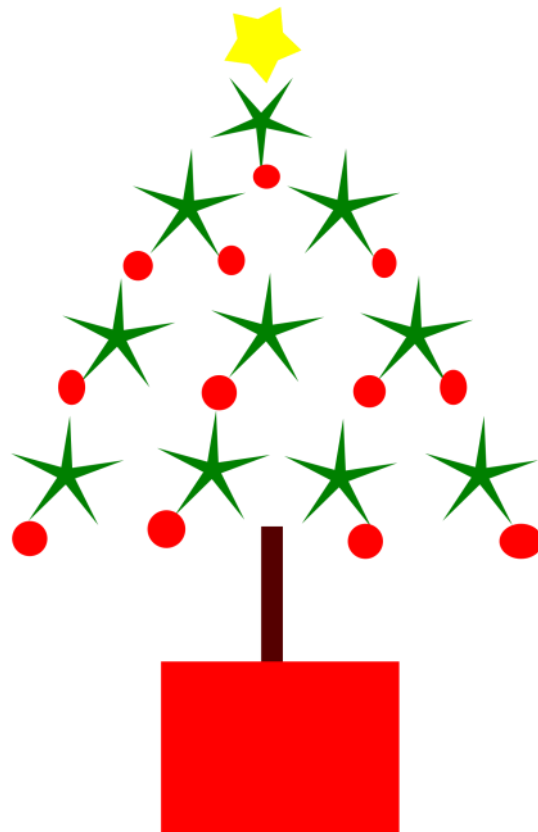
Nicholas Stevenson
(Relieving Principal)



Principal's Message

It has been a busy term for me as relieving Principal, and it has also been a very steep learning curve. However, I have enjoyed the challenges of my new role and I look forward to continuing in this role next year until Donna returns from leave. I would like to thank all of the staff and parents for their support and help over the term, and I look forward to your continued support in 2016. On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you all a very happy Xmas and a very relaxing break. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2016.

Nicholas Stevenson
(Relieving Principal)



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Class TH

This has been a busy term for Class TH. We were finally able to visit 'Taronga Zoo' for our class excursion. The highlight for the class was watching the clever seals during the seal show. School camp also went ahead. The boys had an absolute blast!! It was a full on three days of activities such as rock climbing, kayaking, flying foxing, low ropes, disco and more. It was fantastic to see the boys genuinely enjoy themselves, and engage in activities they would otherwise not attempt.

Now that our programs are slowing down, Class TH is enjoying preparing for the festive season. We are also looking forward to the long holiday ahead.

Trish & Wendy



Class CW

Recently class CW went on a walk in the community to North Head, Manly. Students followed the track around to the spectacular lookout. All the girls wanted to take “selfies” – Chelsea, Emma, Hannah and Chloe struck a pose for the girls’ photo. Then Adam and Jesse joined in for a group photo. A fun photo was taken with arms in the air. Class CW had a great time out in the community and enjoyed the experience.

Caroline & Sue



White Ribbon Day

White Ribbon is Australia's only national, male led Campaign to end men's violence against women. The campaign works through primary prevention initiatives involving awareness raising and education, and programs with youth, schools, workplaces and across the broader community. Originating in Canada in 1991, White Ribbon is now active in more than 60 countries. It began in Australia in 2003 as part of UNIFEM (now UN Women), formally becoming a Foundation in 2007. Australia observes the International Day of the Elimination of Violence against Women, also known as White Ribbon Day, annually on November 25. It signals the start of the 16 Days of Activism to Stop Violence against Women, which ends on Human Rights Day (December 10).

At Fisher Road School the students and staff all wore white or a white item of clothing, and also brought in a gold coin donation, which was then donated to a charity supporting women who have been the victims of violence. We raised in total \$46. Class TH and JO then went out the front of the school and tied white balloons and ribbons around the fence and trees. I would like to thank everyone who supported this important day.

Nicholas Stevenson

(Relieving Principal)



Class RR

Water has played a major part in the fun of Term 4. We have been fortunate enough to gain extra funding to provide swim teachers for an extra swim session per week, and the hot weather has prompted us to make more of the adjacent Paperbark Playground, and to get the hose pipes, water containers, sprayers and sprinklers out! We have even included the school dog Tess in the fun and enjoyed watching her leap about in the water. Seasonal craft is in full swing and the parents can anticipate some great treats coming home! Happy holidays everyone.

Ruth & Fran



Key Word Signing

We are promoting Communication in a big way at school, and to that end we have working parties making resources, writing up protocols and providing external trainers in varied methods of communication. Prue Clubb, a well-respected Speech Pathologist, has been secured to lead a lot of this professional learning, and it was alongside her that I attended a 4 day residential course in Penrith to become a trainer in **Key Word Sign**. Fisher Road will therefore be offering training to other Special Schools, special education units, educators who are interested in learning more about this field and of course families.

Key Word Sign is a well-regarded method of teaching simple signing (based on Auslan) alongside speech to support communication. We are even initiating a signing choir- who will be performing at school functions in 2016- so watch this space!

Ruth Rogers



Class JK

This term has been very busy with preparations for our end of year concert. We have been busy doing some fabulous craft work to make our accessories to go with our costumes. We have also enjoyed some water play during the hot weather recently. Nathaniel and Maia love having their arms sprayed lightly with water to help cool them down.

Since the concert we have begun some festive activities to get into the spirit of Christmas.

Julie & Carmel.



Class VR

We have been conducting small cooking sessions as a way of offering our students different sensory experiences. Our school garden offers a huge variety of tastes, aromas and tactile opportunities and the school's chickens provide wonderful organic eggs.

The students use a switch to activate the blender to chop onions, the herbs and spinach, and staff crack the eggs to make either omelettes or fried rice. It has been an enjoyable session and, whilst some of our students cannot consume the food we cook, they all benefit from the sensory experiences.

Our Sensory Story this term has had a Christmas theme and students have had fun making decorations for our class Christmas tree.

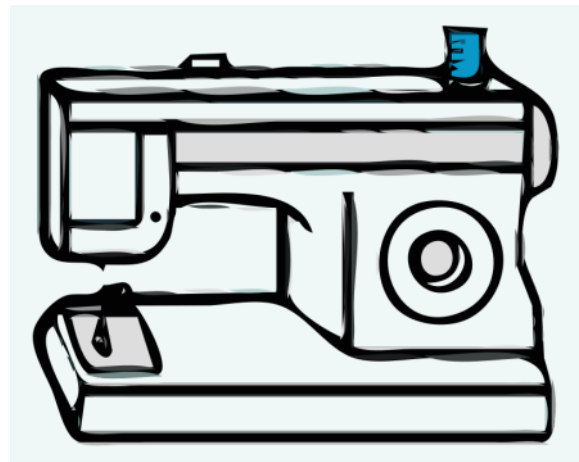
Virginia, Sue and Rosie



Class SB

Class SB have been having a busy time making all sorts of Christmas craft. Our favourite activity by far has been sewing! We have made some beautiful Christmas bags that we will send home full of goodies! We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday.

Sally & Mandy



Class JO

During the hot weather we have been having a wonderful time engaging in water activities. All students have been practising their listening skills to play water based games, including going over/under the hose, walking through the water and also practising their social skills. It is great to see the students learning in such a fun and exciting environment where they can really focus on instructional activities while enjoying themselves. Although integration has come to an end for 2015, it is important to mention how hard the students were working during their dance lesson. Each student was partnered with a peer and they were learning a partner dance routine. It was great to see all the students interacting with each other and learning the dance as a team.

Jen & Sue



Class MP

As this is the last newsletter, class MP would like to thank all our parents for being so supportive in all our programs throughout the year. Laragh, James, Kyle, Eddie, Jasper and Dylan have shown improvement in all aspects of their learning. They have shown confidence in their day to day interactions with peers, staff and people in the community. They have shown consistency in managing tasks with minimal assistance. Most of all, they have had fun in learning new skills and in enhancing existing skills.

Thank you dear parents for a great year.

Maria, Monika, & Amy



Classes AM & NS

Class AM & NS have had a fabulous term. We have spent many hours beautifying the school grounds. Besides the hard work of gardening, weeding, pruning and watering, we have been involved in some new projects around the school. Our class met Cam, an artist who spent time on his weekends painting the amazing new mural outside the sensory room and food technology room. Also, the new peace poles in the front of the school. One of which has been dedicated to White Ribbon Day.

The classes have made contact with some local artists. Leesa Knight, an environmental artist, kindly donated some painted buoys from her recent exhibition. They make a colourful addition to the senior lunch area. Thank you so much Leesa.

We have had a thoroughly enjoyable year with our class. Have a great holiday break and all the best for next year boys!

Arianne, John, Matt, Donna & Jenny





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Grace City Church

A great big 'Thank You' to Grace City Church. They offered to put on a morning tea for us to follow the concert, and then secondly wanted to recognise the great work that staff at Fisher Road School do all year, and gave gifts of Lindt chocolates and tins of shortbread. It was really appreciated by the staff, and was a great start to the season's festivities.



Fisher Road School Wins the Muffin Break Annual Fundraising Campaign

Over 40% of Australian schools participated in the 2015 Muffin Break Great Bake Sale annual fundraising campaign. Open to all primary and high schools, the four week digital campaign invited students, parents, teachers and school representatives to rally votes together for their school. From the 3,870 schools that voted, Fisher Road School, Dee Why NSW, was named the national winner when voting officially closed on Monday 16 November.

The school will receive a \$3000 cash card and 1,000 freshly-baked, healthy-option muffins, valued at almost \$4,000, to sell at their school bake sale on a date of their choosing. The money raised from the sale will be going directly to the school for educational programs and activities.

On behalf of Fisher Road School, I would like to thank everyone who supported the school by voting for us in this fundraising campaign.

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