

'Together we can'



Fisher Road School

2016.TERM 3.WEEK 6

STUDENT EVENTS

**2ND SEPT
FATHER'S DAY
STALL**

**23RD SEPT
LAST DAY OF
TERM 3 FOR
STUDENTS**

**10TH OCT
SCHOOL RE-
SUMES FOR
STUDENTS**

PARENT/CARER EVENTS YOU'RE INVITED...

**24TH OCT
SPORTS
CARNIVAL**

**27TH NOV
YEAR 12
GRADUATION**

**7TH DEC
PRESENTATION
DAY/CONCERT**

Manly Warringah Orchid Society Blossoms again



Manly Warringah Orchid Society have been long supporters of our school. You might have seen their beautiful orchid house which is located next to the meeting room. From this house, beautiful orchids are grown and displayed at the annual event held at Dee Why RSL. This year our school was invited to attend. Year 6 School Captain Naomi attended with Jarryd (on behalf of Emma Year 12 Captain) and proudly represented our school. They both chose the winner of the art prize and accepted a generous donation from the Orchid Society.

Arianne (AP), Naomi, Angie (Orchid Society) and Jarryd.



English: **Flower**

Also: **grow, flowering, blooming, cultivate**
English Definition

Performance: Start with flat hand, fingers together, behind other horizontal hand. Move hand up to emerge above other hand with fingers spread.

Usage Notes: Also used to sign grow
States using this Sign: Used Australia Wide

“ Remember the moments”



Staff Development Day—Variation

Again, thank you for your support in varying our Term 2 staff development day. On Friday 26th August all teaching staff attended a joint conference with teachers from Clarke Road School and Sir Eric Woodward School. This

opportunity has not been available before. The day provided teachers with a chance to work with Rob Stones who is the designer and author of more than 30 distinctive leadership workshops and intervention programs. This day focused on connecting new ideas and extending our professional knowledge and skills. We also collaborated with other teachers and made a commitment to continue networking between the schools as we move forward.

Our SLSOs spent half the day off-site visiting other schools or services to gain insight in various approaches, strategies and interventions for students with additional learning needs. The remainder of the day included individual learning sessions to broaden knowledge and skills in the use of technology as a device to assist learning.

Student Review Meetings

If you haven't already, you will be about to have your child's student review meeting. This involves collaborated discussion on current progress with identification of the 3 priority Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) goals. These priority goals are the focus for school and home for the remainder of 2016, this supports our students to achieve their personal best. At these meetings, general school information will be updated including student health and transport requirements.

What is LMBR?

The NSW Department of Education is currently implementing a standardised finance system (SAP) and new financial processes for all NSW Public Schools as part of the Learning Manage-

ment and Business Reform. Fisher Road School are excited to 'go live' with this new system next week. This change will mean that all office procedures may take a little longer as we become fluent with the new system. Your understanding is appreciated.

Sad news—Nerryl

It is with great sadness that I inform our school community of the passing of Nerryl Thoms. Nerryl has been a part of our school community for the past 20 years and initially started as an ADHC Occupational Therapist stationed on-site at Fisher Road School before continuing to volunteer at Fisher Road. Her expertise, her knowledge, her skills all provided great benefit to our school, but nothing as great as her enduring friendships. Many will know of Nerryl and the significant commitment and support she had to Fisher Road School, at the core of her passion was her desire to make a difference in the lives of our students. Nerryl did this with her exceptional knowledge, with pride, humour and her never ending determination. I am sure you will understand our staff and students are missing her dearly this week. Polly (our P&C Secretary) will update our families on the details for Nerryl's funeral this week.



Our final newsletter for Term 3 will be available in Week 10 as we wrap up 'the term that was'.



Donna Blatchford
Principal

Class RR

A definite highlight in RR was going on our walk & picnic in the 'Forest' (trees by the oval) last week -- the glorious day & children's delight made it all really quite magical!!

At one stage we all just lay on that picnic rug there and looked up at the sky. You really can't plan moments like these!!

Bursting into laughter together, running through the trees, gathering bits and pieces for our forest scavenger hunt and a leisurely lunch in the shade of the tree... oopps we forgot a spoon for Daniel's yogurt -- no problem for Dan!

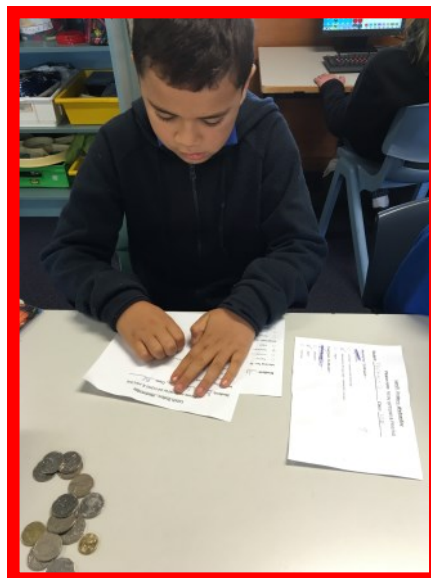
Until next time :)
Rebecca and Rosie



Class JO

Class JO have been working very hard in the lunch order program each week. The program is a fantastic way for students to learn a range of work skills and practice them each week. On a Monday the order forms are delivered to each class, we practice verbal communication and counting as well as walking together as a group. We also go to Woolworths to do the shopping for all the food, we follow a list and find a range of different items then learn how to use the self serve checkout. On Tuesdays we collect all the forms and sort out the money, this involved maths skills and verbal communication. On Wednesdays we package all the orders and deliver them. The students listen to instructions, find certain items, package the items and locate different classes. At the end of the session we do a stocktake, counting all the items we have left over and make a new shopping list ready for the following week.

Without the support of the whole school we can't run this fabulous program so I encourage all parents to place an order no matter how small it may be. The students really shine in this program and it is wonderful to see them building skills for the future! Well done to all of the super stars in class JO! Jen & Donna



Class TH

Class TH have been working on activating switches for cause and effect programs. This has occurred when activating programs on the interactive whiteboard such as slide shows. Tiella-Dakota and Dallas are able to activate a switch when presented. They both enjoy listening to the slideshow about themselves. Marcus and Ben are also very competent switch users. They love upbeat music slideshows. Angelina and Kai will activate a switch with assistance. Slideshows with softer music is their preference.

Class TH have also been using a switch to make a fruit smoothie. Mixed berries, banana, yoghurt and milk have been the ingredients trialled so far. Now that spring is in the air, other seasonal fruits such as peaches will also be added. This cause and effect program has been a real hit with the class as the students have really enjoyed tasting the final product.

Trish, & Sue



Class VR

Class VR continue to participate in our Thursday gardening program. We often take different activities for students to be involved in while others are watering the plants, sweeping the pathways or enjoy the surrounds. Last week we poured coloured rice through funnels and watched as it travelled down clear plastic tubes into the large container students were sitting in. This offered a great sensory experience plus measuring and pouring skills. Lately we have been joined in the Paperbark playground by class TH providing our students the opportunity to socialise with their peers and share and take turns with the activities and equipment.

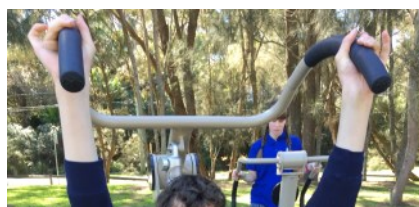
Virginia and Alena



Class JK

Our hospitality course has now finished at TAFE. Everyone had a great time and learnt a lot of new skills that we are putting into place in our Café each Tuesday. We are now working on our strength and fitness at Billa-rong Reserve in Narrabeen each Wednesday. The students rotate around the various gym equipment that the council has erected in the park. It is a very popular activity and everyone is keen to have a go and to build their muscles! After our workout we head off to Warriewood Square to have our lunch.

Julie & Sue



Class NS

The students in Class NS have been busy working on their work skills and also working towards their outcomes in the KLAs of English, Maths, Science and Work Education. The students have all been helping to count out the tabards and place them in the individual class buckets, and then taking them to the classes that need them. I have been very impressed with the improvements in the students' skills, especially with counting out the tabards with verbal and gestural prompting. In the photos you can see James and Adam doing some great work putting the freshly washed tabards into the buckets before delivering them to the classes.

Nick, John and Justine



Class SB

Class SB have been enjoying their time in our amazing Sensory Room each Wednesday morning. Each of our students have their favourite activities. James loves the bubble tube and having a good laugh at himself in the mirror. Laragh and Eddie enjoy the bean bags along with hand massages! Dylan cant get enough of the fabulous curtain of lights. Jasper spins all the bells and whistles on the sensory board and Kyle likes sitting by the bubble box. It is always difficult to leave the lovely warm room once our time is up especially in these colder months! Our students are learning to walk to the room with just a verbal reminder of where we are heading and it is a great opportunity to move around the school as independently as possible.

Sally, Jenny and Fran



Class KS

Class KS have been celebrating a few birthdays lately. Maia turned 14 and Emily 18 years old. In class Ella and Anastazia are enjoying some new sensory activities. Nathaniel loves to play the slideshow of his favourite celebrity – Tim Bailey the weather man and Connor always enjoys swimming.

Kari, Sam and Sue.

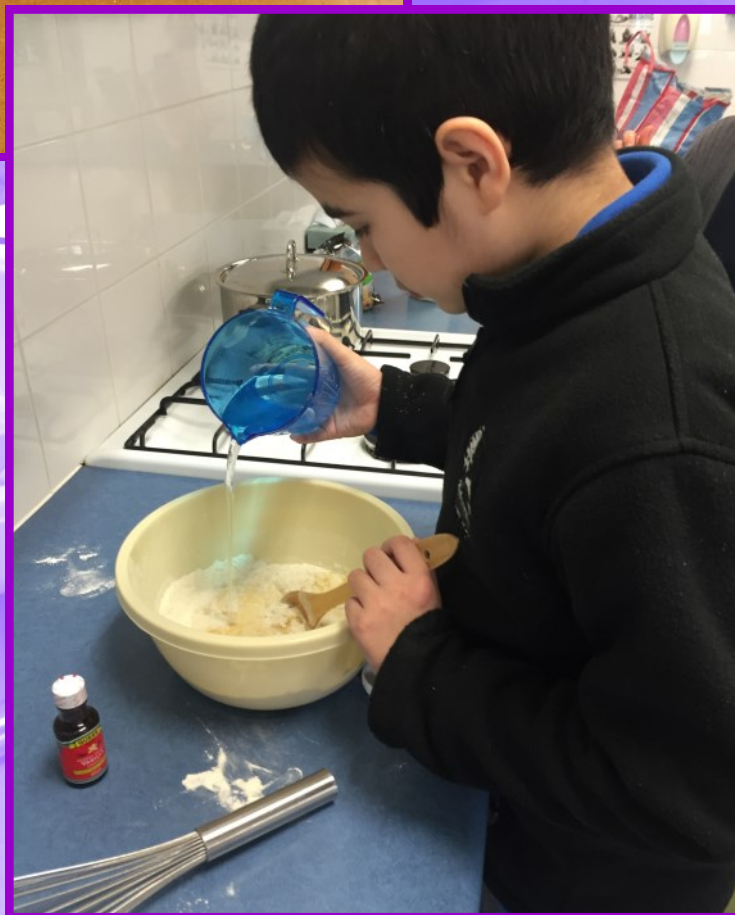


Class CW

Class CW have been going to the Food Technology room each Thursday morning for a cooking program. Our activities tie in with outcomes in the Key Learning Areas of Technology and Science K-6.

This term we have been making pancakes and eating them with maple syrup. We add fruit such as banana to the mixture. Geoffrey has been helping to measure, pour and mix ingredients. Arun, Henry and Alexsandra are practising living skills to feed themselves in a different environment other than the classroom.

Caroline and Mandy



Class MP

Mondays and Wednesdays are the busiest days of our week. On Mondays following the gardening and bus washing activities, we walk to DY shops to get our shopping ingredients. Each one carries a shopping bag and a list. Our students go inside the shop two at a time to locate the item on their list.

This week our students shopped without their list. They were verbally prompted to locate and pick the item being asked. It was a successful exercise as most of our students picked up the correct item and the right number.

On Wednesdays after swimming, we cook our lunch. All students have a designated job to do such as bringing out equipment, washing, cutting and mixing ingredients, washing, drying and putting away dishes, wiping the table and sweeping the floor. It is also an opportunity for them to learn or enhance their table manners and skills in using cutlery. Our menu has been focussed on fried rice but with the variation of meat and vegetables each week. We've already cooked fried rice with pork char siu, with marinated basil and tomato chicken tenderloin, etc. Nearly all of them loved and enjoyed what they've cooked with an interest in being a chef.

Maria and Carmel



Dee Why RSL

On the 17th August Caroline White (AP-Relieving) and Nicholas Stevenson (AP) attended the Dee Why RSL Community Support Program ceremony, where all of the community groups and organisations that had benefitted from Dee Why RSL's generosity were gathered together for a night of speeches, social mingling and delicious canapés. Dee Why RSL has a long standing tradition of providing community support, and this year the club will assist more than 110 high needs charities, social welfare organisations, sporting and social clubs. Fisher Road School has received a lot of very generous financial support from the club over the years and will be receiving further support this year. This money will be used to continue funding student Creative Arts programs. In the photo below you can see Nicholas Stevenson with the club President, Graeme Liddell, who was a teacher on the Northern Beaches for over 40 years.



— Save the Date —



Year 12 Graduation Party
2016

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 27th November, 2016

Where: Fisher Road School

Details to be advised.



ADMIT
ONE
(or more)

← this event is only for our senior students



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2016 Presentation & Concert Day

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday 7th December, 2016

Where: Dee Why Public School

Further details to be advised