‘Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning’
William Arthur Ward

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 6.

2014 Class Names
For 2014, it was decided that each class would be known by name

Stranger Danger
It is startling the amount of reports that occur daily about children being approached by strangers. Your child needs to be aware of how they can protect themselves if placed in a situation that may potentially be unsafe. Please take the time to sit with your children and discuss and plan strategies for keeping them safe, not just from strangers, but also in other potentially dangerous situations. The teachers speak regularly to children about stranger danger and safety. One child shared with me that he and his mother have a ‘safe’ word which when asked, a stranger would not know.
The website below is a great site to help you discuss safety with your child:
Youtube also contains some excellent stranger danger educational videos.

Griffins
The expression of interest for the Griffins class was advertised last Thursday. Applications are to be submitted by this Friday 7 March. It is hoped that the successful applicant will begin in Week 8, however, this will need to be negotiated. I will keep you informed.

Student Representative Council
Congratulations to the following students who are representatives on the SRC for their class:

Elves – Samantha
Griffins – Siobhan
Pixies – Colby
Pegasus – Kyla
Dragons – Angus
Hobbits – Ashton
Hippogryphs – Joseph

Elected Student Leaders
Last week, I took the 6 elected Year 6 leaders to the GRIP Leadership conference. This conference was attended by over 800 students from Sydney based schools. It was a fantastic day and the students learnt about the qualities of a good leader and brainstormed action they can take at school to support the other students. You can read more about their day in the Leaders and Sport Leaders’ report.
I was very proud of our students’ behaviour and attitude on the day and they represented Rossmore Public School sensibly and with pride.

Student Supervision Times
It is of concern that many children are arriving to school prior to 9am and some are arriving as early as 8.15am.
The school opening hours are 9.00am to 3.15pm. Students are not to be at school outside of these hours unless there is a special event such as a camp where an earlier arrival time has been arranged by staff or the Active After School Communities program. There are Out of Hours School Care facilities that operate in the local area which have a drop off/pick up service at the appropriate times. Please utilise these services if you require care for your child/ren before or after school. The school does not provide out of
hours school care and any parent leaving their child at school unattended prior to 9am and after 3.15pm does so with the understanding that supervision will not be provided outside of school hours on a day to day basis.

The role of the teacher on duty in the afternoon is to supervise the students waiting for Government bus and the out of school hours buses only. It is a concern that a number of students are being collected by parents up to half an hour after the bell every day.

Students not catching the afternoon buses and have not been picked up by 3.30pm, will be asked to wait in the office or with the teacher on duty and parents will be required to collect their children in person.

On the rare occasion that you are held up and will be late to collect your child, please contact the school and we will organise for your child/ren to wait in the office.

Car Park Safety
When dropping off and collecting children to and from school, parents and carers are asked to abide by the following safety considerations:
- drop off children at the designated safety drop off point
- walk your child/ren to and from the car in the car park to ensure student safety. Children are not permitted to enter the carpark without adult supervision
- park in the designated areas only, rear to kerb, and DO NOT double park
- consider using the alternate carpark across the road.

Thank you. If we all abide by these rules, we can keep our children safe.

Canteen News
Just a reminder that from next week the canteen will be closed on Tuesdays.

Have a wonderful week.
Sandy Juleff

FROM THE P & C

Our next P&C meeting is on Monday 17th March. This will be our AGM.

Jo Mossman
P&C President

FROM THE STUDENTS

Hobbits

Green Sea Turtles
Habitat: Green sea turtles live in the Great Barrier Reef. They are an endangered species because over the years people have hunted them for their meat. Green sea turtles live in warm waters. They are reptiles.

All about The Nest: Green sea turtles travel a long way to lay their eggs. Sometimes they lay their eggs on the same coral cay that they were born on. The mother usually takes about 45 minutes to get onto the beach and dig her nest pit. The nest is about 50 cm deep.

Back to The Sea: It’s a long journey back to the sea and the mother turtle is usually exhausted. It is very important that she has covered her eggs properly, above the high tide line and safe from predators.

The Hatchlings: When they hatch and dig their way out from the sand the hatchlings follow the moon’s light reflecting on the water. It’s a mad dash to the ocean because there are many predators. Green sea turtles are a nice treat for dingoes, dogs, crabs and cats. Justyce

Green sea turtles live in the tropics around the Great Barrier Reef. They eat sea grass. They are herbivores. They lay about 60 to 150 eggs a year. Mum turtle lays her eggs on or near the same beach that she was born on. She digs a nest about 60 cm deep. The hatchlings are drawn towards light so if they go towards street lights they can get run over. Dingoes and bilbies are a big danger to the hatchlings. Green sea turtles are endangered. Ashton

Green sea turtles have flippers instead of legs. The flippers are scaly. They have a shell but they cannot tuck themselves into it. They are soft
when they are born. They live in the Great Barrier Reef in the warm oceans and it is close to their nesting grounds. They eat sea grass and they are herbivores. The eggs are soft and take about 7 weeks to hatch. When they are born they are called hatchlings. The hatchlings make their way to the water by going towards reflected moon light. Sea turtles are endangered. Over the years we have killed them for their meat. We need to save them!  

Faith

Green sea turtles live around the Great Barrier Reef. They live in tropical waters. They can live to be over 100 years. The female turtle goes to shore to lay eggs. She needs to go further than the high tide line or her babies will drown. In the egg the babies are called an embryo and when they hatch they are called hatchlings. It can take the mother up to 1 hour to get up the beach to where she digs a nest of about 50cm depth. She then goes back to the sea. Predators and dangers are waiting after all this hard work. Dingoes, snakes and many other night creatures love hatchlings. They can also get lost if they make a mistake and travel towards the wrong light such as street lights.  

Louise

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LEADERS' AND SPORT LEADERS' UPDATE

Last Wednesday, the Year 6 elected school and sport leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Day at Homebush Sydney Olympic Park. Many schools in Sydney attended this fun learning event. We all learnt about how to be a good leader. Make sure you lead like a STRAWBERRY and NOT like a watermelon! If you want to know more about what that means, come and see us!

Last Friday the 3 to 6 students settled into our “Gala Day” teams. The sport teams are netball, Oztag and Newcombe ball. Everyone in K-2 will be participating in fun activities at MGPS.

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SPECIAL AWARDS

Term 1 Week 6
Congratulations and a fantastic effort to the following students who received honour awards:

Yellow
Angus McCa., Rhys, Billy, Joshua, Cindy x2, Ethan x2, Katelyn, Heidi

Silver
Meagan, Joshua, Ethan, Katelyn

Gold
Nathan

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

Maths A to Z
Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z

Science Assignment Starters
Not sure where to go to help your child find out about electricity, natural disasters, the solar system or other science projects? Have a look at our project starters. Find our more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-project-starters

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A WORD FROM ONE OF OUR FAMILIES

Relay for Life

Hi All,

Relay For Life is coming to our community and we (Anthony, Lianna, Emmanuel and Mummy) are taking part!

That’s right...we’re taking to the track because we’re passionate about supporting the Cancer Council in the fight against cancer.

To donate to us, all you have to do is go to our fundraising page by following this link:

You can donate online using your credit card or PayPal account. All donations over $2 are tax deductible and you will get an instant online receipt.

Every dollar raised at Relay For Life helps Cancer Council to:
* Investigate new ways to prevent, detect and treat cancers
* Educate people in our community about ways they can reduce their cancer risk
* Advocate for cancer control and influence government policy
* Support people during their times of greatest need

Cancer is a major issue. Did you know?
* One in two Australians will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 85.
* Every five minutes, another Australian is diagnosed with cancer. While survival rates are improving every day, cancer remains a leading cause of death.

If you would like more information about Cancer Council visit www.cancercouncil.com.au

Thank for your consideration. I hope you can help me raised funds for this important work.

Kind regards

Bec, Anthony, Lianna and Emmanuel xx

www.relayforlife.org.au