



Passfield Park School

May 31, 2013

Dear Parents and Carers

Staff Development Day

Please remember that next Wednesday, 5th June is a staff development day for Passfield Park School. All teachers will be attending training at Brighton-le-Sands and our SLSOs will be at Beverley Park School. The school will not be open, nor will taxis arrive to pick students up.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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Just a reminder that if your child is away from school, a written note is required explaining the absence when he/she returns to school.

As the weather is becoming colder, many of the students are picking up colds. Please be aware that if your child is unwell, they need to stay home to recuperate. Children, like we adults, are not able to attend to their learning when they are unwell. Sending a student to school when they are sick results in more lost days of learning for others as viruses are spread. Thank you

Regional Dance Festival

Five of our high school students will be performing with a dance group – 'Shining Stars' at the regional dance festival at Homebush next Thursday (6th June). I am sure that they will have a fantastic time, and I would like to thank Diana McGuinness for all her work with the group and Julie Bonfield for her support on the day. Daniel from Green Class will be a compere for the dance festival on Wednesday, 5th – I am sure he will also perform exceedingly well. Good luck to all these school representatives.

Parents and Friends

Our next Parents and Friends meeting will be on Friday 14th June – Elizabeth Coleman, our transition to post school options teacher, will attend the session to talk about what happens after Year 12. All welcome – yes, kindly parents too!

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Just a reminder that Earn and Learn ends on Sunday. If you have any stickers, please send them into school.

Kind regards

Julie Raciborska

Principal

Peanut Allergy

Just a reminder not to pack peanut related foods for your child to bring to school. This includes nutella sandwiches. Some of our students have severe peanut allergies.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diary Dates.....

June 5	Staff Development Day
June 10	Queens Birthday Holiday
June 28	Last day Term 2
June 30	Bunnings BBQ
September 7	Trivia Night
November 8	HS Formal
December 11	Presentation Day

Busy bees in Purple class

Purple Class has had a busy start to Term 2. A big thank you to Mrs Perry for organising another wonderful day of ANZAC celebrations. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the day, especially hearing about Simpson and his donkey, making ANZAC biscuits and crepe paper poppies.

In Health, the class is learning about nutrition by identifying foods that keep us healthy, which foods we should eat every day and the foods we should only eat sometimes. Last week the class explored the fruit food group and had the opportunity to try a wide variety of fresh fruits.

We are very pleased to see each student working well and look forward to another productive term.

Di, Jeanette and Kris



Check out our school website

www.passfield-s.schools.nsw.edu.au

Training for Pink Class

Pink Class had a great start to Term 2, with a day out in Week 1. We travelled to Minto Station on the school bus and then caught a train to Macarthur Square. Students enjoyed using the ticket machine to purchase their tickets and then waited patiently for the train. Their behaviour was excellent throughout the entire excursion, travelling on the train, walking with the group, playing on the play equipment and having lunch in the food court and returning on the train and school bus. After lunch students practised identifying community signs to locate male and female toilets.

In cooking, for the first five weeks of this term, we have been making pizzas. We have tried different bases, including Lebanese bread and English muffins and have experimented with a variety of toppings, such as, cabanossi, ham, pepperoni, bacon, pineapple, mushroom and capsicum. Cabanossi and ham were the favourite toppings, whereas everyone found the pepperoni too hot. Students have enjoyed watching and listening to pizza songs on the IWB while eating their pizzas. Their favourite song is "I am a pizza". Next week we will change our menu and our songs.

Cheryl and Rob



Adventures in Blue Class

Blue Class, together with Green and White Classes recently enjoyed three adventurous days at Teen Ranch. The students participated in a variety of activities and everyone in Blue Class attempted all the activities. Highlights included horse riding and canoeing. We made delicious damper which was served with golden syrup. The night walk ending in a camp fire and toasted marshmallows was a great way to finish off our second day. The giant swing was another big hit, though it did prove to be a challenge for some students. Other students took up the challenge of climbing up the milk crates and touching the ceiling of the activities room. The students enjoyed the meals with many going back for seconds. For Aimee, Raya and Jesse, this was their first year at camp. They, along with students and staff enjoyed the adventurous days and sleeping soundly at night.

Olena and Mandy



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Silver Class enjoy their first excursion

Silver Class has settled well into Term 2 and have been exploring areas within the local community. We have continued our sport sessions at Yotala Gymnastics where the students are showing off some new skills. It is great to see. Our class has begun attending Storytime sessions at Minto Community Library every Friday where students have the opportunity to watch a video, listen to a story, sing songs, participate in craft activities and borrow books. We have also begun shopping for our cooking classes. All the students enjoy shopping as they each take on a role and work as a team. Silver Class went on their first excursion to Hungry Jacks with their schoolmates from Red and Pink Classes. It was a fun day and they loved having a treat and playing with friends and on the equipment. Every student in Silver Class has been putting in tremendous effort in all work and progress is really reflecting their ambitions. Well done guys!



Sarah and Sonia

Orange Class very welcoming

Orange Class were very happy to welcome Addison back after his holiday overseas. He had a great time on his holiday but is very pleased to be back at school.

The students celebrated ANZAC Day with activities, a talk from a veteran and a whole school assembly where we listened to the last post played by Mrs Wales and the Ode of Remembrance. The school captains laid a wreath and we sang the National Anthem. Thank you Mrs Perry for organising this fantastic annual event.

We are very busy writing reports at present and we are very proud of all the students in Orange Class and their achievements.

Belinda, Kris, Jenny and Caitlin

Red Class receive a great reaction

Red Class practiced hard at perfecting their singing and actions for their assembly item song, 'If I were an animal, what would I be?' On the stage, each student successfully strived to wow the assembly. Their effort was met with a loud round of applause from school mates, staff and parents.

Red Class enthusiastically participated in the Anzac Day activities in Week 2. We especially enjoyed baking biscuits and making poppy flowers and rosemary wreaths.

Red Class students continue to further build their reading skills by engaging in 'reading eggs' on the interactive whiteboard. We eagerly await our turn to demonstrate our skills. We also love the songs, 'Hickory Dickory Dock' and 'Hip Hop on the Clock', simultaneously showing the o'clock time on our personal clocks.

For sport this term, we are going to Yotala Gym where we hop, climb, jump, swing and logroll to develop our gross motor skills and coordinate body movements. Students in Red Class also enjoyed a day out to Hungry Jacks with Pink and Silver Classes. We practiced placing our lunch orders using ipads and had heaps of fun on the equipment.



Sukhraj and Sharon



Addison and Mrs Perry making ANZAC biscuits

Purple Class say goodbye

In Week 2, two high school classes went to camp. We enjoyed horse riding, bush skills, canoeing, giant swing, challenge course, hiking and crate climbing.

In canoeing, the captains and one of the workers fell into the river. It was cold. We had to swim for survival.

Some students have started work experience at AFFORD in Ingleburn.

We received sad news— Denae left us last Friday to move to the country. We will miss her and wish her and her family the best of luck.

Green Class went to two outings this term. We went to Simmo's Beach and mini golf.

*Daniel
School Captain*

White Class Sails Away

While Mrs Dalgleish is on long service leave, I have been enjoying my time in White Class with the boys and Michele. White Class has had a very busy start to Term 2. Some students went to camp with other high school students and we also had a beautiful day sailing on the harbour. We all had a chance to steer the wheel.

We have been studying desert climate, plants and animals in Geography and created a cactus plant which can survive in the desert due to its ability to absorb water.

The students were very attentive learning the process of how potatoes become chips in agriculture, from planting the potato, to manufacturing it, to cutting and storing the chips in the freezer. White Class has also been practising their road safety crossing and bike riding skills.

Glenda, Michele & Rami



Yellow Class are eating healthily

Yellow Class has had a fun and eventful first half for this term. We celebrated ANZAC Day by making poppies and rosemary wreaths, colouring in pictures, saw a soldier's hat and medals, made some delicious ANZAC biscuits with help from Mrs Perry and we have learned about the sacrifice others have made for us.

In Science, we have experimented with force and worked on what happens when we push or pull things to make them move. We have made some toys as helpful examples of what is happening when forces are applied.

The students in Yellow Class are learning about healthy choices. We have eaten many different fruits and made a delicious drink from fruits and vegetables. The students have cooked and feasted on a variety of recipes using eggs every Friday. All the students in Yellow Class are making healthy choices in their small purchases from Sarah Redfern PS's healthy canteen each Wednesday after our Library visit.

On Mondays, we are practicing how to hop, jump, skip and throw in game based activities to complement our gym lessons and refine skills. All the students in Yellow Class are enjoying going out to the gym on Thursdays and learning how to use lots of different equipment safely.

Lastly, Yellow Class has been looking at those in the community who help us; policemen, firemen, doctors, nurses and vets, what their jobs entail and how to classify emergencies.

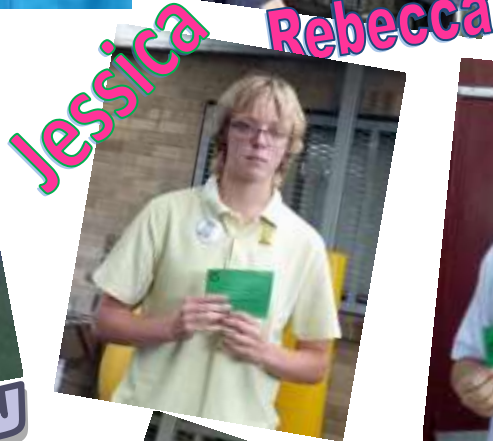
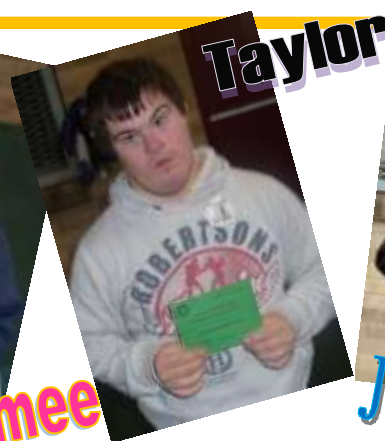
Cheryl and Narelle



Anzac Day at Passfield Park School



Congratulations to our students of the week



Photographs taken by our high school students