



NEWSLETTER

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June 14

June 17

June 22

June 23

June 24

June 26

Family Fun Day

Dance2bfit demonstration

Yr 3-6 SportsPro

Mufti Day

Look at Big School (LABS) Day

Yr 4 Excursion. Govt House Parramatta

Dear parents and students,

Family Fun Day

Overheard during Family Fun Day from a year 2 boy, "Why can't we have *this* every Sunday?" An ambitious question but not one to be raised at the next P&C meeting until each hardworking volunteer has respite. It was another outstanding effort by the coordinator, Mr Michael Vandervelde. The contributions of Mr Phill Pendleton and so many eager workers made for a very successful occasion. Our school grounds were in sterling shape thanks to the recent ground force workforce. The family fun day customer satisfaction was always present. It fabulous to see past, present and even future school community families in attendance, together with school staff, investing money on rides, food, goods and services to our benefit the P&C and hence the students.

New Library Building

It is exciting times for our school through being successful in seeking \$3,000,000. The money arrives from the coffers of Commonwealth Government under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus 21st Century Plan. This means that we will have a two storey building where the 6M and 5B demountables are currently placed. Included in this proposed building will be three classrooms and the relocation of the infant toilets.

Debating Success

Some more wonderful news has come our way with several interschool debates. Our two Premier's Debating Challenge teams have defeated Thornleigh West PS and Normanhurst PS. Our Hills/Hornsby competition team recently defeated Asquith PS too. We congratulate these undefeated teams and recognise the huge contribution from their coach, Mrs Newland. The annual intra school debates will commence next team.

Music Festival Gold

Our school participated in the Yamaha Musical Festival Competition at the University of Technology Sydney last week. The band played three pieces of music to perfection, in my opinion. That view was echoed by even more qualified judges to give our band the **gold award**. To be expected our students also stood out for the right reasons possessing exceptional manners and a well presented school uniform. Mr Ray Hampton continues to do an exceptional job with their development.

Football Success

Congratulations to our State Knockout Boys Football team who proceed to round three. The team boasted an arresting one goal to nil win against Epping PS. Their coach Ms Lott should also be commended for her inspiration and guidance.

Core Value: RESPECT

Having regard for yourself and others, lawful and just authority within Australian society and accepting the right of others to hold different or opposing views.

In **school communities**, evidence of this value includes:

- ☺ regarding as important the opinions of parents
- ☺ implementing government education policy
- ☺ affirming cultural diversity within the school community.

In **classrooms**, evidence of this value includes:

- ☺ accepting the right of others to hold different views to your own
- ☺ listening to others without interrupting
- ☺ obeying school rules
- ☺ acknowledging the strengths and abilities of students.

Week 1

Outstanding Invoices

Thank you to all families who have paid their term 2 invoice. The school term has three remaining weeks. It would be greatly appreciated if all term 2 invoices were finalised prior to the end of term.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties the school, through the Student Assistance Scheme, may be able to help. Please contact the office to arrange an appointment to see me to discuss how we can help.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK – *a personal favourite*

"It is our responsibilities, not ourselves that we should take seriously".

Peter Ustinov

Greg McLaren
Relieving Principal

For Your Information:

NSW DET

Road Safety

For the safety of all school children please do not stop or park your car on or near any pedestrian crossing, and observe all safety and no stopping signs.

For more details on road safety go to www.rta.nsw.gov.au

Remember that watching children is never enough. Keep your children safe by holding their hands as you cross any road. A child's perception, judgement and

awareness of potentially dangerous situations is generally not sufficiently developed to properly cope with the road environment until they are at least 10 years of age. Children need adults to set a good example and to supervise them closely in and around traffic, including roundabouts, traffic lights and car parks.

More info at www.kidsafensw.org

Keep Your Receipts! The Education Tax Refund – Get 50% back

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students. This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY
- the Veterans' Children Education Scheme
- the Student Financial Supplement Scheme
- a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
- an Australian Postgraduate Award. Independent students are also eligible to claim.

What can you claim?

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- laptops, home computers and associated costs — for example, internet and paper
- educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- stationery and art supplies
- school textbooks and associated learning materials
- trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.

Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

When can you claim?

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009. Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim. If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.

For more information:

- visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au
- phone the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

