Thought for the Fortnight

Success is liking yourself, liking what you do and liking how you do it.

Principal’s Message

Last Thursday the students in K-2 visited the Sea Life Sydney Aquarium at Darling Harbour. Despite the wet start to the day, all students and staff had a fabulous day. Over the past few weeks both classes had been learning about the creatures that live in the sea focussing on mammals of the sea, sharks and other sea creatures. All students enthusiastically participated throughout the day and when walking through the tunnels under the aquarium the students were very excited to see sharks, stingrays, manta rays and fish swimming overhead. The dugong was also very entertaining playing with its food tray during our visit. I know that you will enjoy reading the students recounts of our day attached to this newsletter.

Did you know that there is one week to go before we hold our annual End of Year Concert and Talent Quest? All classes will have two performances and we have some talented students who successfully auditioned to be part of the Talent Quest. All parents, grandparents, family members and friends are invited to our End of Year Concert starting at 1:30pm next Wednesday in our COLA.

Planning is well and truly underway for the start of 2016. If you are aware that your family will not be returning to our school next year, please let the office know ASAP. If you are also aware of neighbours or friends that may be attending Luddenham next year but haven’t completed an enrolment form, please see Mrs Chapple to collect an enrolment form.

Our School Facebook page is proving to be a very successful way of communicating with our school community. Please like our school page to make sure that you are kept up to date with the events at our school. Luddenham Public School does not support students under 13 having a Facebook profile. The Department of Education does not allow staff members to be Facebook friends with parents or students in NSW Public Schools.

Parents are reminded to follow the road rules at all times during drop off and pick up times. Safe driving keeps everyone safe.

Student supervision starts each morning at 8:30am. Students are not supervised prior to 8:30am and no students should be at school before this time. Over the past few weeks, there has been an increasing number of
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students at school prior to 8:30. All parents are asked to ensure that their children arrive at school from 8:30am onwards.

Tomorrow our students in Years 3 and 4 will be going to Katoomba for an overnight camp with the students from Orchard Hills, Mulgoa and Wallacia Public Schools. All students attending the camp must meet Mr Winterton at Orchard Hills P.S. by 7:30am. We look forward to hearing about your trip next week.

Karen Ellis

PBL Awards

In the last fortnight the following students have been recognised for their safe, responsible, respectful and successful behaviour.

Respectful: Kane (3/4), Alyssa (3/4)
Responsible: Ella (1/2), Abdullahi (1/2)

Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) News

Working outside of the home and raising a family can be difficult to juggle at times. I’ve come across a great website called careforkids.com.au that offers resources and tools to help you manage childcare. Linked to this website is also a job search website called childcarejobs.com.au which helps you search for jobs in childcare. Both sites appear easy to use and practical. I hope that they may be of some benefit to you or someone you know.

Lindy Johnson
Learning and Support Teacher

P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be held this Friday, 13th November in the library straight after the morning assembly.

Everyone is welcome

Due to the Simply Swimming Program the canteen will be CLOSED on Friday 27th and Friday 4th December

Dental Visit

As you are aware AMDC was coming to our school earlier this term to provide our children with a free dental checkup. However, the company has had a few scheduling problems and has been unable to attend as yet. At this point we are expecting the visit to go ahead next week, Week 7, on Monday and/or Tuesday. If you haven’t filled out a consent form you can still do so; there are blank forms on the table in the office foyer.
Year 6 Lamington Drive

Orders for the year 6 Lamington Drive were finalised today. Lamingtons will be delivered to your child next Wednesday, 18th November. If you have ordered several packets you will be able to collect your order from the office after the End of Year Concert.

Stage 2 Blue Mountains Camp

The Stage 2 campers will be on their way bright and early tomorrow morning. They will need to meet Mr Winterton at Orchard Hills Public School at 7:30am to get their names marked off and put their luggage on the bus. The bus will leave at 7:45am sharp so don’t be late or you will be left behind.

Please do not bring iPods, iPads or mobile phones. All food is supplied so do not bring any food or drink (including lollies etc). If your child needs medicine it should be placed in a bag clearly labelled with the child’s name and dosage requirements. It should be handed to Mr Winterton before getting on the bus.

The bus is due to return back to Orchard Hills PS between 2:30 and 3:00pm on Friday. We hope everyone has a fantastic time.

Blue Mountains Camp has a pretty cool website if you’d like to take a look

Paul Wade Presentation

On Monday students from Years 3 to Year 6 were fortunate to meet Paul Wade, retired Australian football player, who is best known for his long-term role as captain of the Socceroos. In Paul’s ‘Skills for Life’ presentation, he shared his life experiences with our students in order to challenge their ways of thinking and inspire them to make positive life choices. Paul spoke passionately about his sport and promoted awareness of key life values. Students were given strategies to work as a team or individually to make informed decisions and achieve success in all facets of their life.

Simply Swimming

The Simply Swimming Program will begin on Monday 23rd November and will continue each day until Friday 4th December. Students will leave school at 12:30 each day and return at approximately 2:45pm. They should bring their swimmers, a towel, dry underwear and sunscreen as well as a clearly labelled plastic bag to carry their gear both to and from the pool. Please ensure that all their gear is clearly labelled with their name, including their school uniform.

Since the majority of our students will be attending the Simply Swimming Program, the canteen will be closed on Friday 27th November and Friday 4th December
I saw a seahorse swimming with its tail. **Cassandra**

I saw a dugong. It was grey and it was playing with its food. **Kiera**

I saw a dugong play with its food and it was cute. **Jasmine**

I saw a starfish and it was clinging to the rocks and it was clinging to the wall. **Abdullahi**

I saw a little penguin swimming and a wobbegong too. **Shane**

I saw a stingray and it was gliding. **Chloe**

I saw a black tip reef shark trying to attack us. **Riley**

I saw the saw-nosed shark chasing a fish. **Tyrone**

I saw clown fish swimming and they played games. **Damian**

I saw a black tip reef shark trying to eat me. **Kasey**

I saw a stingray swimming in the sea. **Keenan**

I saw jellyfish changing colour. **Cooper**

I saw a jellyfish and it was floating. **Adam**

I saw a black tip reef shark swimming over us. **Xavier**

I saw a jellyfish and it was glowing. **Aleks**

I saw a little penguin waddling. **Alex**

I saw a jellyfish changing colours. **Jacob**

**K/1 and 1/2 went on an excursion to the Sydney Sea Life Aquarium last Thursday. These are K/1’s stories.**
On Thursday K/1 and 1/2 went to the aquarium and saw a great white shark. We also saw a black tip reef shark and a white tip shark. I saw a lobster, eel and clownfish. We saw a tiger shark and a leopard shark. A stingray and shark were in the same tank. **Drake**

At the aquarium, we also saw big, black fish and we saw a lot of little penguins. We learnt that a dugong can grow up to two metres long and it has gas. **Samuel**

First, we saw moon jellyfish, changing into neon colours and we saw a seahorse. We saw two little penguins on a little rock. Then we saw stingrays but we did not see manta rays. Then, we saw a Chinese spider crab and two big lobsters in a big ball. **Emilio**

We went in a blue and white bus with all of my cool friends. We got there and it started to rain. When we got out of the bus, we had to walk quickly so we didn't get drenched. When we got into the place, we sat at the table and ate recess. Then, we saw a dugong and lots of types of sharks. It was so exciting. **Ryan**

When we got there, we had recess and when we finished, K-2 had to get into groups. The groups went into the aquarium and the first animal we saw was a fish. The second animal we saw was a water crab. It was so big and there were fish down the bottom of the tank. The fish were skinny. **Ella**

On Thursday K/1 and 1/2 went to Sea Life Aquarium and we went on a blue and white bus. We saw a shark and we saw a leopard shark. The dugong was grey. **Andrew**

Yesterday K/1 and 1/2 went on a bus to Sea Life Aquarium. I learnt about black tip reef sharks and I saw a sawfish. After that, we had lunch. **Blade**

We went to the touch pool and we got to touch blue starfish, sea cucumbers and shark's eggs. We saw dugongs and I learnt that they are gassy and they have smelly whiskers. We saw lobsters, clown fish, crabs, fish and jellyfish. They were changing colours because the lights were changing colours. **Ebony**

We saw a black tip reef shark and a whale shark's mouth and teeth. We went by bus and it was pouring down rain and we had to walk through it. I saw a great white shark's mouth and teeth. My favourite was the dugong because of its big nostrils. When we got back to school I was happy because of the exciting animals I saw. **Lily.A**

I saw a stingray's barb on its tail. I saw a lobster's sharp claws and I saw a leopard shark's tail. I saw a Nemo fish and I saw a tiger shark's tail. My favourite part was the little Nemo fish. **Alana**

I saw an eel and a jellyfish and they were glowing because the light was changing colours, it was cool. We saw a dugong. At the end of the day, we were sleepy. I loved the day. When I got home, I went straight to bed. **Aeon**
When we came off the bus, we saw the Sea Life Aquarium. We saw white tip sharks, black tip reef sharks and a school of fish. We saw a scuba diver in the glass cage and sea animals. **Charlee**

We saw a black tip reef shark. It had black tips on its fins and we saw a white tip shark. I saw a great white shark. It is big but it had a white belly. I saw a cookie cutter shark but it was in a dark cave, so I could not see what colour it was. I saw so many fish. We all were exhausted but I had a very, very fun day. **Blake**

On Thursday K/1 and 1/2 went to the aquarium at Darling Harbour. We went by bus. **Lucas**

We saw lots of fish that looked like Dory. We saw clownfish, seagulls and stingrays. The stingray's stinger is called a barb. We saw eels and starfish. We saw a baby crab and a lobster. In the Great Barrier Reef section, we saw a sawfish. We saw shark's teeth. I liked it so much, it was so cool. **Lily.C**

We had recess and then we went in and saw a sawfish and an eel. I saw a black tip reef shark, Oceanic white tip shark and a great white shark. I saw a cookie cutter shark and a hammerhead shark. I had a great day and it was fun. **Bayley**

On Thursday K-2 went on a bus to the aquarium. It was a long trip. We saw lots of fish, clownfish and seahorses. My favourite was the dugong. **Chloe**

Check out the website for more photos: [www.luddenham-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.luddenham-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)
What’s Happening at Luddenham PS

November
12th & 13th Stage 2 Camp
13th P&C Meeting
18th End of Year Concert
23rd-30th Simply Swimming

December
1st-4th Simply Swimming
2nd K-6 Assembly
10th Presentation Day
11th Year 6 Farewell Dinner
14th P&C Meeting
16th School disco
16th Last day of school for students

January 2016
27th Staff return
28th Students in Years 1-6 return

February
1st Kindergarten students start

Reminders

- **Stage 2 students going on camp need to be at Orchard Hills PS by 7:30am tomorrow. Check on the website in ‘Current Notes’ if you need a reminder of what to pack**

- Simply Swimming begins Week 8, Monday 23rd November

- Please label all your child’s belongings, including clothing, hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc.

- If your child is absent from school they should bring in a signed note explaining their absence on the day they return.

- If you have misplaced a note which came home, or your child was away and didn’t receive one, you can print off a copy from the school website—www.luddenham-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**Student Absence Note**

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Date of absence ..............................................

Reason for absence .................................................................
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Parent/ Caregiver signature  Date
Cyberbullying Complaints Handling

The following information in relation to taking reports of children under 18yrs of age for cyber bullying was provided by the Youth Liaison Officer at Green Valley Police Station.

As well as reporting to ACORN and local police, children and their carers/parents can now make a report of cyberbullying to the Children’s eSafety Commissioner’s office. The Commissioner has the power to investigate complaints and conduct investigations into cyberbullying material as he thinks fit.

When the Commissioner makes the decision to investigate a complaint, the Commissioner will work with social media services to get cyberbullying material removed quickly. This may also include the referral of certain complaints to schools or police to assist in the resolution of a matter.

When will the Commissioner investigate?

Under the Enhancing Online Safety for Children Act 2015 (the Act) the Commissioner has broad discretion as to whether a complaint will be investigated and how that investigation will be conducted.

Each complaint will be assessed on a case by case basis having regard to whether the complaint satisfies the relevant provisions of the Act.

As a general guide, a person can make a complaint to the Commissioner where they believe that an Australian child is (or was) the target of cyberbullying material and:

i ) the material is provided on a social media service or relevant electronic service,

ii ) an ordinary reasonable person would conclude that the material was intended to have an effect on a particular Australian child, and

iii ) that the material would be likely to have a seriously threatening, seriously intimidating, seriously harassing or seriously humiliating effect on the Australian child at whom the material is targeted.

How do I complain to the Commissioner?

Complaints can be made using the online cyberbullying complaint form on the Commissioner’s website at https://esafety.gov.au/

For further information you can pick up and Information Guide from the office.