Principal's Message

Apologies for the lateness of this newsletter. We know that Term 4 is extremely busy, however, this one is shaping up to be a “bobby dazzler”.

School Planning 2015 (25th October, 2014)
Many thanks to the dedicated staff and parents who sacrificed their Saturday to spend the time creating our vision for 2015-2017 and developing the strategies to achieve that vision in our first year, 2015. The following was drafted and we would welcome any feedback. Please leave at the office.

Vision Statement:
The SPS community is committed to creating a dynamic nurturing learning environment based on collaboration, equity and trust.

Founding Principles:
Proposals / programs were researched and presented and were prioritized in the following manner.

Student Well-being.
A safe secure learning environment fosters development of the whole child to become responsible, successful and respectful citizen.

Curriculum
SPS 21ST Century learners are engaged in a challenging and student centered curriculum which promotes innovation and creativity.

Extra Curricula
Extra-Curricular activities will provide rich opportunities for students to develop a sense of belonging and experience success.

Community Engagement
The SPS community respects diversity and embraces effective partnerships that shape a supportive school culture.

TPL
SPS empowers staff to engage in evidence based pedagogy and sustainable practices which facilitate life-long learning and promote leadership opportunities.

Now follows the creative and time consuming work of stretching the budget to meet the costs of the programs. Unfortunately SPS does not attract a great deal of money and yet our children have so many needs to become the best possible learners. As you can imagine, solely the cost of technology is prohibitive. I will keep you informed.

New Planning Format/Process.
Recently I attended some training re the new NSW Dept. of Education and Training school planning. The expectation is more demanding and thorough. It is anticipated that the new plans will become the pivotal documents that will drive most school endeavors. The monitoring and evaluations of strategies and programs will become the basis of the school assessment and annual reporting. It will also form the measure by which our school will be externally validated. When complete for 2015 I will post on our school website.

Accolades for S.P.S
We were honored to be nominated for 2 prestigious awards for the NSW DET greater Sydney region – one for the teacher leadership program and one for the outstanding ‘rookie of the year’ otherwise known as the best first year teacher. We are delighted to be honoring Sasha Tribisonna who won the latter award. I look forward to celebrating with Sasha’s family when her award is presented at Sydney Town Hall next Tuesday evening. (Shame! We will miss the Halloween Disco)
Renae Gregoire Farewell.
Today we will farewell Renae as she prepares for the birth of her first child. Although leaving a little earlier than expected, Renae and her baby are progressing well. Arthi Naidu one of our regular casual teachers, will replace Renae, who has prepared the learning program for the remainder of the year. Good communication and two dedicated teachers will result in a smooth transition for the children of 2G.
We wish Renae and her family all the very best.

Deputy Principal Position
Yesterday the panel met to ‘cull’ the applications in readiness for interviews. We look forward to the final selection in Week 6. Stay posted!

School Canteen
Please note the following specials posted by Gina.

Canteen News,
Hello Everyone...
We have settled in quiet well and things are running smoothly. Our children love their new canteen.
Some of the favorite foods so far are
- Lasagna
- Chicken wings
- Fresh fruit salad
  And of course Slurpies.
Starting next week to promote the canteen we will be having a special on at recess.
- Buy any hot food over the counter at recess and receive a free jelly stick.
Thank you from the Canteen.

Christmas Hamper
Our hard working P&C members have decided to organize a raffle for Christmas hamper which will be drawn on ?
In order to create as many hampers as possible we need help for the community. We are asking that grade/stages bring in the following:
Week 5 (Beg. 3/11) Packet of Lollies – K
Week 6 (Beg. 10/11) Cans of Food – Stage 1
Week 7 (Beg. 17/11) Packets of Biscuits/ Chips/ Nuts – Stage 2
Week 8 (Beg. 24/11) Drinks / Christmas decorations – Stage 3

Have a wonderful fortnight,
Cheryl McBride OAM
Principal

BRONZE & SILVER AWARDS
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR AND HAVE ACHIEVED A BRONZE LEVEL OR SILVER LEVEL.

Sienna-Rae Wetere  K Palamara  Lara-Bella Keo  2 Gregoire
Matias Hamdan  K Palamara  Olivia Butler  2 Gregoire
Evan John  K Palamara  Emily Wanigasekera  2 Gregoire
Calvin Ing  K Palamara  Mary Chu (Silver)  2 Gregoire
Julianne Huynh  1 Hardaker  Owen Thai (Silver)  2 Gregoire
Alyssa Baker (Silver)  1 Hardaker  Roquia Beryalay  4 Farnham
Kayley Thai (Silver)  1 Hardaker  Nour Alammedine  4 Farnham
Henry Dinh  1 Hardaker  Adam Issa  6 Butcher
Danya Qaisar  1 Hardaker  Amy Charlesworth  6 Butcher
Zahara Moukhallati  1 Tribisona  Viliami Havea  6 Maturana
Adam Haydari  1/2 Le  Thomas Kern  6 Maturana
Chloe Tran  1/2 Le  Jasmin Young  5/6 Muloasmanovic
Liliyana Alameddine  1/2 Le  
Alexia Daniel  1/2 Le  
Keiran Duffy  2 Gregoire  
Zumra Vatansever  2 Gregoire  

**International Mathematics and Science Study**

Congratulations to Year 4 Bui who have been selected to represent Australia in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS). On Wednesday 29th October the students shall complete a survey at school and parents will be asked to complete a survey at home. The study will examine the performance of students around the world in Year 4 mathematics and science topics. Each participating student shall receive a free gift.

Maria Siwak

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**Selective High School Placement 2016**

Dear Year 5 Parents/Carers

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students. These schools help students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Offers for selective high school placement are determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2015.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school entry to Year 7 in 2016 you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Students have received a printed application information booklet and detailed instructions are available on www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. The application website opens on 14 October 2014 and closes on 17 November 2014. If your child has not received this please contact the school.

No late applications will be accepted and there are no paper application forms. If you require assistance please contact the school.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

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**Girraween High School**

Girraween High School invites students from Smithfield Public School to attend an Open Night which will be held at the school. The Open Night will feature classroom tours, displays, presentations and the chance to meet students and teachers.

**Date:** Tuesday 4th November 2014  
**Time:** 6 pm - 8 pm  
**Venue:** Girraween High School  
110 Gilba Road GIRRAWEEN  
Tel: 9636 7293 or 9636 7303

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**Year 6 Sustainability Project**

Stage 3 are currently learning about ‘sustainability’ and how all the actions that we make today will affect everything in the future. As a Year 6 project, we will be working with the fantastic guidance of our GA, Dom, to make a sustainable growing area which is made from recyclable materials.

We are asking the children to have a hunt at home and bring any old leather/plastic boots/shoes to be used as planting pots. This project will be something the Year 6 children can leave as their legacy and will be sustained over the years. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

Pia Maturana
Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to invite you to attend a FREE course called Building Bully Shields.

Bullying is an issue that concerns most parents and unfortunately exists in all aspects of society. This course will give you insight into bullying behaviour and give you skills and strategies to build resilience in your child. It will help you work with your child to increase their own protective strategies and responses to bullying behaviour.

**Dates:** Wednesday 19th, 26th November, and 3rd of December 2014

**Time:** 12.00pm to 2.00pm  
(Arrive at 11.45 for 12.00pm start)

**Venue:** Smithfield Public School Community Room M Block

**Cost:** Free (childcare, afternoon tea and workbooks provided)

**To book:** Please contact Jacqui Griffin (CLO) 9604 5475 to book your place on the course.  
(Limited places so booking is essential)

**On arrival:** Please make your way straight to the Community Room M Block

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**GET YOUR KIDS INTO THE T20 ACTION**

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