Principal’s Message

Wonderful news! Our talented Year 5/6M students have won the NSW Mathematics Junior Olympiad. We share the honour with North Rocks Primary School. This is a wonderful achievement whereby our children have outperformed others from the most affluent and exclusive areas of the state. Congratulations to the children and their inspiring teacher, Merisa Mulaosmanovic.

The complex mathematics tasks are given over a period of weeks. The answers are sent online so that examiners can see the student’s computations around demanding, complex mathematical problems.

Christmas Hamper
Parents please support our drive to construct some hampers for the Christmas draw on 10th December. Many thanks to those who have responded – the more we receive, the more hampers we can raffle. Please note the following reminder:
Weeks 5 (Beg. 3/11) Packet of Lollies – K
Week 6 (Beg. 10/11) Can of Food – Stage 1
Week 7 (Beg. 17/11) Packet of Biscuits/Chips/Nuts – Stage 2
Week 8 (Beg. 24/11) Drinks/Christmas decorations – Stage 3

Raffle tickets will be on sale at $1.00 per ticket.

World Teachers Day
We celebrated this special occasion last Friday afternoon with an afternoon tea. Teachers, aides, support and administration staff joined together to have a chat and share the joy of educating young children. It is my great pride and pleasure to work with such a talented and dedicated group. We are a fortunate school community and I am a very lucky Principal!

Placements for Special Needs Students
I am extremely concerned about the numbers of children with special needs in our school (especially those in the Early Intervention Unit) who have not received places in support units. Local principals have expressed their shared concerns and a number have volunteered to host some additional support classes. (I am one of those principals), i.e. we have identified the problem and provided several solutions. I recognise the distress of parents and ask them to await the outcome difficult as this may be. I will keep all informed as communications continue.

Deputy Principal
The panel has completed the process of examining the curriculum vitae, ringing referees and completing interviews. We now wait for the clearance from NSW Department of Education and Communities. I will keep you informed.

Science/Mathematics Expo
Please reserve the date for this end of year celebration of learning. Students and teachers have been selecting and collating examples of some of the best learning in Science and Mathematics over 2014. These will be displayed in the hall and other areas of the school. (Hint – bring your device, tablet, i-pad, i-phone). We will begin with a grand opening on Wednesday, 10th December at 4.30pm. Performers from the choir and dance groups will provide a spectacle to herald the opening. We look forward to seeing you there!

Multicultural Day
We look forward to a great day of celebration and inclusivity on 1st December. Please ‘keep an eye out’ for the flyer. This is a great day when all are welcome.
Year 6 Farewell
Many congratulations to the Year 6 students and teachers who have put so much time and effort into fundraising that all children from Years 5 and 6 will be able to attend the Farewell at no additional cost. This will take place at Smithfield RSL on Tuesday night, 16th December, between 5.30pm and 9.30pm.

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

| Jamie Aukino-Sciberras | K Palamara | Marco Barrelo | 4 Bui |
| Keiran Duffy           | 2 Gregoire | Hinckley Tapusoa | 4 Farnham |
| Tyson Bailey          | 2 Gregoire | Tim Chu         | 4 Farnham |
| Jayden Nasko           | 2 Gregoire | Grace Dinh      | 4 Farnham |
| Jayden Nasko (Silver) | 2 Gregoire | Steven Duong    | 4/5 Truscott |
| Maryam Alzoom          | 4 Bui      | Kobe Faumuina  | 4/5 Truscott |
| Yousif Sadak           | 4 Bui      |                |      |
| Aimee Pisani           | 4 Bui      |                |      |
| Savyou Toma            | 4 Bui      |                |      |
| Joshua Javier          | 4 Bui      |                |      |

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