Parent and Community Partnerships

Student success is made more attainable when our community works together to support our school and the aspirations we have for our students. This week we have seen many examples of this valuable partnership at work. Hundreds of hours of work by our P&C will come to fruition this week with our school fete. Parent helpers have also volunteered many hours of their time to assemble ping pong tables to support after school and lunch time programs. Our local Rotary Club started a student breakfast program which was supported by parent volunteers. Many parents also took the time to assist 3/4D in the construction of their billy kart designs. In each case we have an example of a strong community partnership which is improving the educational environment and outcomes of our students. Thank you for partnering with us.
**Fortnight Planner**

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**HRPS History**

On Tuesday we had a visit from a former HRPS teacher Ms Cohen. As well as developing a school composting program in the 1990s Ms Cohen also designed and organised the mural on the side of our K-2 Block. As you can see from the photo taken after the art work was completed our school has changed a lot in the years since. Our COLA, canteen and hall had not yet been constructed and the trees along the building were just saplings. Ms Cohen was generous enough to provide an archive of her major projects at HRPS which we will gradually share via the newsletter.

**HRPS Fete**

The HRPS Fete is this Saturday. The weather forecast is for a mostly sunny day with 22 degree temperatures – perfect fete weather! Entry is free and ride passes are available at the discounted rate until Friday. The fun starts at 9:00am and continues until 4:00pm. Make sure you bring your friends and purchase something from the sausage sizzle and the HRPS stall as all proceeds from these vendors go directly to HRPS.

**Selective High School**

As noted last week applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2017 are currently being accepted and a notice of intention to apply will be sent home shortly. If your child is currently in Year 5 and you are considering applying please follow this link and apply online: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement). Applications can only be made between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016. If you require further information please enquire at the office.
2016 school funding allocations

All NSW public schools are currently being advised of their 2016 Resource Allocation Model (RAM) funding. RAM distributes funding based on individual needs of students and schools, and gives schools greater flexibility to make financial decisions. The way schools use their RAM funding will vary based on local needs. Some support will be for the entire school, and some will be for particular groups of students or individual students.

There is an overview document about the RAM available on the Department of Education website. If you would like to know more about how our school is planning to use the funding to support students, please come along to our next P&C meeting.

Community Housing Student Scholarship Opportunities

The 2016 St George Community Housing Strive Scholarships are now open for any of your students who are SGCH residents. SGCH Strive Scholarship can be used to help pay for fees or purchase equipment, books and other items towards students goals. It’s easy to apply and all the details are at www.sgch.com.au/strive.

Key details:
· The opening dates are 6 October to 31 October;
· Scholarships available – K-Yr6 $400, Yr7-10 $800, Yr11-12 $1,200 x 2 years, Tertiary $1,500 x 3 years and a tutoring package for Yr 12 and below;
· Must be an SGCH resident and zero arrears and debt;
· Be able to supply institution and a contact name;
· Have an email address;
· Online applications only.

Residents’ Tenancy Managers or any member of staff can help with the application and further information. Information can also be obtained by emailing StriveScholarships@sgch.com.au. Contact Francis Brazil Place Coordinator on 02 9001 4316 if you need further information.

Where’s Oscar?

Congratulations to Zoe in 1/2C who was the only student to successfully locate Oscar this week. Oscar is looking forward to our fair this weekend. He will get a good view from his new location. I wonder where he is…..? Do you know? If so fill in the slip below and return it to the box in the office. The first winning entry selected will win $2 to spend at the school canteen.

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Enjoy the fete weekend.

Dan Sprange

Principal