Dear Parents and Carers

Staff Development Day
Many thanks for your support this term with our rearranged Staff Development Day – both teachers and SLSOs were able to attend professional learning activities that met their needs. Please remember that school recommences on Monday, 14th July for all our students. Thank you.

Reports
Teachers have been working hard with their classes and the results of these efforts can be seen in the reports. There are some great examples of student learning, and a lot of skill by the teachers in writing down each child’s achievements. We are planning to have an evening where parents can discuss their child’s progress early next term – a date will be advertised after the holiday.

Trivia Night
We held our annual Trivia Night at the Minto One Community Centre on Saturday, 21st June. We had a fun night of racking our brains for answers, sharing conversation and fun, whilst making nearly $3000 towards a new Tap It interactive screen. The Tap It can be adjusted to different heights and will be especially useful for our students who are in wheelchairs. It will be able to be brought over the armrests and close to the students. As with much equipment, it is expensive - $16,000. We’ve made a start!

Thanks to all who attended, helped with preparations on and before the night, and for our generous community who gave us many donations for our silent auctions. We will be holding a Trivia Night again next year, so gather a table together and join us!

Clothes and Labelling
Could I please remind all families to ensure that clothes, lunch boxes and hats are always labelled. Items go missing or end up in the wrong place and it is much easier to get them back if they are labelled. Please also remember to send your child in with a jumper – we can always take it off! Please also return any clothes lent by school as we need to have spares on hand for students who may need to be changed during the day. Thank you.

Have a happy holiday – see everyone back on 14th July!

Kind regards
Julie

Diary Dates........
July 14 Day 1 of Term 3
September 4 Vaccinations
November 7 High school formal
September 19 Last day of Term 3

Shining Stars
‘What’s New at the Zoo’

This year, five of our talented students, Shada, Blair, Jesse, Ronnan and Chance were invited to perform in the School Dance Festival at Homebush. Over four weeks, each Tuesday, students practised at Sarah Redfern Public School. Our instructor, Mr McGlinn from St Andrews Public School was a very good teacher. He had great ideas and designed amazing costumes. We performed at two shows – the 11:00am matinee and the 7:00pm evening show. This meant we left school at 7:30am and didn’t get back until 9:30pm. It was a BIG day. This was a great experience and we all have our t shirts to remember our time in the Zoo.

Alison Dalgleish

The cast of “What’s new at the Zoo”

Check out our school website
www.passfield-s.schools.nsw.edu.au
On Friday, 13th June Green, Blue and White classes went to the Museum of Fire at Penrith. In class, we have been learning about natural disasters and in particular, bush fires. At the museum we were taught about fire safety and practised getting down low and crawling to escape the fumes and heat. We learnt that each fireman’s uniform has a sensor in it so if the wearer doesn’t move for fifteen seconds an alarm goes off so he can be found easily even through the thick smoke. We rode the fire truck and delighted in using the siren. We viewed a movie showing us how to call for help, and what to do in case of a fire. We were able to try on Firefighter uniforms and Police uniforms. We played in the interactive play area. We had an exciting and informative day.

In the museum we were able to look at different fire engines that have been used throughout the years. Some were horse drawn and some even had to be pulled by hand. There were engines used in the snow fields and others with long ladders for tall buildings. When asked what they learnt from the day we received a variety of answers as follow:

- Taylor demonstrated that he learnt to get down low and roll. Norm would ring zero, zero, zero in case of a fire. Ronnan enjoyed riding on the fire truck and Kurt loved dressing up and acting as a policeman. Keeghan said he saw lots of fire trucks.

What a great day.
Weathering the storm in Pink Class

Pink Class members have enjoyed doing bowling for Sport this term and were very happy to be invited by Silver Class to join in celebrating one of Silver Class member’s birthdays, at the bowling alley, after our game last week. We all had a great time eating hot and cold food and playing in the games area. Some students even had a turn at playing air hockey.

Students have continued to enjoy themed colour days on some Fridays, with Pink Day and Purple Day being celebrated recently. Pink slime and purple spaghetti provided interesting sensory experiences.

In Personal Development we have been learning about relationships and have practised taking turns and sharing toys and games with friends. Pop-up Pirate, Racing Dogs and the Domino Train have been favourite games.

In Science, we have been learning about how the weather affects our lives and we have enjoyed dressing up in scarfs, beanies and gloves to experience how we dress in very cold weather. Putting on the gloves with one finger in each section provided quite a challenge. With the cold weather this term we have also experimented, in Cooking, with making pizzas with various toppings, bases and sauces.

Congratulations to all students for their achievements this term and we hope they and their families have an enjoyable and safe break.

Cheryl H, Sharon, Di Beers

Developing independence in Red Class

All the students of Red Class have made significant progress in continuing to develop their skills and independence. I would especially like to thank you, their parents, for allowing your child to continue to do tasks at home for themselves. The effort on your part, continues to help in developing your child’s independence and confidence. This term, Red Class has been cooking with eggs and the many ways to prepare and cook with them. Each child appears more confident and capable as they prepare, eat and clean-up afterwards.

Cheryl, Jeanette and Kris

Peanut Allergy

Just a reminder not to pack peanut related foods for your child to bring to school. This includes nutella sandwiches. Some of our students have severe peanut allergies. Thank you for your consideration.
Jumping for Gym in Purple Class

This term, Purple Class is attending Yotala Gymnastics in Minto for sport. Everyone looks forward to attending and participating in lots of fun activities with the coaches, Sue and Chris. There are always plenty of smiles to be seen as the class enthusiastically climb, crawl, roll, jump and balance. Each week the students built upon their existing skills on a variety of equipment. Everyone does their best to watch, listen and follow directions and it is really exciting for us to see each student’s skills and self-confidence grow. We are very proud of our students efforts and achievements. Well done, Purple Class!

Di, Diane and Narelle

Very Hungry Caterpillar for Yellow Class

We have had lots of fun at bowling this term and all the students have made progress with their bowling skills. They have been learning to change their shoes, hold the ball correctly, wait for their turn and look at the scoreboard to see whose turn it is. Rylen is able to push the ball down the ramp; Mikayla and Julian can carry their ball and push it down the ramp; Daniel can aim the ramp and push the ball down and will sometimes bowl without the ramp; Jesse is learning to bowl without the ramp and is trying hard to swing his arm to bowl; and Rehannan and Claire can bowl without the ramp.

We said happy birthday to Julian who turned 7 at the end of May, and Rehannan who turns 8 at the end of June. We also celebrated Pink Day and Purple Day with lots of food and fun activities. In class, we have been reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have watched videos, sung songs, and pretended to be caterpillars and butterflies.

We hope you all have a lovely holiday.

Sarah, Sonia and Kris

Colourful Silver Class

Silver Class has earned their holidays this term. They have been working so hard in the classroom and are having fun in the process. All the students have shown great achievements at bowling. Shahrim can carry his own ball to the ramp, Harry is attempting to pick up the ball himself, Nicholas and Shon can use the ramp independently and Lincon and Tamzid are bowling without the ramp. Last week Pink and Silver Classes celebrated Shahrim’s birthday at bowling and had a great party. The students got to bowl, have some hot chips, nuggets, snacks and cake; dance and play air hockey and other games.

All the junior classes have continued to participate in colour days and enjoyed Purple Day, Pink Day and this week will be Silver Day. Tamzid, Nicholas and Harry have really enjoyed the sensory activities and Lincon, Shon and Shahrim have loved participating in craft.

Thanks for a great term Silver Class and enjoy the holidays.

Alison & Michele
White Class Students Enjoy Fried Rice

White Class has had a great Term 2. We have been attending gymnastics at Yotala gym. The students have enjoyed the mini tramp, balance beam, obstacle course and tunnel. High school students also went to the Museum of Fire and we saw lots of old fire trucks and learnt what we need to do in case of a fire.

In cooking, we have been making fried rice and it is yummy. The students have been chopping vegetables, frying eggs, boiling rice and mixing them all together. We all agree that the best part is when we eat our cooking.

Whilst Sukhraj is on leave, we welcome Mrs. McGuinness who will be teaching our class for a couple of weeks. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday and are looking forward to a productive and fun Term 3.

Diana and Mandy

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  - 3 months of hardware warranty |
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Upgrades (optional)
- Additional 2GB RAM (+$35)
- 250GB hard drive (+$75)
- 120GB SSD (+$150)
- 17 in LCD monitor (+$125)
- Take the teacher home video tutorials (+$60)

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Congratulations to our students of the week

Thank you to our high school students who took all our student of the week photographs.