From the Principal

Welcome back to the new school term. All classes have settled back into the school routine very quickly. We have many community events throughout this term which will provide our students with the chance to showcase their talents. This will be a fabulous chance for our students to share with pride what they have been learning. We look forward to seeing you across the term.

This week we farewell Mr Caolan Durkin, who has been working as an SLSO with our school for the last 12 months. Caolan is moving to a permanent position. We wish him all the best and thank him for all the work he has done for our school.

The preschool team and a host of helpers came in during the holidays to move the furniture and resources back into our newly renovated preschool building. The rooms look great. Thank you to all those who helped prepare our preschool so we could start day one of the Term.

Toni Thomas

Important Busways Notice

Dear Parents / Students,

The new Public Timetable for Busways Blacktown will come into effect on 27th July 2015.

There will be changes to your current School or Public Route services.

To view the changes please visit our website at www.busways.com.au or contact our Customer Service team on 9497 1870 or 9497 1887.
Today we started our celebrations of NAIDOC week during our morning assembly. A teacher from Chifley College Bidwill joined us to play the didgeridoo.

On Thursday 23rd our school will be joining Chifley College Bidwill for a combined assembly at 11.15am. All parents/carers are welcome.

On Friday 24th July the Young and Deadly dancers will be performing to Red, Black and Yellow during our Year 5/6 Assembly. They will be showcasing their work at our Friday morning assembly.

We look forward to you joining us to celebrate this special event.

**Stage 3 camp**

Stage 3 camp in term 4 week 3 to Point Wolstoncroft, is fast approaching and Mrs Cox needs final numbers by Friday 24th July. If you haven't already handed in the permission slip and $50 deposit please do so by Friday. If you are having financial difficulty please come and talk to me.

Thanks
Mrs Cox

**Sausage Sizzle**

On Thursday 30th July Stage 3 will be holding a sausage sizzle as part of Education Day and Infants Athletics Carnival. Sandwiches will be $2.50 and drinks $2.00.

Thanks
Mrs Cox

**Pacific Islander Dance Group**

The Pacific Islander Dance group have been included in the Mt Druitt-Minchinbury Creating the Future Public Education Concert to be held Friday 31st July, 2015 at Rooty Hill RSL Auditorium. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to demonstrate their talent and hard work. We congratulate all the students involved!

Mrs Marques and Vave

**P-2 Athletics Carnival**

We are very excited to be having our P-2 Athletics Carnival on Thursday 30th July!

The carnival will take place on our school oval between 12pm and 1.30pm.

Students will be participating in a wide variety of activities including running races, relays and an obstacle course.

Students can come dressed in muf-ti clothes that match their sports house. Sport houses are based upon the students surname.

The sports houses are:
Surname A-E - Burrawang – Blue
Surname F-N - Hakea – Red
Surname O-S - Mulga – Yellow
Surname T-Z - Geebung – Green

Please ensure you pack a hat and a water bottle clearly labelled with their name.

Parents, guardians and family are invited to attend the carnival and to support your children on this fun morning.

**Guest Speaker**

On Monday 3rd August at 2.15pm Mark Geyer will be coming out to our school to talk the students about growing up in Mt Druitt. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

Thanks
Mrs Cox
Bunya Awards
Congratulation for being Safe, Respectful Learners

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Dates to Remember 2015

**July**
- Thurs 23rd: World of Math Workshop
- Combined NAIDOC Assembly with Chifley College
- Fri 24th: Young and Deadly performance at Year 5/6 assembly

**Week 3 Education week**
**Theme: Celebrating Local Heroes**
- Tues 28th: Mt Druitt Westfield Education Performance at 1.30pm
- Thurs 30th: Education Week Assembly in the Hall at 9.30am
- Open classrooms at 10.30-11am
- Sausage sizzle following open classrooms
- P-2 Athletics Carnival from 12pm-1.30pm

**Fri 31st**
- PI Dance performance at Rooty Hill RSL at 9.30am

**August**
- Tues 4th: Royce Simmons Cup (years 3-4)
- Thurs 20th: UWS visit (year 6)

**Week 7 Book Week**
**Theme: Books light up our world**
- Mon 24th: District Athletics
- Stage 2 ZoosnooZ
- Tues 25th: District Athletics
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- Wedn 26th: Book week parade
- Ugly Snow-rella (years K-2)
- Monty Pryor (years 3-6)
- Thurs 27th: Sport and Family Photos

EARN AND LEARN!
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask me.

Thank you,
Rhiannon Roberts
Assistant Principal
Today Kindergarten went to visit the Chifley College Farm as part of this term’s ‘Living Things’ unit. We popped on our gum boots and walked to the farm. Along the way we met a family of cows with their two week old calf. After carefully crossing the road we met Farmer Allan who took us around to meet the animals.

First stop was the chicken coop. It was muddy and smelly. We saw chickens, turkeys, ducks and guinea fowl. We found eggs hiding under buckets, logs and trees. In the chicken nursery we found lots of chicks. They were fluffy.

After meeting the chickens we went to feed the pigs. Bec, Boris, Francis and Pork Chop were pleased to see us. We fed them bread rolls over the fence. It was really muddy in the pig pen. We walked back through the orchard where we collected oranges, lemons, limes, grapefruits and cumquats.

We walked down to the back paddock where we fed the friendly sheep, calves and lambs. They were very hungry.

We thanked Farmer Allan for introducing us to the animals and asked if we could please come again.
Learning Story From Preschool Goannas

Tuesday 21st July 2015
Learning Story From Preschool Possums

Miss Louise and Miss Melissa have been working hard to create our new learning space. We discussed getting new rugs for the classroom and what size they would be. Everyone had a look at our rugs and we discussed bigger or smaller. Miss Louise pulled out the measuring tape and we measured our floor mats with the help of Dhriti, Daurice and Andrew. Soon we were measuring lots of things around the room. We talked about the numbers on the measuring tape and how we used these to count how long something was.

16-07-15

Learning Outcome 4.2 - Children develop a range of skills and processes such as problem-solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating

Learning Outcome 4.4 - Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place, technologies and natural and processed materials

Learning Outcome 5.4 - Children begin to understand how symbols and pattern systems work

PP2 Responsiveness to children PP4 Intentional teaching

I loved that this experience evolved from our simple conversations around our new classroom. You were eager to explore the concept of measurement and loved using the measuring tape as a tool. You actively engaged with myself and your friends as we talked about the different lengths of mats, tables and other items. You worked together co-operatively as it was very difficult to use the measuring table individually. You recognised that there were numbers on the tape and that these numbers represented how long the item was.

Next I think we may use other tools to measure and compare the lengths of different items.
Starting in Term 3, 2015

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- Send leftover vegie curry – leftovers can be kept warm in a small thermos
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- Being patient – kids take an average of eight times to try something new!
- Be a role model – children like to copy their parents, so make sure you're eating plenty of fruit and veg
- Get your kids involved – ask your children to pick their fruit and veg out each day, so they feel in charge of what they eat.

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