Student Leaders elect 2015
In week 5, I was lucky enough to hear every single speech for each of the boys and girls who are in line for election for school leaders in 2015. The speeches were fantastic and really articulated why these very good students should be chosen as our leaders. These Year 5 students really impressed me as well, with how far they have come as public speakers, with well...
organised speeches, in some cases some humour, but all managed to keep the audience of Years 2 to 6 captivated.

Of course, after these speeches were completed, Years 2 to 6 voted for the student leaders of their choice.

The results will be kept secret until the announcement of these leaders, including the school captains and vice captains, on Presentation Day, Thursday 11 December.

Up until this time, our candidates still need to ensure their behaviour is beyond reproach if they are to remain in the race, but in saying that, our candidates are very nice children, so this shouldn’t prove to be a problem at all. Below is a list of our candidates for Student Leaders in 2015 and we wish them all the best for the impending announcement.

**Boys:**
- Daniel Aaron
- Zane Bardouh
- Perry Cheng
- Kapeliele Fusi
- Aadi Huang
- Jordan Mai
- Johnny Phan
- Peter Bae
- Leo Chau
- Baris Eskin
- Danny Graham
- Samuel Livingston
- PJ Pene
- Jason Yang

**Girls:**
- Jacinta Banh
- Cathy Chan
- Emily Li
- Rayhan Majzoub
- Monalisa Soliola
- Sarah Steel
- Xin Weng
- Mayseem Zalfa
- Loren Byron
- Elisa Chay
- Ai Yuen Lim
- Aleyna Oner
- Emma Song
- Aslisah Tokyurek
- Loueffa Xian

**Enrol now for Kindergarten 2015**

Our 2015 Kindergarten students have now attended the bulk of our transition sessions, on Thursday mornings 9:00am -11:00am. It has been a great initiative for the children and parents to learn more about our school and make new friends.

If you have a child beginning Kindergarten in 2015, or know someone who does, please enrol now so that they do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

Currently, we have 101 Kindergarten children on the books and anticipate that this number could be even larger by the time Kindergarten start next year (their first day will be **Tuesday 3 February**).

After today, we have one transition session left on Thursday mornings, be there to find out more about what is needed for your child to start Kindergarten next year.

If you have already completed an Application for Enrolment form for your Kindergarten child you will automatically receive further details about these sessions as they become available. If you would like to read some general information about enrolling in a NSW public school please refer to the Department of Education and Training website link:-


**LGT – Lidcombe’s Got Talent !**

Lidcombe’s Got Talent is certainly proving to be a very popular event with over 90 acts seeking an audition. The audition process has now finished.

With the interest surrounding LGT, we have decided to make it our Green Event on Friday 12 December. I must stress at this point that: “Lidcombe’s Got Talent will not be seen as something competitive, it has been organised so that the students can have fun and be gainfully employed by an activity towards the end of the year. Everyone that participates will be a winner no matter what and the acts selected in the final show will be based on how organised the group or individual is rather than how good they can potentially be.” We all want to enjoy the process, but we will leave the seriousness out of this event and look forward to enjoying the show. Don’t forget this is a green event for the children, unfortunately it is not open for parents to come and watch.

**Year 6 Farewell**

The Year 6 Farewell will be held at Dooleys (The John Meaney room) on Monday 15 December 2014, between 6:00 – 9.00pm. This is usually a great event where the Year 6 students celebrate 7 years of primary education before moving on to high school. As previously advised, any students contravening the school rules will not be allowed to participate in the Farewell. We request that you escort your child to the function room (club rules say you MUST do this) and be on hand to pick your child up at 8.45pm. We are looking forward to spending the night with our very adult-like Year 6 and their wonderful families.

**Other dates to think about……..**

There are a number of special days to keep in mind for the end of this year, just in case you may need the time off work or want to put them in your calendars before they fill up at this busy time of the year. They are:-

- **Christmas Tree Lighting Auburn Central** Thursday 4 December
- **Dooleys Christmas Concert:** Sunday 7 December
- **Parent Helper Morning Tea:** Tuesday 9 December
- **Sports Presentation Assembly:** Wednesday 10 December
- **Presentation Day:** Thursday 11 December
- **Year 6 Farewell:** Monday 15 December
- **Last Day of school:** Wednesday 17 December
- **Family Fun Night:** Wednesday 17 December
- **First Day back at school:** Wednesday 28 January
- **First day for Kindergarten:** Tuesday 3 February
Wonderful News – Andy Kim S3L
On Wednesday 26 November, Andy Kim from S3L represented our school in the 2014 Korean Performance Contest with Speech K-6. Andy ended up coming third in this competition and will receive a lovely certificate (the one in the picture is a sample) and a $50 voucher for his efforts. Well done Andy!!

Arrival at school
It has been reported to me that many students have been arriving at school very early, even before 8.00am. This practice is very unsafe and should be avoided as we don’t have any teachers on duty until 8.30am. Any accidents that happen before this time will be referred back to you as the parents as our supervision policy is very clear. Any students that show up at school before 8.00am will immediately be taken into Before School Care and that will cost the family money. I would rather do this than have any student be involved in some accident before any supervision takes place. If your child arrives at school 5 minutes early (8.25am), this is OK, but the rule is they are not allowed to play and must sit on the stage until the 8.30am bell rings. I implore you however, to bring your children to school no earlier than 8.30am for your child’s safety.

School Toilet Blocks
Please remember that the toilets on the school premises are for the use of students only – they are not to be used by members of the public or even parents.

Canberra Excursion
Well done to the 110 students who went to Berry Sport and Recreation Camp and impressed the camp staff with their outstanding behaviour and physical ability during their outdoor tasks. The children were truly wonderful and allowed themselves the opportunity to learn and grow in what always is a fantastic learning experience. Thank you to Mrs Willis (our fabulous camp organiser), Miss Kim, Mr Windle, Mr Gatwood and Miss Callan for giving up their personal time to go on camp with the students.

Surveys
Recently we have sent home a couple of surveys. The Parent Satisfaction Survey is a survey that asks you to comment about how our school performs in a number of areas. The other survey is a School map survey on Learning. The staff and selected students will be filling out surveys on this important aspect of school. We are very interested to find out how you think your child is doing regards learning at our school. Both surveys will give us some data that we will use in our Annual School Report. These were due last week but if you still would like to have your say, please hand them back to the school office by Friday 12 December.

Platinum Awards
Being Green suggests that your child is behaving very well and is doing what our teachers expect of them in the classroom and the playground. These awards in its current format have been running for over a year now and over the last couple of weeks we added 2 new people to our list. They were:- Rayan Majzoub and Abdul Kowaider. Congratulations Rayan and Abdul!

Auburn Council Sports Awards night
What a great night this was for our young people. It was really a gala event with a sit down meal and special guest, Laurie Daley (NSW Origin Coach) there to recount some great stories as well. Remarkably, after a stellar year, Monalisa Soliola walked away with the Junior School Sports person of the year award – a wonderful effort! Bruce Iosia was nominated in the same category for his efforts in Rugby and received a finalist certificate. Two of our former students Isabella and Nadine Araujo featured in the Senior School Sports Person of the Year award with Isabella finishing Runner Up in this category and Nadine announced as a finalist. Our Junior Boys League Tag team was also nominated and received a finalist certificate, as displayed by coach Mr Cleary. As well as all of that, a former teacher of...
mine, Mr Fearnside, received the Club Person of the Year award for his outstanding service to the sport of tennis! The food was sensational too – because the catering staff was run by our very own Mrs Ivanac !!! What a great community we live in!

**Chicken Pox**
We have had another student come down with chicken pox. Please be vigilant and check for the signs (chicken pox rash, feeling tired, sick etc) or if you are not sure, visit a doctor.

**Platinum Award Excursion/Afternoon Tea**
This will be held on Thursday 4 December 2014. Inclusion in this event has been closed due to the fact we have 65 on Platinum now since our last excursion. All people awarded Platinum Award this year will be eligible to go the afternoon tea on the same day.

**Newsletter via Email**
If you would like your newsletter emailed to you please return the slip below to the office. Emailing allows you to see all the photos in wonderful colour and also saves money on the many, many reams of paper we use each fortnight to print the newsletter.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**
I would like to have the newsletter emailed to me each fortnight.

Name of Child: ____________________

Class: ______________

Name of Parents: ___________________

Email address: __________________________

Please hand in to Mrs Rush in the office as soon as possible.

**Notification of late start or leaving the school**
Also, if you are planning to have an extended summer vacation that means you will arrive later than the expected start to the school year, ie. 28 January 2015 OR you are intending to enrol your child at another school, could you please fill out the appropriate forms that appear in this newsletter.

We need this information as it is vital to the make-up of our classes for 2015. Please ensure you return any relevant information by Friday 12 December.
NOTIFICATION OF EXTENDED SUMMER VACATION

Dear Mr Lewis,
This is to inform you that my child/children:

Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________

will not return to school in Term 1 (28/1) 2015 until __________(date) due to an extended holiday.

Signed: __________________ Date: ________
(Parent/Guardian)

PLEASE PICK UP AN EXEMPTION FORM FOR EACH CHILD FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

NOTIFICATION OF CHILDREN LEAVING THE SCHOOL

Dear Mr Lewis,
This is to inform you that my child/children:

Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________

will be leaving Lidcombe Public School on ________________ and will enrol at ________________ Public School.
The last day of attendance will be: __________.

Signed: __________________ Date: ________
(Parent/Guardian)

Principal

SCHOOL TIMES

Students MUST NOT arrive at school before 8:30 am and must leave promptly at 3:00 pm

Parents are reminded that school supervision exists between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm. A Before and After School Care facility is provided on the school site for parents needing child minding. Contact 9749 2817 after school hours for further details.

Leaving students unsupervised on school grounds has legal implications for both the school and parents.

Access to the school is only possible via the pedestrian gate near the sandpit (Mills Street) during school hours. All visitors must report to the school office. Unauthorised persons on school premises are considered to be trespassing and will be reported to the police.

SMOKING IS PROHIBITED ON SCHOOL PREMISES
On Friday 14th November ten Stage 2 and 3 students attended the state finals of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. As audience members, the students were extremely impressed by the quality of speeches they listened to. All ten eagerly took notes throughout the competition and left the ABC Centre full of inspiration and ideas to share with their classmates. The 2015 public speaking program is sure to be of a high standard with these students leading the way. Well done, Samuel Livingston, Jordan Mai, Arisha Sahay, Helen Pei, Chanel Wong, Aslisah Tokyurek, Karina Zubkov, Da Bin Lee, Subiksha Thiyagarajan and Natania Levula.

**PSSA FINALS RESULTS**

**Cricket:** 2014 was a great year for our cricketers. With only 3 of the 24 students playing outside of school, we did very well to be competitive every week against much more experienced opposition. Everyone's skills in batting, bowling and fielding dramatically improved over the season with everybody getting to practice during training and in each game. The juniors narrowly lost our semi final to a very good Guildford West side and the seniors just missed out on a semi final appearance. Fantastic effort boys and girls!

**AFL:** The Junior AFL team went into the Grand Final quietly confident after going through the season undefeated and winning all games by quite a margin. It was a hot summers morning and fatigue might have been an issue, but luckily the boys had trained hard during the week and were at peak fitness. They ran out onto the field and produced one of their best performances yet, not giving Granville East a sniff. The opposition put their heads down and we ran away with the game. The final score? 59-0!

I’d like to congratulate the boys on a stellar season. They showed skill, determination and most of all, superb sportsmanship.

The Senior AFL team had also gone through the season undefeated but they knew they were in for a very tough game in the final. Their opponents Granville East had been pushing them all season and came prepared for a battle. After an even first quarter, the team pulled together and kept their nerve to kick some crucial goals and put a winning gap between them and the opposition. They were able to relax in the last few
minutes and enjoy their victory. A well deserved win to all the boys and girls. A real team performance where everyone chipped in to achieve their goal. Final score 38-15! Well done!

SPOTLIGHT ON 1L

This is one of the activities 1L have been doing as part of discovery learning. They have used their fingers and finger tips to make their own tree inspired by Aboriginal paintings.

P & C HAMPER RAFFLE

Today you will have received a book of raffle tickets for the P & C’s giant end of year Hamper Raffle which will be drawn at Family Fun Night. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. First prize this year includes 3 gift vouchers being a $50 Event Cinemas card, a $30 iTunes voucher and a $20 Wish Gift Card (which can be used at Woolworths, Big W, Masters, BWS, Caltex and more).

Please return all tickets, filled in with name and contact number or child’s name and class and money in the envelope provided and return to the marked letterbox outside the office.
It’s also time to start bringing in items for our hampers. Non perishable items such as packet foods, tin foods, lollies (packets only), long life milks etc, rice, pasta, biscuits, serviettes, bonbons, plastic cups, paper plates are all great things to bring in. Please ensure that all items have long expiry dates please, at least until the end of December.

**WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN AROUND 7PM ON FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

**PARENT EXCURSION – The Bay Walk, Iron Cove**

The date has changed to Tuesday, 2 December (next week) but at this stage unless I get more interest I will have to cancel this parent excursion.

The 7km walk takes around 2 hours and we will be stopping for lunch along the way. Don’t be put off by the length of the walk, it is very easy and we will not be racing to see who finishes first! This track follows the entire natural course of the cove and never deviates more than 20 metres from the water.

A great way to see some of the beautiful local scenery and even get fit doing it. Please complete the slip below and return to Julie Rush in the office.

**PARENT EXCURSION – The Bay Walk, Iron Cove**

I will be coming on the Parent Excursion – The Bay Walk, Iron Cove on Wednesday 3 December.

Parent Name
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Child’s name / class
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**CREATIVE WRITING**

As I walked into the magical valley my mind was full of wonder. The beautiful, fluffy, snow-white clouds danced in the sky, making an incredible pattern. At the bottom of the shining sky was the most precious mountain ever to exist. The snow was as soft as cotton, the top was pointing to heaven. Surrounding the mountain was a choir of trees singing a soft melody of breeze on my face. There at the very bottom lay the most beautiful lake. As the sun bounced onto the lake it made a magnificent picture full of all the colours of the rainbow, a perfect reflection of the magical valley.

By: Natania Levula Class: 4/5G
I stood there with my mouth gaping at the light, crisp sky holding patterned, cotton-balled shaped clouds, high up above the ground.

Straight below a rocky mountain dominates the sky with snow perched on it like water running down a hill.

The setting sun uses its last breath to try to reach the snowy mountain and gives an orange hue to the land.

Below that, a lush, green forest surrounds the mountain. An army they are, with their pointy tips as swords and leaves as protection. As they go lower and lower the colours of the leaves turn from a beautiful green to a great orange and then to a triumphant red.

As the trees reach the base of the land, a lake mirrors all that has been told, precisely and not missing any minute details.

The wind lays motionless and the picture lays still, allowing my eyes to feast on it. The beautiful setting makes me drift into a slumber.

By: Harry Kim 4/5G

I woke up at 6:00am in the morning. That is the earliest time I ever woke up. I ate breakfast got in the shower and after I was perfectly ready it was about 6:50am. For 5minutes I played on my phone, when the time reached to 6:55am I told my dad to load my bag. I kissed goodbye to my mum and waved bye to my older brother, although he was still sleeping. I arrived school and one last time I waved bye to my dad.

It was about 7:35am when we went on the bus. My buddy was Geena. She has bus sickness so we sat in the third seat from the front. It was a long trip about 2hours and 30minutes long. I had good company though because Geena and I talk all the way to the trip

We finally arrived. I got off the bus excited and when I finally got my bag I walked over where the girl’s rooms were and put down my bag. We went to the big basketball court when I realised that I hated one thing about this camp, it was the “FLYS!” they were so annoying. Anyway our camp guide man told us we are going to go on a mission trip. We had to go to specific places and find rules that we have to obey. It was quite tiring.
After that our group went hiking. It was so tiring but I had so much fun experiences. The nature that surrounded me was amazing. 6km walk! We saw cows/bulls free on the soil. I was quite afraid but found out that they didn’t harm us. When we reached the top I saw the view. It was amazing. I couldn’t believe my eyes. I say that this tiring walk was all worth it. We also crunched apples and listen to dreamtime stories. I felt a bit shocked when I realised I had to walk all the way back but it was better than going up.

We ate lunch and Geena and I took a shower and it was getting late. We also had night activities which was so much fun. After the night activities we had supper. Milk and a biscuit. We went back to our rooms and we brushed our teeth and dozed off.

The next Ann and I woke up at 6:00am and got ready. Our group had to go to the dining area by 7:30 because we were the setting up person for Tuesday’s breakfast. Geena and Grace woke up at 6:30 and we were ready for the next activity “cable-gliding”.

We went to the cable gliding place and learnt how to wear our body harness. Geena and I went second. We went up to the cable gliding area and off we went. It was so much fun. Our group got to get second turns and I was really happy about it.

After the cable glide was over we did archery. At my first go I didn’t get any of my bow into the target but as I kept trying I got better and better. Mrs Willis was really good at archery. She got the very middle target so many times. Alice was pretty good at archery too. We also had some little competitions. After the archery session was over we ate lunch. After lunch we had a free time.

We ate dinner and had a shower. After showering we did the fun night activities again. We also had cake for supper. Yumm. We went back to our room and slept.

This time Ann and I woke up at 5:00am and packed all our things and put it outside by 7:25am. We ate breakfast and I waited for our last activity. It was canoeing. First we learnt how to control the canoe and also took the canoe out and each one of us got a paddle. We also wore a life jacket. We also had meeting spots and three group capsized. Luckily our group was safe. When
we reached our last meeting spot we went back and our group came first in coming back. We had a really good lunch it was a beef inside a hot dog bread. It was yummy.

We went back home and Geena got really sick and I caught a cold but we managed it through the trip back. We finally arrived back to school and saw my mum. I was so happy to see her. After I arrived home I ate Korean spicy food right away. It was the most exciting camp I ever went to in my life. Thank you Lidcombe Public School.
ROAD SAFETY – JOHN STREET AND MILLS STREET

Last week P & C members (Mrs Harris and Mrs Rush) met with a representative from Auburn Council to discuss Mills & John Street traffic and road safety issues. We have asked for the following:

- the pedestrian crossing on Mills Street to be raised (to slow traffic)
- mesh fencing to be placed on either side of the pedestrian crossing to deter illegal parking. We have also asked if it would be possible to have the fencing continue down to our main gate to stop children darting out across the road.
- for the light above the pedestrian crossing on John Street to be turned around so that it shines on the pedestrian crossing at night
- for the pedestrian crossing on John Street to be repainted
- for a “Do Not Queue Across Intersection” sign to be placed at the intersection of John Street and Mills Street to help ease the flow of traffic on busy afternoons.

These discussions were very positive and while we cannot guarantee that everything we have asked for will happen we feel certain that most issues will be addressed favourably. We will keep you informed as to progress on these matters.

Remember - Please ONLY park in legal parking areas. Witches hats are being put out each morning and afternoon to stop parents from parking illegally on Mills Street and endangering our children.
Auburn Christmas Tree Lighting

Auburn Central Forecourt
6pm-8.30pm Thursday 4 December 2014

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting event is a joint initiative of Auburn City Council and Auburn Central Shopping Centre which celebrates the start of the festive season.

Each year, the event takes place in the Auburn Central forecourt and features a range of Christmas music and dance performances, Christmas carols, face painting and roving Christmas characters.

There are also special performances from various local performance groups, a visit from Santa Claus, and of course, the official lighting of the Christmas Tree.

This event is a joyous occasion filled with lots of family fun! So be sure not to miss out on celebrating this festive time of year.

This year we are also giving away free LED candles!

DOOLEYS Christmas Fair
SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER
10.00am to 4.00pm

Join us for the annual DOOLEYS Christmas Fair.

A fun-filled day for the whole family!

• Dora the Explorer Live Show
• Nickelodeon’s Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Live Show
  • Entertainment
  • Christmas stalls
  • Prize giveaways*
  • Petting zoo

Where: Wyatt Park, Church Street Lidcombe

All proceeds from stall hire, amusement rides and raffles will be donated to the Oncology Department of The Children’s Hospital at Westmead.

COME ALONG TO BOTH AND SUPPORT OUR CHOIRS AND CULTURAL DANCE GROUPS
FAMILY FUN NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER
4PM-9PM
RIDES
(Armbands $20 – unlimited rides)
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
STEAK SANDWICHES
NOVELTIES
PARENT ART SALE/AUCTION – 6pm
GIANT HAMPER RAFFLE – Drawn 7pm

All proceeds from the night go to
Lidcombe Public School P & C Association