Issue 20/2015

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

11.12.15 **Reports go home***
14.12.15 9.30am – Kindergarten Graduation – Hall
6.00 – 9.00pm – Year 6 Farewell - Dooleys
15.12.15 Green Event – Lidcombe’s Got Talent
16.12.15 ***Last day for students***
4.00 – 9.00pm Family Fun Night – GIANT CLASS ART AUCTION 6pm

17 & 18.12.15 Staff Development Days

TERM 1 2016

27.01.15 (Wednesday) Staff Development Day
28.01.15 (Thursday) – First day back for the students
Best Start Interviews (Happening Thursday, Friday, and the following Monday & Tuesday)
3.02.15 (Wednesday) – First day of school for the new Kindergarten students

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Important dates coming up
11 December – Reports go home
14 December – Kindergarten Graduation 9.30am
14 December – Year 6 Farewell – Dooleys 6.30pm
15 December – Lidcombe’s Got Talent
16 December – Last day – Family Fun Night 4pm
17 & 18 December – Staff Development Days

Presentation Day
What a ceremony! Wonderful organisation from Miss Sage, Mrs Gordon, Mrs John and Mrs Robinson as everything ran so smoothly. Thanks ladies. There is so much tradition about some of our awards, which is fantastic to see and the lovely people we have presenting these awards and their long association with the awards and our school is phenomenal! And how about the students? A tick over 2 hours of a presentation day ceremony and the students were absolutely fantastic with their exemplary behaviour – makes a principal very proud indeed.

Congratulations to our new school leaders; they will do a fantastic job in 2016 (see who they are below). They will need to as the shoes they will fill and which were left by our 2015 leaders are very big. In saying that, we are very confident that the job will be done to the highest possible standard.

Overwhelmingly positive was the amount of parents, grandparents, uncles, aunties and siblings who showed up to be part of the presentation. It was very heartening to see so many parents, family members and ex-students attend and care so much for our school and what it does.

“A dynamic innovative school always moving forward”
Congratulations to our major award winners as well. The perpetual Dickeson-Meader scholarship for $500 was won by super helpful Sean McGlade (S3N). Our Fred Deery RSL Peace and Friendship award was won by the very likeable and everybody’s friend, Mariam Issa (S2B), the Former Lodge, Johnathon Green awards for excellence in Literacy and Numeracy were won by very studious Aleyna Oner (S3N) and the Maths wiz, Peter Bae (S3T). The School Citizenship Award was won by everyone’s friend, Danny Graham (S3T). The Sportsperson of the Year award (The Peter James Savage Memorial Award) was won by our great all-round athlete and National Bronze medallist for discus, Monalisa Soliola (S3N). The major award for the Maths Olympiad was awarded to Breandan Trang (S3F) for the highest total score for the school, 21 out of a possible 25. My two special Principal’s awards were won by Timoci Kagi (KRed) who works so very hard and is completing his work so wonderfully well and Arzu Muratoglu (S3N) who has immense respect from students and teachers school wide for her respect of others, her outstanding work ethic and her friendliness to all within our school community. The Craig Laundy awards went to: Baris Eskin (S3B – Distinguished Achievement award), Xin Weng (S3Y – Academic Achievement award), Jessica Lo (S3N – Leadership award), Erika-May Kavana (S3T – Sports award), Ana Aho (S3N – Arts award) and Sedef Duman (S3Y – Community Contribution award).

There were lots of awards handed out on the day, more than 130 in fact, just to show that we are all about recognising the students’ achievements at our school and the very reason we are creating a culture of success and high standards as well as a caring and friendly atmosphere. Is it any wonder why Lidcombe PS is well renowned for its wonderful reputation?

Thank you our special guests who always add to the fantastic atmosphere that is our Presentation Day. Thanks to Mrs. Kathy Powzun (Director – Strathfield Network), Craig Laundy (Federal Member for Reid), both pictured below, Mr Bill Bowhay and Mr Bob Franklin who present the Lodge Jonathan green awards, Mrs. Yvonne Meader who presents the Dickerson-Meader trophy, Mrs Merrill Savage who presents the Peter Savage Sports award, Mr Luke Foley (Member for Auburn) and of course, our wonderful P&C executive team.

Thank you also to our wonderful MC’s for the ceremony, Kapellele Fusi and Sarah Steel – they made a very tough job seem so easy! Thank you to all of our presenters / special guests for their unwavering support of our school and the special prizes that are attached to our major awards. We are indeed a fortunate school.

Student Leaders 2015 – Congratulations!
The process is over and yesterday at our Presentation day, I had the pleasure of announcing our new school leaders for 2015. What we have is a tremendous leadership group who will do an absolutely fabulous job in helping me run the school.

Judging from the claps and cheers, as all years 2 to 6 voted for the student leaders of their choice, the choice of these students was certainly not only the right choice by our student body, but also a very popular choice.
Congratulations to:-
**School Captains 2016:**
Sophie Edwards
Timothy Yoon

**Vice Captains 2016:**
Jessica Trang
Sam Lee

**Prefects 2016:**
Judy Keum
Kerim Ozdemir
Kayla Hill
Nicholas Tan
Litia Fusi
Matthew Purvis

**School Numbers 2016**
Whilst on the subject of numbers, current projections would indicate that our total school enrolment will be above 685 next year. What does this mean? We currently sit on around 650, so this will mean an extra class here in the school next year, which in turn also means we need an extra classroom! (This will be installed over the holidays.) We are also quite close to 700 which would mean another extra class and a second Deputy Principal.

**Choosing a teacher ???**
Lately, we have been hearing rumours about which teachers will be on what stage and even a story that parents can request a teacher. This is certainly not the case!

A lot of hours and consultation goes into the formulation of classes. We make professionally guided decisions on where students will be placed according to their personality and whether it matches the teachers and other students in the class, an even spread of bright students and students that may cause us a few difficulties from time to time, peer friendship groups and work habits. It is ludicrous to suggest that parents can select the teacher they want. All teachers are involved in the process, making their professional judgments along the way, they also consult the previous stage teachers to ensure the mix is right, then they are presented to Mr. Duffy and myself for a final approval.

Class formations is something we take seriously, but it is also something I am very willing to back up my experienced and professional team for the job they do in forming the classes for 2016. If you don’t agree with this or would like to chat to me about this at any stage, please come in and see me.

**Classroom Requirements 2016**
Attached to this newsletter is a list outlining by class the various items which your child will need for use in the classroom next year. To assist in a smooth start to the new school year, would you please ensure your child brings all the items he/she requires on the first day back. *You will notice we added headphones from Woolies that would cost roughly $9 each. Please don’t buy expensive ones, these will be more than suitable.*

**Reading Recovery Graduation**
Congratulations to Mrs Jennifer Ramsey who completed her first year of training in the Reading Recovery Program, and to Mrs Lindsay James who is now a fully registered Reading Recovery teacher, recognised worldwide. They were both presented their certificates at ceremonies last week. Well done ladies

**Congratulations Summer PSSA teams**
Well done to the Junior AFL team who won their final 35-1 over Granville East PS and also to the Senior AFL team who won 37-27 also against Granville East PS. Our girls softball team won convincingly 12-7 in a one sided match until the third innings. Our Junior Boys T-Ball team were also in the final but lost to Guilford PS 3-8 and our Senior Cricket team lost to Rosehill, 31-32.

It’s is an honour to make the Grand Final, let alone win one. Well done to everyone! That makes 9 premierships this year for our school, adding to our major Carnival wins in Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics.

**Lidcombe PS – Diamond Award**
After our participation in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge (PSC), our school is one of a select few to be awarded with “Diamond Status”, the highest award you can receive in the PSC. Well done boys and girls for maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle!

**Thank You Morning Tea**
Thank you to all of the parent helpers, all the community helpers, SLSO’s (teacher’s aides), our Itinerant Support teachers and organisations who were able to be present at our Thank You Morning Tea. It was wonderful to catch up with many people and meet some others for the first time. It is very important to us to recognise the unbelievable worth you bring to our school through your efforts. We also recognise that by building strong partnerships with you all can only further enhance the success we have in educating our students. Thank you for all you do, it certainly is very much appreciated by the whole Lidcombe PS staff. Thank you to our specialist staff who organised the event so very well.
Year 6 Farewell
The Year 6 Farewell will be held at Dooleys (The Doug Meanie room) on Monday 14 December 2015, 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.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a great challenge to be involved with. Every year, we have a great number of students involved and who achieve success just by reading books. Did you know that if your child completes the PRC 4 years in a row, they will get a PRC Gold Award ??? Around 30 children achieved that this year. Did you know that if your child completes the PRC for their whole primary career, ie. 7 years, they get a PRC Platinum Award? Jordan Mai (below) has achieved that wonderful feat this year! Well done Jordan! I would like to see more children be rewarded with either a Gold or Platinum Award for the PRC – all they have to do is read!

With the interest surrounding LGT, we have decided to make it our Green Event on Tuesday 15 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.” Also, this is a ‘students only’ event and parents are not invited to this particular show – we do this to take the competitive edge out of it. We all want to enjoy the process, but we will leave the seriousness out of this event and look forward to enjoying the show.

Website, School App & Facebook
Don’t forget to keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and our School App – these are all great ways of keeping up with what’s going on in the school.

App log in details are:
username: community
password: lidcombepls

LGT – Lidcombe’s Got Talent!
Lidcombe’s Got Talent is certainly proving to be a very popular event with over 100 acts seeking an audition within the next few weeks. The audition process will be held over the next 3 weeks during B1 and B2, with certain stages given specific days and times to audition. Any act requiring the use of an iPad or iPod need to make sure they have signed the permission note from home and then bring it into the office for safe keeping until their audition. Once the audition is finished, the device must be returned to the office until home time pick up.

Creative writing
I love it when students come to my office with outstanding work. Last week, Jayda Lui and Isabella Seo came to see me with some very creative advertisements with the aim to try to make you read a certain book. Their language was very persuasive and I for one, will be reading these books over the holidays! Congratulations girls for being so creative!
Enrol now for Kindergarten 2016
After 8 weeks, our extensive Kindergarten transition program is over with 120 students on board for 2016! I would like to thank our early Stage 1 teachers, led by Debbie Sage and Louise Smith, for such a wonderful program. In the time the new Kindergarten students have spent with us, they have met staff for next year, met some of their peers and started to develop those relationships and got used to their learning environment – all keys to success for their very first year of schooling.

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: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/gotoschool/enrolment/detsef.pdf

Kindergarten students will start school on Wednesday 3 February 2016. Details of your Best Start interviews (between Thursday 28 February and Tuesday 2 February) will be forthcoming.

Safety concerns around our school
I have been worried about this for quite some time and I am terribly fearful that without the correct supervision, some students may be hurt in our school grounds if the following rules aren’t adhered to.

1. School starts at 8.30am. This means that there is no teacher on duty until this time. I see way too many students enter into our grounds a long time before 8.30am and I think it is really unsafe of parents to drop them off at school before this time. When dropping off your children to school, ensure it is at or after 8.30am.

2. The canteen also doesn’t open until 8.30am. If you need to order and don’t have the time to wait for the canteen to open, I suggest you buy some brown paper bags, label it correctly and then send it to school with your child so they can put it into the canteen lunch order basket.

3. When school has finished for the day at 3.00pm, it is time to go home! Not even for people waiting for Tae Kwon Do to start, go home first and return 5 minutes before classes start at 4.30pm. Students should not be playing in the grounds at all, supervised or unsupervised and certainly, parents should ensure that their children are picked up at 3pm instead of using the school grounds as a minder for their children – it is not on!

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 are always a great pleasure to hand out to our wonderfully behaved students. The second Platinum party for the year was held last Monday and it was a fantastic event. Thank you very much to our Engagement committee and to the students!

Week 9: Ceylin Karagoz (S2S) – congratulations Ceylin!

Week 10 – no recipients
Survey
I know this is a little late, but could you please advocate amongst the community for the completion of this survey to inform the school of how we are going in serving our community’s needs. This survey will help us in the collation of our Annual Report and to determine new school direction. It is due on Monday 14 December or at your earliest convenience.

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.

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 2016 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 2016. Please ensure you return any relevant information by Friday 11 December.

NOTIFICATION OF EXTENDED SUMMER VACATION
Dear Mr Lewis,
This is to inform you that my child/children:
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
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Name: ___________________ Class: ________
will not return to school in Term 1 (28/1) 2015 until __________(date) due to an extended holiday.
Signed: _________________ Date: __________
(Parent/Guardian)

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)

Newsletter
If parents wish to have the newsletter emailed to them directly please fill out the form below. Electronic distribution is a much better method of communication with families as it allows the school community to enjoy great images of students in full colour without the environmental impact of substantial paper usage. We hope many of our families take up this option in the future. Thank you for taking up this option and saving just that little bit more of our environment.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NEWSLETTER
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.
Have a great holiday

Finally, thank you to everyone involved in our school – students, staff and the whole school community for making 2014 a fantastic year. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas or festive season, and hope the new year brings to each family more of the same kindness and care that we have all received in the past. A happy and safe holiday to you all!

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

60 SECONDS WITH MR. LEWIS

This newsletter, Sarah Steel from S3T is our focus of 60 seconds with Mr. Lewis.

Name: Sarah Steel
Class: S3T
What games do you play? Uno, Softball, Netball and Swimming.
What would you like to be when you grow up? A doctor/surgeon.
Favourite school subject? English and PE.
Favourite colour and number? Aqua and 8.
An interesting fact about yourself. I like to play video games.
Is there any one thing you can’t do without? Family.
Worst habit? Forgetting things.
What’s your most favourite school moment? When I was named School Captain.
What do you expect in high school? There will be lots of differences to primary school and it will be a lot bigger.

Thanks for spending 60 seconds with Mr. Lewis, Sarah!
This newsletter, Kapeliele Fusi from S3N is our focus of 60 seconds with Mr. Lewis.

Name: Kapeliele Fusi
Class: S3N

What would you like to be when you grow up? A firefighter.

Favourite school subject? Maths and PE.
Favourite colour and number? Pink and 5.

An interesting fact about yourself. I like to read in a quiet place.
Is there any one thing you can’t do without? Family.

Worst habit? I hum to songs I don’t like !.
What’s your most favourite school moment? When I became School Captain.

What do you expect in high school? I will be a lot busier !

Thanks for spending 60 seconds with Mr. Lewis, Kapeliele !

PCYC - AUBURN

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Auburn PCYC will be opening in Lidcombe in early 2016, we look to offer a number of services to benefit the community. Our Services and activities will include:

- Gymnastics
- Futsal
- Netball
- Multi-sports program
- Parkour
- Trampolining
- Gym
- Café
- Youth Space
- Martial arts and much more!

PCYC offers a safe and affordable facility for families to participate in community activities, Auburn PCYC is located on Church Street at Wyatt Park (formerly the Ann Clarke Netball Centre). If you have any enquiries please email Auburn@pcycnsw.org.au and to stay up to date follow our Facebook page www.facebook.com/pcycauburn. Club membership is available for $10 for juniors and $20 for adults.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is now closed for 2015. We will reopen on Friday 29 January from 2.30pm – 3.15pm and then Monday and Tuesday morning 1-2 February, 8.30-9.30am and then back to normal Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons.

The Uniform Shop at Lidcombe is run by the P & C and staffed by volunteer parents who do a fabulous job. We are presently looking for some new volunteers to help staff the shop next year. If you are interested see Julie or any of the ladies in the uniform shop.
On Tuesday the 8th of December, students from the Special Education Unit went to the Variety Club Christmas Party. All students enjoyed a variety of rides and activities such as, face painting and ballooning. They explored ambulance and police cars and met some superheroes! Below are some photos from the party.
Our Breakfast Club started a few weeks ago on a Thursday morning in Lidbury Hall, opening from 8.30am – 8.55am (when the bell goes). All stages have now had the opportunity to come for breakfast and it seemed pretty popular.

Each week the children were offered a choice of toast with a topping or another option. We were able to offer the children:

- Cereal with milk and banana
- Fresh fruit salad
- Freshly cooked banana muffins
- Toast ham/cheese sandwiches
- Pancakes with fresh berries

We look forward to continuing this next year. It couldn’t happen without the help of volunteer parents – thank you to Janine Duchstein, Sonia Lopes, Linda Oner, Arzu Andeder, Lulu Aaron, Mel Rennie, Kano Tukuitoga and Raelene Harris for their support. Also many thanks to those parents who came with their children and helped when needed.
Breakfast is often described as the most important meal of the day, and rightfully so -- it not only provides important daily nutrients such as protein, fiber, calcium and carbohydrates, but it also helps improve school performance, allowing students to do better in class including improved grades and increased concentration.

If you are able to help out for an hour or so one morning a week or every second week please see Julie, we will put together a roster next year so the more volunteers, the less times you will need to take part.

**PSSA**

**Cricket:** On Friday 27th November our senior cricket team came up against a well drilled Rosehill side that boasted 10 players who played weekend cricket (we have none!) We knew we had to have almost a perfect game, but after winning the last 3 matches convincingly we knew we were up for the task. Inspirational captain Daniel Aaron gave a rousing pre match speech after winning the toss and deciding to bat. Unfortunately, the much more fancied Rosehill side got on top early with a few quick wickets. Luckily for us, Zarak "The Big Show" Khan has all the toys and Tim Yoon provided good support while wickets tumbled from the other end. Our three pinch hitters, Evan Liang, Kerim Ozdemir and Cathy Zhang came in late and added a few quick runs to leave us with 31 runs on the board. In order for us to win we would have to be exceptional in the field. Kevin Huynh lead the charge from behind the stumps, as did Noor Hammoud, Brennan Banh and Shreyas Acharya in the field. A few parents even commented that the fielding was so good they were sure that Jonty Rhodes had come out of retirement. Brian "Glenn McGrath" Thai bowled some great line and length but unfortunately Rosehill were able to score 32 runs, just 1 more than us. A great team effort from a side that showed immense improvement throughout the season. Well done team, very proud!

**SPECIAL EDUCATION UNIT LOVE TO COOK!**

Students from the Special Education Unit would like thank the P&C for their generous donation. With the donated money, we bought some cooking equipment to use during our weekly cooking lessons. The students are looking forward to using the new equipment to extend their cooking skills and cook a variety of new recipes.
Our Junior and Senior Choirs have been busy performing at lots of great events lately. They were, of course, at the official launching of the K-Mart Wishing Tree a couple of weeks ago and since then, they have also performed at the lighting of the Christmas Tree at Auburn and then again last weekend at the Dooleys Fair. Thank you to their fabulous choir teachers, Mrs Pant, Miss Kim and Miss Yang for all their hard work this year.
SUMMER KIDS’ CAMPS

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

✓ New friendships  ✓ Fun
✓ Great value    ✓ Safe

Summer is all about having FUN in the great outdoors. There is no better way for kids to jam-pack their school holidays with adventure and excitement than by attending a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp.

Choose from day programs and residential camps to Duke of Edinburgh’s Award journeys. Activities include raft building, mountain biking, flying fox, giant swing, cookouts and more. With so many programs on offer, you’ll be sure to find a camp your kids will love.

Kids’ day camps start from $50. Residential camps include 24-hour supervision, accommodation, meals and activities, and many offer supervised transport to and from Central Station, Sydney.

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER

4PM-9PM

RIDES
(Armbands $25 – unlimited rides)
Including the Zoomer

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SANDWICHES
NOVELTIES

CLASS ART AUCTION – 6.30pm
This year each class will be creating a piece of artwork to be auctioned on the night.

GIANT HAMPER RAFFLE – Drawn 7.45pm

All proceeds from the night go to Lidcombe Public School P & C Association
Lidcombe Public School
List of materials for classroom use 2016

**Kindergarten – Early Stage 1**
- 2 family size box tissues **each semester**
- 1 old shirt
- Headphones – Moki ($9 from Woolies)

**Years 1 and 2 – Stage 1**
- 2 glue sticks (solid type) **per term**
- 2 family size box tissues **each semester**
- Homework book (A4 size book)
- Pencil case
- Sharpener
- Ruler (30cm length)
- Eraser
- Scissors
- I roll of paper towels or wet wipes
- 1 old shirt
- Whiteboard markers
- Headphones – Moki ($9 from Woolies)
* Library bag

**Years 3 and 4 – Stage 2**
- Pencil case
- Coloured pencils or twist top crayons
- 6 HB lead pencils **per term**
- Pencil sharpener (with room for shavings)
- 2 glue sticks (solid type) **per term**
- 30cm Ruler (showing millimetres)
- Eraser and scissors
- Highlighters
- 2 family size box of tissues **each semester**
- Homework book (A4 size book)
- Painting shirt
- Whiteboard markers
- Headphones – Moki ($9 from Woolies)
* Library bag

**Years 5 and 6 – Stage 3**
- Pencil case
- Coloured pencils
- 6 HB lead pencils **per term**
- 3 blue & 2 red biro pens (bic brand or similar)
- Highlighters
- 30cm Ruler (showing millimetres)
- Pencil sharpener (with room for shavings)
- 2 glue sticks (solid type) **per term**
- Eraser and scissors
- 2 family size box tissues **each semester**
- A4 Homework book
- Whiteboard markers
- Painting shirt
- Geometry Set
- Headphones – Moki ($9 from Woolies)
* Library bag

**Optional:**
- Textas
- Calculator
- Oxford Dictionary/Thesaurus
- USB drive / flash disk

* NB: Library bags are available from the Uniform Shop ($10-00 each)
Dear Parents,

The School Excellence Framework supports all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high-quality practice across the three domains of learning, teaching and leading. Within a five-year cycle, all schools have their self-assessment validated against the Framework by a panel made up of two highly experienced principals. This Framework provides a guide for each school to monitor its progress and drive further improvements.

Below are some of the areas of the framework that involve parents. We would like your feedback as to how we can improve in these areas.

**Surveys are due back by Monday 14th December.** We appreciate you taking the time to complete it. We also know that we can perform better in some of these areas. There are THREE levels - delivering, sustaining & growing and excellence. These statements are from the sustaining and growing; and excellence level. The School Excellence Framework can be accessed at:


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