Come to School on Time Week
Well done to all the families who ensured their children consistently arrived to school on time last week. The ‘Come to School on Time Week’ initiative is a way to remind everyone of the importance for all students to arrive at school before 9.10am, so they are ready for class. Each class begins the day with lessons that support Literacy skills that are vital for students’ academic growth. Missing the beginning of these lessons, even by 5 minutes makes a huge difference to their learning.

Congratulations to the following students who received a $20 gift voucher as part of the draw for students who came to school each day on time last week.
Ali Al Zalimi ESP, Lynda Al-Zohairy S1J, Paipai Alao S2R, Yasmin Al Abadi S3L and Adam Aedan 3-6K.

P & C Update
Thank you to our hard working P&C team on an outstanding Father’s Day stall yesterday. The personalised photo frames were a huge hit with students and I’m sure all our dads will enjoy their gifts and have a wonderful day on Sunday.

The P&C will be holding a BBQ fundraiser this Saturday 6 September at Hoxton Park Bunnings. If you have a spare moment come down and say hello to the P&C Team and grab a sausage sizzle.

Come Celebrate Multicultural Day with Liverpool West PS
Please add 18 September 2014 to your diary. Below are details for our Multicultural Day Celebrations:

9.30-11.00am: Multicultural Day Assembly
11.10-11.50am: Shared Lunch
11.00-12.00pm: P&C Photo Booth (Cost - $1.00)

Students are invited to wear their ‘National Costume’. Students are asked to bring a plate of food from their cultural background to share with their class and parents.

CALENDAR

Week 8

Thursday, September 4  SPARK Session
Friday, September 5  PSSA Winter Season Finals
Saturday, September 6  P&C Bunnings Fundraising BBQ

Week 9

Tuesday, September 9  Stage 2 Excursion: Circular Quay & Botanic Gardens
Wednesday, September 10  Sydney South West Athletics Carnival
Aboriginal Parent Mtg: 3.15pm
2.20pm P-2 Assembly (ESK)
Thursday, September 11  Stage 1 Excursion: Symbio Wildlife Park
Debating Team Presentation at Dalmeny PS
SPARK Session: ‘Sherbet, Slime and Giant Bubbles’ Workshop

Week 10

Monday, September 15  Stage Public Speaking Competitions
Tuesday, September 16  P&C Disco
Wednesday, September 17  Stage 2 First Aid Course
Support Unit Cup Cake Day
2.20pm 3-6 Assembly (S2R)
Little Leapers Disco
Thursday, September 18  Multicultural Day
Friday, September 19  Last Day of Term 3

A message from Mr Hawker…..

Sport and Special Photos
The Sport and Special photos have arrived. You may view the photos at the School Office and use the available order forms to make your photo purchase. Below is a list of photos available:
* School Captains
* SRC
* Public Speaking
* Recorder Group
* PSSA Teams
* House Captains
* Debating Team
* Gulyangarri Group
* Choir/Dance Groups
Student Leadership Working Lunch

Last Wednesday Mr Hawker and Mrs Rose had lunch with the School Captains and Vice Captains. During lunch students discussed leadership skills that they have developed throughout the year. Thank you to the owner and staff of La Vanah Café who were very welcoming on the day.

Students Demonstrating their Learning in Science

Below is a photo of Stage 2 students exploring the Digestive System. Students examined how food passes through the small and large intestines by using ‘hands on’ activities and discussed how nutrients and liquid are extracted to be used by the body.

Book Characters Shine at Liverpool West

It was wonderful to see students actively participating and enjoying the Book Character Parade. At Liverpool West PS we strive to develop students who have a love of literature and learning. More photos of the Book Character Parade can be viewed on the school website.

Self-Organised Learning Environment (SOLE) Session

Students from ESP completed a SOLE Session last week, where they investigated features of houses that protect us from hot and cold temperatures. Students worked in groups to search for images of houses and collaboratively developed a list of vocabulary related to house features that keep us warm and/or cool. Students learnt how to take screen shots of their images as a record of their discovery. Throughout the session students helped each other to use Google Images effectively. Students reflected on the effectiveness of their group and gave positive feedback to each other.

A Valuable Overnight Canberra Excursion

On Wednesday 20 August, 84 students went on an excursion to Canberra for two nights. On Wednesday students explored the Australian War Memorial. They witnessed the Changing of the Guards ceremony and the War Plane Show. Finally, students were taken to the Australian Institute of Sport where they learnt about the training regimes of Australian athletes.

On Thursday students went to the Kosciuszko Education Centre and learnt about the unique Australian flora and fauna. At Smiggins Hole students played in the snow, built igloos and slid down snow slides.

Friday started at Questacon, students explored scientific hands-on activities, and some even fought their fears to take on the six foot static free fall. National Parliament House provided students with a deeper understanding of the Australian Government. They visited the old and new parliament buildings, including the Senate and House of Representatives. They even took their turn in creating and passing an important bill.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. As part of the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program, the Australian Government provided funding of $20 per student. This contribution was taken off the original price of the Stage 3 excursion resulting in a more affordable cost.

The excursion was a great success as students were able to participate in learning activities that built on their prior knowledge of Australia and the Australian Government.

Zone Athletics Carnival Success

Congratulations to the following students who performed well at the Liverpool Zone Athletics Carnival. Due to the wet conditions the field events will be held tomorrow at Ash Road Sporting Complex.

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Mr Jason Hawker – Relieving Principal & Staff