Teachers are at present in the final stage of constructing Semester 2 student reports. These will be sent home on Friday 11 December. As a staff we have also been involved in the school evaluation process where we are currently reflecting on the significant programs and initiatives that have been undertaken this year and to evaluate their effectiveness. The result of these evaluations will determine our future course of action as we strive for school excellence.

A number of students recently had the opportunity to learn about Forensic Science. The hall was set up with various stations where students could learn about scientific investigation through hands on activities. The feedback from both students and teachers was very positive.

For our future students, Toddler Time and the Little Leapers program has continued to be popular in preparing pre-schoolers for learning and social interaction. We collected evidence at the start of the year from our “Best Start” data that showed that upon beginning Kindergarten, the highest percentage of students with early literacy and numeracy skills were students who attended Little Leapers in 2014.

Given this data, we will continue to offer this program to students in area for Liverpool West who will enrol in Kindergarten the following year. If you have a pre-schooler who will begin Kindergarten in 2017, you will need to enrol him/her in the Little Leapers program as soon as possible to ensure a position. There will be a morning and afternoon group of no more than 20 per session.

SOME OF OUR TODDLER TIME STUDENTS

A message from Mrs Hagan...

Please be advised that parking rangers and police are currently patrolling Flowerdale Road following a number of reports from the public regarding illegal parking, hazardous driving and pedestrians who are not using the allocated crossing.
On Tuesday 17 November Stage 2 Dance Group, Senior Choir and Stage 3 student Ella Redman attended the local Summit Care Nursing Home on Elizabeth Drive. Whilst there, the Stage 2 Dance Group performed their Western Liverpool Performing Arts Festival dance to ‘A Land of a Thousand Dances’ and Senior Choir performed their festival songs ‘A Whole New World’ and ‘The Climb’. The Stage 2 Dance Group and Senior Choir then combined to perform their festival finale ‘Ain't No Mountain’. The afternoon performances finished off with Ella Redman from Stage 3 presenting her South Western Sydney Region Public Speaking finalist speech. The students enjoyed engaging with the local community members over afternoon tea and made a great impression for their behaviour and communication skills.

**FORENSICS WORKSHOP**
On Wednesday and Thursday of Week 7, Stage 2 and 3 students participated in a Forensics Workshop. Students were able to help solve a crime using forensics techniques and equipment. The experience was a great success with students enjoying solving the crime by putting all the clues together and having a go at being true detectives.

**PRESCHOOL EXCURSION TO MURU MITTIGAR**
On Wednesday 11 November Preschool students went to visit Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural Centre where they were given the opportunity to become more involved in learning about their culture. They were shown how to paint using traditional symbols, throw a boomerang and learn about Aboriginal Artefacts. On Thursday 12 November we were invited to Busby PS to celebrate Kindaimanna Day where the children were also engaged in activities that embrace NAIDOC week.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Junior A and Senior A AFL teams for making the semi-finals. Good luck to the Senior A’s who will be competing in the grand final on Friday 27 November.

Mrs Trish Hagan
Relieving Principal and Staff