I would like to inform the school community about a few temporary staff changes. Last week, Ms Bull was successful in her application for the relieving principal’s position at Ashcroft Public School. Ms Bull will be at Ashcroft from next Monday until the end of the year. We are sure the staff and students at Ashcroft will benefit from her leadership during this time. Miss Mallia is on leave until the end of this term and S1M will be covered by Miss Dias. Ms Hunter and Ms Barone will be teaching S2A whilst Mrs Amorim is on maternity leave. Ms Hunter will be the class teacher Monday to Thursday and Ms Barone will teach the class on Fridays.

Over the past few weeks some of our Aboriginal students have been preparing and participating in a public speaking competition. Last Friday this group of students competed in “Yarn-up” at Parliament House in Sydney. The standard was very high and students had the opportunity to not only present a prepared speech but to also participate in an impromptu presentation. Congratulations to Ella Redman, who gained Third Place in this prestigious event.

The Book Parade yesterday was a real celebration of children’s literature. Both staff and students were dressed as book characters and the atmosphere was electric! Congratulations Mrs Young for organising yet another successful event to promote books and a passion for reading and to Miss Fry for arranging the music for the event.

A message from Mrs Hagan...
A Parent Café’ is opening soon at Liverpool West Public School. It will be a chance for parents to meet over morning or afternoon tea and find out information about current educational practices and events at the school. The next P&C meeting is on next Tuesday, 18 August at 2.10pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.
In my first 4 weeks back at Liverpool West Public School I have been very impressed with the entire staff serving our community. Your children are receiving an excellent education and I love that all staff members want to continue to improve this wherever possible. Liverpool West Public School is a learning community where everyone truly is a learner, from our students, to our parents and carers, and our teacher and leaders. There is always something exciting happening at our great school. I encourage you to visit our school website or download the Skoolbag app from iTunes or the Google Store and keep informed on what’s happening.

**CYBER-SAFETY**

There are many tricks, traps and dangers that can be encountered when accessing the internet and it is our job to teach our children and protect them from these. Keeping your kids safe online is easy with a few simple precautions.

1. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cyber-safety.
2. Set a technology curfew.
3. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.
4. If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.
5. Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.
6. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.
7. If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.
8. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. As well as unsavoury content, they could contain a computer virus.
9. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.
10. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.

**SOME WONDERFUL PHOTOS FROM OUR BOOK CHARACTER PARADE:**

Mrs Trish Hagan
Relieving Principal and Staff