Parks Music Festival
Congratulations to Mr Kelly and the Senior Dance group on their performance last Wednesday and Thursday nights at the Marconi Club. The behaviour of the students over two very long days was commendable. I attended the evening performance on Wednesday night and was impressed with their dance skills and timing. I am not biased, but you were the best dance on the night!

Canberra
Our Stage 3 students left for Canberra in the early hours of Tuesday morning. They will have a busy four days as they explore Parliament House, Questacon, Institute of Sport, Cockington Green and many more places. Thank you Miss Moisidis, Mr Kelly and Miss Hayes for taking the students over the four days (I really do hope the children go to bed nice and early for you!). It will be an experience the students will remember for many years to come. We look forward to seeing the photos early next term.

Commonwealth Bank Lessons
The Commonwealth Bank came to visit the students from Year 1 to 6. They taught lessons on money and the importance of saving. The lessons were very engaging, interactive and were enjoyed by both staff and students.

NAPLAN Results
NAPLAN results were due to be sent out this week. ACARA identified an error in the placement of a national average marker on the Year 5 and 7 reports for Language Conventions. The issue will be rectified over the next few weeks and the results should be available and sent home early next term.

Farewell Mrs Magro
Mrs Magro will start her maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish her well on the safe arrival of her first baby. Get plenty of sleep now! We can’t wait to meet the new addition to your family. Mrs Curcio will be the classroom teacher for Kindy Yellow in Term 4. Both teachers have been working together over the past couple of weeks to ensure a smooth transition for the children.

Term 3 is nearly over!
What a busy term... the Athletics Carnival, Education Week, students went to Book Feast, the Oratory Competition and excursions to Taronga Zoo, the National Park, Bicentennial Park and Canberra. Our students have had many wonderful opportunities this term.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday break. I look forward to everyone returning on Tuesday 8th October (Monday is a Public Holiday)

T McCosker
Assistant Principal
On Thursday 5th September I was privileged to take 8 Edensor Park students who had completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge to a special event called Bookfeast. It was wonderful to meet so many authors and illustrators. Sadami Konchi, an illustrator, shared our table and we were able to talk to her about her work and see her in action. We heard Belinda Murrell talk about her new book *The river charm* and her new series called *Lulu Bell* about a girl who has lots of adventures with animals because father is a vet. Another person who spoke to us was Nick Falk the author of the *Saurus Street* series. He talked about his books and a new one he is writing about were-dragons (because werewolves are old news).

Jan Latta showed us a short video about her experiences in photographing and writing about wild animals in Africa and India. You can watch it on YouTube if you search for “Jan Latta - Diary of a wildlife photographer”.

The final speaker was Marcelle Bernard who gave us some fantastic tips for becoming better public speakers. (Come and find a book in our library written by Marcelle if you want to improve your public speaking).

Mrs Bendit

Here is what the students thought about Bookfeast:

I thought Bookfeast was a great experience because we got to meet and see different authors and illustrators. Also, the illustrator Sadami, who was at our table, got to draw me!

EPIC DAY!

- Alana Zic

Bookfeast was exciting. Our table had Sadami Konchi, she is an amazing illustrator. Sadami Konchi draws things that are interesting. When Marcelle Bernard was speaking, Sadami thought that was interesting so she quickly sketched her and I was amazed how quickly she drew. After that we went around to meet other authors and illustrators. I met Margaret Wild, the author of *Fox*, Emma Quay, the author of *Rudie Nudie* and many more. When I finished getting autographs with my favourite authors I went back to school.

- Cindy Pham

The Bookfeast was awesome! I got to meet authors and even illustrators. Next to us was Sadami Konchi. I asked her if she could draw animals for me and she said ok. She drew dogs, cats, tigers, horses and much more. Her drawing was so cool!

- Hilal Karakis

On Thursday the 5th of September, 2013 we went to Bookfeast at Burwood RSL. We got to meet lots of authors and illustrators. We were so lucky because we got to sit with Sadami Konchi. I also got my portrait drawn by Sadami and it looks so good. I got lots of signatures from different authors and illustrators and Emma Quay gave us a *Rudie Nudie* postcard. I had a great time there.

- Stephanie Long

I had a great time at Bookfeast. We got to hear all the authors speak about what inspired them and got signatures from all different authors and illustrators. All the authors and illustrators really felt connected to what they do as a living. Bookfeast was awesome.

- Danijela Dujo

Bookfeast was an experience like no other. The people with me made it even more exciting. Thank you Mrs Bendit!

- Karla Markovic
I am so proud to have been given the opportunity to showcase our school in the Parks Area Festival last week. The students in the senior dance group performed their Hip Hop routine perfectly and they looked great! A big thank you goes to Miss Eav and Miss Hayes for helping the senior dance group to look their best on the night. I would also like to thank Mrs de Falco and Mrs McCosker for their support. A HUGE thank you to Miss Moi for organising and supporting the senior dance group throughout the year.

To the parents, thank you for cheering us on during the performance. Your commitment to bringing the students to and from the club is greatly appreciated.

J Kelly
Dance Coordinator.

It’s the 12th of September 2013 and I am watching the loudest performance. It’s loud because they’re saying THE SOUND, THE SOUND, THE SOUND, so loud that my ear drums are going to pop. Well, the scariest performance would have to be the bale group because they don’t smile and they scream at random times. After all that, we just finished our dance and Miss Moi and Mr Kelly said that we were the best item. Miss Moi and the dance group want to thank Miss Hayes, Miss Eav, Mrs McCosker, Mrs de Falco and Miss K for coming to watch us, help us get ready with the make-up and costumes and also for driving us to rehearsal.

By David Neth

Going to the Parks Area Festival was fun. I was so nervous. We were the best dance group there. Thank you to Miss Eav and Miss Hayes for helping us with hair and make-up. Thanks to Mrs McCosker, Miss Moi and Mr Kelly for supporting us.

By Joel Simpson
On Friday, 1M, 1W, 2E & 2W went to Bicentennial Park at Homebush Bay. We saw dry lands and the wetlands … We saw crabs and little caterpillars. Then we went to the mangrove trees and licked the salty bit of the leaf. After that we went to the tower. Later we went bush walking. 

*By Victoria Grabovac*

… we caught some bugs and put them in the ice container and then we put it under a magnifying glass and the bug turned bigger on the TV. Later we went to the mangrove trees. Then we saw crabs, tadpoles, little fish and snails… *By Dat Nguyen*

… we put water bugs into ice cube containers then the teacher put the water bugs under the magnifying glass to see what the bugs really looked like, and we saw a tree frog, a lizard and a long neck turtle. Later we went outside to have a long walk. We went to a tall tower then went in the bush and we had lunch. *By Dylan Kusnadi*

… then we caught waterbugs with containers and spoons. We looked in the magnifying glass and we saw the bugs. Then we went for a walk. We saw snails, crabs, a heron, caterpillar and some baby fish. Later we went to the tower and saw the fountain and the bridge… *by Dylan Morgan*
“I saw a lizard sunbaking on a rock. It was shiny.” Chris Esho

“On the excursion I saw some spiders and crabs. When my friend David got scared of the spider, he screamed so loudly I got scared too! We saw tree roots sticking up from the earth in the mangroves. The tree roots act like snorkels to let the tree breath under water. We tasted a mangrove leaf and it was disgusting! We got to see a long neck turtle and a frog.”
Ryan Aing

“On the excursion we licked a leaf. The leaf tasted salty and I liked it! We saw crabs hiding in their holes and moving around. Our group climbed up a big tower. It was scary but lots of fun!” Natasha Kapitanovic

“On the excursion I loved seeing the crabs coming out of the holes. I loved seeing the creatures using my magnifying glass and brush. I got to touch some bark from the paper bark tree. Aboriginals used to use the bark as a band-aid. We also found creatures in the fresh water. I loved searching for animals in the mangroves” Chanelle Mimoso

“On the excursion I saw 14 crabs and 1 snail. We went in a forest and I found a caterpillar. I also found a tree trunk that had been eaten by tiny bugs.” Tanja Cupac

“I liked licking the leaf of the mangrove. It was very salty and yummy! I saw tiny crab holes and crabs hiding inside. I was a bit scared when I saw the possum claw marks on the tree but the ranger said we were safe.” Divya Pratap

“On the excursion we touched and licked a mangrove leaf. We saw dragonfly larvae under a microscope. We also saw crabs and a turtle.” Stewart Badal

“On the excursion my favourite part was exploring in the dry forest. When we finished exploring, we went inside a classroom and saw a turtle. We looked at small crab holes and saw a little bug under a microscope called a ‘Boatman’. Lucy Ligadua

“On the excursion I saw snail poo and crabs. The crabs had white, blue, pink, purple and green parts. It was a really fun day.” Hannah Lewis
Assembly
Awards

Merit Awards

K Yellow  Mardeen Kina, Gloria Grabovac
K Red    Amali Droscher, Kirlous Elattrash
K Blue   Domenico Carbone, Aleesha Syromahos
1M       Nishmel Ashak, Tejan Fofanah Bayor
1W       Havana Tran, Emily Talevska,
         Dejan Radulovic
2L       Divya Pratap, Andy Butrs
2W       Andrew Simamora, Aymen Yousif
2/3E     Anthony Zic, Nathan Truong
3R       Alanah Greksa, Damian Gutierrez
4D       Megan Pham, Yanni Pallas
4/5H     Matias Rodriguez, Andrew Gardner
5/6K     Alen Younis, Joel Simpson
6M       Mathew Petkovic, Isabelle Cavallaro

Peer Awards

K Yellow  Aleisha Florio
K Red     Xara Zaineddine
K Blue    Annalisse Bazo
1W       Emily Talevska
1M       Laura Tashman
2L       Joseph Le
2W       Fiona Winfield
2/3E     Anthony Zic
3R       Vince Florio
4D       Mia Ellwood
4/5H     Justin Lam
5/6K     Joshua To
6M       Danijela Dujo

Sport Awards

Wasps:      Jylise Ann
Redbacks:   Rosina Carbone
Scorpions:  Christian Pallas
PSSA Netball:  Jnr: Chelsea Robinson
             Snr: Henalisse Papalii
PSSA Soccer:  Jnr: Jesse Toon, Matias Rodriguez (Finals)
              Snr: Fadi Butrs
Girls Soccer:  Nastasia Novaretti

Last Day of Term 4 for students is
Wednesday, 18th December 2014
The ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ initiative utilises existing No Parking areas at schools. The area, always on the school side of the road, provides a facility that is convenient for drivers and an environment that enhances children’s safety. Parents and carers are able to legally drop-off or pick-up their children within a two minute timeframe while a volunteer adult supervisor assists the children into or out of the car.

The RTA have been made aware that parents at Edensor Park are constantly breaching this rule. Please be aware that penalties apply for anyone who is caught parking outside these limits.

Children who turn five before 31st July 2014 are eligible to start school next year.

If you have a child, or you know of any children in Edensor Park who will be ready to start school next year, please call into the office now for an enrolment form.

Please note that the incorrect day was published in the recent mailout to 2014 Kindergarten enrolments. Apologies for any confusion caused.
Thank you!

Thank you for all the things that you did to make us feel appreciated during SASS week. We are very lucky to work at such a happy place with such lovely people.

You put smiles on our faces and kilos on our hips.
And we love you all!

from SASS Staff

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