

# Metella Road Public School

Growing and developing to our full potential



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Term 4 - Week 10

Monday, 9 December 2013

## Calendar

### What's On

#### Week 10

Monday, 9 December	Kindergarten Party Day
Tuesday, 10 December	Stage 1 Party Day
Wednesday, 11 December	Parents Auxiliary Christmas Lunch
Thursday, 12 December	WSW Wanderers Game Day
Friday, 13 December	Stage 2 Party Day

#### Week 11

Monday, 16 December	Stage 3 Party Day
Tuesday, 17 December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and Farewell
Wednesday, 18 December	Last day Term 4

## 2014 School Starting Days

Tuesday 28 January – Staff Development Day

Wednesday 29 January – First day for Years 1 to 6

## Principal's Message

As we approach the end of the year I would like to pass on my best wishes to our Year 6 students. I hope they enjoy their Graduation and Farewell on Tuesday. We are all looking forward to helping them celebrate this special time.

Congratulations also to our Kindergarten students – first year of Big School!! What a great year they have had. It has been the highlight of my day to see the smiling faces coming to my office to show me their work. To walk around their classrooms and see the amazing writing and hear their reading is such a joy.

The last day for students is Wednesday 18 December. Staff will continue working on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 December as Staff Development Days.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Nicole Parker on her promotion to Assistant Principal at our great school. Mrs Parker was successful at merit selection and begins her new role next year.

## Farewell

We say goodbye and all the best to Ms Judy Wilson who has retired after 38 years of teaching. Ms Wilson has been an exceptional Assistant Principal here at Metella Road leading curriculum and student welfare initiatives.

At the end of this year we will also say goodbye to Mrs Luba Hilbrink, who has been our School Counsellor for 18 years. Mrs Hilbrink will partially retire and will continue her counselling at The Hills Sports High School. Mrs Hilbrink has been an exceptional school counsellor and wonderful member of staff of Metella Road Public School. She has assisted so many students and their families over the years and we wish her all the very best.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful holiday with family and friends. I hope Santa is good to everyone and you are able to spend some quality time with your kids. As teachers we are always excited to hear the great stories about the time kids spend with their family and friends during the holidays and the great things they get up to.

Looking forward to a brilliant 2014!



Mr P. D'Ermilio  
Principal

## Parents Auxiliary News

We would just like to take the opportunity to thank the current members for their contributions throughout 2013. On a sad note, we would like to say goodbye to our current members who are moving on, Trish Denmeade, Terri Backhouse and Becky Burkhardt. Thanks ladies.

We would also like to wish everyone from the Metella Road Public school community a fabulous Christmas and New Year. Be safe and look forward to seeing you all back and welcoming new members next year.

Ms A. Steele  
Parents Auxiliary Convenor

# FROM THE OFFICE

## Uniform Sales

The last date for Uniform Sales this year is Friday, 13 December. The Uniform Shop will be open in the school holidays on the following dates:

Tuesday 21 January, 2014 9:00am-12:00pm  
Friday 24 January, 2014 9:00am-12:00pm

## Money

Due to the end of term office procedures, **NO** money will be accepted after Wednesday, 11 December.

All payments for Kindergarten Starter Packs and General School Contributions need to be paid by Wednesday, 11 December, 2013.

## Spare Clothing for Children who have accidents at school

When children have accidents at school we lend them items from our limited supply of uniforms. Unfortunately, many times these items of clothing are not returned to the office. If we do happen to lend your child clothing in the event of an accident, could you please wash and return to the Office as soon as possible.

We are also requesting that if you have any clothing (especially socks, underpants and smaller clothing) that your children have outgrown, could you please leave these at the Office so that we can replenish our supply.

## Lost Property

There is a large number of student drink bottles, lunch containers and clothing in our lost property baskets without names or classes. If your child has misplaced any item please take a look before the end of term. The lost property baskets are located in the front office. Please come to the front counter and one of the lovely office ladies will show you where the baskets are kept. Any lost clothing that is not claimed by the last day of term (Wednesday, 18 December) will be donated to the second hand clothing pool.

Here are some things to do in the holidays to make sure your child's clothing is returned to them.

Write your child's name on everything!!

- Use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels.
- Check that the labels have not faded with washing.
- Go through your child's bag with them every night.



## Second Hand Uniform

Beginning in 2014 we will be running a second hand clothing pool. The second hand clothing pool will be run separately from the Uniform Shop. More details will be given at the beginning of next year but we are now gathering clothing parents may have that is still in good condition that they would be willing to donate. If so please hand it in to the front office.

## Happy Christmas

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Mrs Ryan, Mrs Martin and Mrs Weathered



## Community Noticeboard

Metella Road Public School, as a service to parents, will advertise community events that may be of interest.

Metella Road Public School does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organisation of these events.

### *Kids on Keyboards*

*Kids on Keyboard is a great way to introduce your child to the world of music and to the playing of an instrument. It can also offer students in Years 5 and 6 who have little musical experience an introductory basis in preparation for high school. There are places available for new students in 2014 in the Friday class held after school. If your child is Year 2 or above and you are interested in him/her participating then please ring Mrs Dieckmann on 9721 1278 or 0409 247 424 for enrolments and enquiries.*



Bounce Gymnastics is proud to announce that as of 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 it will have a new owner – Michelle Turner. Michelle has over 20 years' experience in gymnastics as a gymnast, coach, judge and for over 6 years - head coach.

Bounce Gymnastics offers gymnastics lessons for all school aged children from beginners through to advanced.

Classes are held Monday to Friday after school and Saturday mornings. All classes are small in size for a more personal experience and are supervised by qualified coaches.

**WE OFFER THE FIRST LESSON FREE TO ALL NEW MEMBERS**

We are now taking registrations for 2014.

#### **HOLIDAY CLINIC**

We are also holding a holiday clinic in January 2014. It's a great way to have an introduction to gymnastics and get the children out of the house. The days will be Mondays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesdays 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014 from 9am to 3pm. The cost is \$30 per day.

Please contact us for more information about any of the above by emailing [bouncegym@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bouncegym@yahoo.com.au) or calling Michelle on 0401 454 092.

Our address is: 1/136 Magowar Rd, Girraween

### **Children's Art Classes**



**Fun and Creative classes for Children**

**Weekly and school holiday workshops**

**Christmas workshop!!!!**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**4pm-6pm- 2 hours of Christmas fun!**

**Contact Linda**

**96881890**



# HILLS RUGBY UNION CLUB



## Give Rugby a Try at our Come 'n' Try Clinics

Yattenden Oval, John Street, Baulkham Hills

Sunday 2nd February 2014	2pm – 3:30pm Come 'n' Try Clinic	2pm – 5pm Registration
Friday 7th February 2014	5:30pm – 7:00pm Come 'n' Try Clinic	5.30pm – 8:30pm Registration

Come 'n' Try is open for ages 4 – 12 yrs and is a free clinic.

For more information contact Registrar – Sarah Mullette on 0402 234 843, President - Darren Hyde on 0407 570 599 or visit [www.hillsrugby.com.au](http://www.hillsrugby.com.au) or <https://www.facebook.com/hillsrugby>




### Teams for 2014

- Walla Rugby Under 6's & 7's (two handed touch/tag rugby)
- Mini Rugby Under 8's & 9's (introductory contact rugby)
- Midi Rugby Under 10's to 12's (evolving contact rugby)
- Junior Rugby - Under 13's to Open's (modified rugby laws)
- Senior Rugby - Colts & Four Senior Grades



# Join us for the 2014 season






**\$32.00 per day**

# KIDZ KAPER


**2014 School Holiday Program**

**Entertain the kids these school holidays at Blacktown Aquatic Centre.**  
Full day programs (8am – 5pm) for children aged 6 - 12 years

 <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<p><b>Magic Monday</b> The children will have an opportunity to create their own magic show.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Races and fun games in pool</li> <li>Magic show</li> <li>Inflatable fun</li> <li>Indoor games</li> </ul>
 <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<p><b>Wake up Wednesday</b> The children will soon be awake with all the fun activities in store for them today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor Games</li> <li>Aqua Aerobics</li> <li>CPR talk</li> <li>Inflatable fun</li> <li>Movie</li> </ul>
 <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<p><b>Funky Friday</b> The day will start with a swim fit session, children will have the opportunity to have a fully supervised gym session and then a swim session with learn to swim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swim fit</li> <li>Inflatable</li> <li>Funky time (face painting, funky hair etc.)</li> <li>Disco</li> <li>Movie</li> </ul>

Call Blacktown Aquatic Centre on 9622 2279  
For more information or to register.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!**



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