

# Metella Road Public School

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Term 2 - Week 8

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## Calendar

### What's On

Tuesday, 1 September	Sports Photo Day
Thursday, 3 September	Father's Day Stall
Friday, 4 September	Father's Day Breakfast @ 8:00am
Tuesday, 8 September	K-6 Assembly @ 2:10pm Second Hand Uniform Sales @ 2:30pm Spring Fete Meeting @6:30pm P & C AGM @ 7:30pm
Wednesday, 9 September	Regional Athletics Carnival Regional Spelling Bee
Friday, 11 September	Summer PSSA
Tuesday, 15 September	Island Dreaming Incursion
Wednesday, 16 September	Year 6 Mini Fete Parents Auxiliary Meeting @ 2:00pm
Thursday, 17 September	Principal's Distinction Day
Friday, 18 September	Last Day Term 3
Monday, 5 October	Public Holiday
Tuesday, 6 October	Students return to school
Tuesday, 13 October	Spring Fete Meeting @6:30pm P & C AGM @ 7:30pm
Wednesday, 14 October	2016 Kindergarten Parents Information Evening @6:00pm
Tuesday, 20 October	2016 Kindergarten Orientation Day 1 @ 9:15am-10:45am
Saturday, 24 October	MRPS Spring Fete

## Principal's Message

The Greek philosopher Aristotle is considered to be one of the most influential personalities in history. The quote chosen for this newsletter epitomises what Metella Road Public School aims to achieve on a daily basis:

*We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.*  
Aristotle

It is our vision! Furthering our commitment to developing MRPS into a centre of excellence and following our school's vision statement of developing the whole child academically, on the sporting field and on the stage - our students again have proven we are well on the way to achieving our goal. Since our last newsletter our exceptional students have competed and performed at an exceptional level.

### Sydney Eisteddfod

On Sunday 23 August our Senior and Junior Dance groups competed in the prestigious Sydney Eisteddfod, held at the Sydney Opera House. The competition saw schools competing from all over NSW. Both our dance groups performed exceptionally well, with our Senior Dance group receiving a Highly Commended. Congratulations to all our dancers and our dance teachers, Miss Agius, Miss Cheetham and Miss Chant.

### Blacktown Music Festival

Our Choir and our Junior Dance group performed at the Blacktown Music Festival, held at Wyndham College last Monday evening. Our choir combined with fourteen schools to create a beautiful sound and the cheering could be heard far and wide. The Junior Dance group once again wowed audiences. A brilliant job from such a young group of dancers.

### 2015 Wentworthville Seven Hills Zone Athletics Carnival

Last Thursday our Athletics team competed in the Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sports Park. An exceptional effort from our students gained Metella Road Public School **2<sup>nd</sup> place** out of 20 competing schools!

Congratulations to our students that have qualified for the regional championships:

A. Durbin	Shot Put
W. Ellis	100m, Relay
M. Fullham	High Jump
A. Grumley	Relay
N. Jeyanathan	Relay
J. Kaliti	Relay
S. Kaliti	Relay

L. Kasozi	High Jump, Long Jump, Relay, 200m, 100m
R. Kennard	Shot Put, Discus
T. Malik	Shot Put, Discus
H. Paranthaman	Discus, Relay
T. Reader	100m
V. Srikumar	Shot Put
J. Wark	Shot Put, 200m, Relay
A. Webb	Long Jump, 100m

### Father's Day Breakfast

This Friday we will be celebrating the amazing fathers in our community with our Father's Day Breakfast. Bring your dad along so we can say - thanks dad!!!

### Student Leaders

Our Student and Sport Leaders, as part of their Leadership Project, have included in this newsletter their research for their **Recycling Project**. Our student leaders have noted that the amount of rubbish in our school and surrounding community is of concern. As part of their leadership project together they decided that providing information to the school community about recycling would help keep our school clean. Fantastic job leaders!

### Joanne Weathered

After 20 years we say farewell to Mrs Joanne Weathered. Mrs Weathered worked in our front office as a School Administration Officer. An integral part of our team, Mrs Weathered was always a smiling face at the counter, our first aid officer and as for the classroom teachers – she was the keeper of the stationery!!! From everyone at Metella Road Public School, we wish Mrs Weathered all the very best in her retirement.

### School Administrative & Support Staff Recognition Week

This week we celebrate the valuable work our SAS Staff do every day. These wonderful people interweave within our school fabric to ensure we do everything to create a school that provides the very best for our students, working in the front office, the library, on the school grounds or in a classroom setting.

#### Our SAS Staff:

Administrative Manager – Mrs Carol Ryan  
 Administrative Officers – Mrs Debra Martin, Mrs Michelle Gafa, Mrs Michelle Luccitti and Mrs Alison Freeman  
 School Learning Support Officers – Mrs Edwina Davies, Mrs Diana Pescod, Mr David Martin, Mrs Alison Steele, Mrs Michelle Gafa and Mrs Angela Gauci  
 General Assistant – Mr Michael Nash

### P&C Annual General Meeting

Next Tuesday evening we will be holding our P&C Annual General Meeting, straight after our **Spring Fete Meeting at 6.30pm**. This term we decided to only hold one P&C meeting for the term. We understand families are busy and attending meetings can be difficult. At the meeting I will be giving an **update of our school's direction**, Mr Staveley will be giving a **presentation on our recent NAPLAN results** and our **Positive Behaviour Team** will be presenting a session.

### What Beauty Really Looks Like

*Dogs don't know what they look like. Dogs don't even know what size they are. A dachshund, standing tall at 20 centimetres, will attack a Great Dane thinking it can tear the bigger dog apart. The big dog often stands there looking*

*confused – "Should I eat it? Will it eat me? I am bigger than it, aren't I?" But then the Great Dane will come and try to sit in your lap and mash you flat, under the impression that it is a Dachshund.*

*Cats, on the other hand, know exactly where they begin and end. When they walk slowly out the door that you are holding open for them, and pause, leaving their tail just an inch or two inside the door, they know it. They know you have to keep holding the door open. That is why their tail is there. When a cat meets a threatening dog and can't make either an escape, it will suddenly triple its size, inflating itself into a sort of weird fur blowfish, and it may work, because the dog gets confused again – "I thought that was a cat. Aren't I bigger than cats? Will it eat me?"*

*Human beings are more like dogs than they are like cats. They don't always know what they look like. Or they want to look like something else. Great Danes want to be Dachshunds and vice versa. People with straight hair try to make it curly. People with curly hair have it straightened. Ideas about beauty can make people so dissatisfied that they starve and deform and poison themselves.*

*One rule of the game, in most times and places, is that it's the young who are beautiful. Yet we can all think of the beautiful old face of a beloved grand-parent. Beauty is all about who the person is. Beauty is what shines through those wrinkled faces and bodies.*

*There's the ideal beauty of youth and health, which never really changes, and is always true. There's the ideal beauty of movie stars and models which changes its rules all the time and is never entirely true.*

*And there's an ideal beauty that is harder to define or understand, because it occurs not just in the body but in the soul and spirit.*

*As we get older we learn to worry less about what we look like or what the rules are and concentrate on the kind of people we are.*

*We learn that beauty is not skin-deep but life-deep and the life we live will shape the way we look.*

Acknowledgement: Adapted from "**Dogs, Cats, and Dancers: Thoughts about Beauty**" by Ursula K Le Guin in 'The Wave in the Mind: Talks and Essays on the Writer, the Reader, and the Imagination'.

Mr P. D'Ermilio  
Principal

### Deputy Principal's Report

#### Mufti Day this Wednesday!

Please remember that we have our MUFTI Day this **Wednesday 2 September**. Students must wear clothes with sleeves, closed-in shoes and a hat. The purpose of the MUFTI Day is for students to bring in goods for baskets that will be prepared as prizes for our upcoming Spring Fete. Students in each grade have been requested to bring in the following items:

Kindergarten – Gardening / household products  
 Year 1 – Stationery  
 Year 2 – Cooking & Kitchen Items  
 Year 3 – Car Cleaning products  
 Year 4 – Stationery  
 Year 5 – Coffee, tea, biscuits and chocolate  
 Year 6 – Toiletries

Also, we are still looking for additional baskets to put these goods in so if you have any that you are willing to donate, that would be greatly appreciated!

### School Fete Information Packs

Information packs with everything you need to know about our Spring Fete will be issued to all families next Monday 7 September. Please keep an eye out for these next Monday afternoon!

### School Photos 2015 – Performance Groups, Sports Teams and Special Group Photos

Representatives from MSP Photography will be present at school tomorrow, **Tuesday 1 September**. Photos will be taken of all of our sports teams, special groups and performance groups including all PSSA and Knockout teams, all choirs, dance groups, drumming group, drama group, SRC, Library Monitors, Debating Teams and Gardening Club. Students in the following groups are requested to bring in the listed apparel on the day

#### Sports Teams

MRPS White Sports Shirt, playing shorts / skirts, playing socks (if applicable), joggers (no boots required). Please bring in a regular yellow school shirt and black school shoes if you need it for any photos requiring summer uniform.

#### Drumming Group

Black clothing they have been wearing for drumming.

#### Junior Dance (Red)

These students will be provided with costumes on the day. All girls are requested to have their hair in a high ponytail. Girls are also requested to bring their own foundation and mascara to school on the day. This will be applied by the teachers involved with this group.

Boys are requested to have their hair gel-spiked.

#### Junior Dance (Green)

Students will be provided with their costume to change into on the day.

#### Senior Dance Group

Students will need to bring in all zombie costume items from home, including jazz shoes and black socks. Hair is to be worn in a high pony tail.

#### PULSE Choir

Black PULSE T-Shirt, black pants, black socks, black school shoes.

#### Arts Alive Choir

Black Arts Alive T-Shirt, black pants, black socks, black school shoes.

#### 1-2 Choir / 3-6 Choir / Drama Group / SRC / Debating / Library Monitors / Gardening Club

These students are requested to simply wear their normal summer school uniform including black shoes.

### Congratulations!

I had the pleasure a couple of weeks ago to attend two wonderful concerts featuring some of Metella Road Public School's most musically-talented students. Congratulations to Mrs Boase and the students who were involved in the Arts Alive Concert performed at the Sydney Town Hall and also to Mrs Cartwright whose wonderful choir group participated in the Pulse Concert at the Sydney Opera House. Two memorable nights for students and their families alike. We are very proud of you!

### Attendance – Every Day Counts

In terms of being away from school, a day here or there may not seem like much but....

- When your child misses just 1 day each fortnight, that equals 20 days per year and from Kinder to Year 12 that is the equivalent of missing one and a half years of school!

Unfortunately, we have had a spike recently in the number of students absent from school. Incredibly, we had 597 students absent from school just last week. That equates to about 120 per day. Please remember to make sure your child returns to school with a note explaining their absence. If your child is absent due to an illness for two or more consecutive days, you are also asked to present a medical certificate.

### NAPLAN

Parents of all of our students in Years 3 and 5 should have received their child's NAPLAN results last week. A presentation explaining our NAPLAN results will be delivered at our next P&C Meeting on Tuesday 8 September in our Staffroom commencing at 7.30pm. Please come along to see and hear how well our school performed.

Mr S. Staveley  
Deputy Principal

### From the Office

We hope our parents are enjoying the convenience of paying for school activities by Parent Online Payments (POP). We would like to remind you that permission notes still need to be signed and return to us for any payments made by POP. Also, any payment made after 6:00pm nightly is not included in the next day's payment summary; therefore you need to adhere to the cut off dates for activities to avoid your child missing any activity.

Updating your **contact details** with the school office is extremely important; there is nothing more stressful to your child when we are unable to contact you. When a child is sick or not collected from school on time, we need the most up to date numbers for parents to be able to communicate with you immediately. School finishes at 3:00pm and children need to be collected at this time. If you find you are caught in traffic or unexpectedly delayed you are welcome to contact the office before 3:00pm, to enable us to have your child wait in the office for you. We thank you for your assistance.

Mrs C. Ryan  
School Administration Manager

### Kindergarten News

Wow, I can't believe it's almost the end of Term 3. We have had a productive term and the students have continued to learn many new and exciting things. We have learnt lots about

a range of Australian animals and we are very excited about our Featherdale Wildlife Park incursion next week.

Another exciting thing we have had this term is the start of our *Transition to School Programs*. These programs enable us to prepare and support children and their families in making a positive and successful transition to school.

We conducted our Kindergarten Enrolment Interviews in Week 6. These interviews gave us the opportunity to meet families who have enrolled their child at Metella Road Public School. It was a great opportunity to learn more about the children and their families. It also gave families an opportunity to meet the executive members of staff and learn a little more about what our school can offer. It was a worthwhile experience for all involved.

At Metella Road Public School our aim is to ensure children are supported in their transition to school so that they have the opportunity to engage successfully in formal school settings. One of the initiatives we put in place is to establish links with local early childhood settings and provide opportunities for children to visit the school and become familiar with many aspects of school life.

Last week some preschool children had the opportunity to visit our school and attend a range of activities to support their transition to school. These activities included a Library lesson with Mrs Saad, joining KL for some classroom activities and attending our Kindergarten Assembly. The children had an enjoyable time.

Throughout the year we will continue to provide families with information about school readiness and how they can support their child to ensure a smooth transition to school.

Mrs S. Larobina  
Early Stage 1 Supervisor

### Stage 1 News

Stage 1 has had a wonderful and productive term so far. They thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character for Book Week. It was exciting to see so many book characters come to life! Students also presented their Oracy Competition Speeches and impressed their teachers with information regarding their heroes. Our winners will be presenting their speech at our Stage Assembly this Friday, 4 September, 2015.

This term, our Stage 1 classes are well and truly immersed in the genre of heroes and are reading and writing stories about heroes, as well as creating amazing artwork on heroes. Students are learning how to write like authors; crafting and developing complex plots to engage and entertain their readers.

In Mathematics, students have been investigating how to determine a half, quarter or eighth of a group of objects. They have been learning how to skip count in order to count and add numbers quickly. Students have also been investigating the surface area of many different items in and around the school.

They are such busy, industrious learners and we are so proud of their efforts!

Ms J. Minenko  
Stage 1 Supervisor

### Stage 2 News

The students in Stage 2 have made fantastic learning gains this term. So far this term in our school expectations we have looked at; Respect, being Proud and Safety. The students are learning through role plays and other strategies of what this looks like in the classroom, non-classroom settings and the playground.

We have had such a busy term in the last couple of weeks with "Superhero day", book fair, The Book Character Parade and all our extra performances through various assemblies, the Opera House and Riverside theatre. It has been wonderful to observe their enthusiasm and positive behaviour from the students during all these events.

During Modelled Reading, we are continuing to learn all about quality texts with highly complex messages. Through a variety of shared experiences including: reading, writing, speaking and listening activities, our students are investigating and analysing effective techniques used by authors to engage readers. We have particularly focussed on many discussions through "turn and talk" and "discussion circles" to assist the students in widening their vocabularies for highly descriptive language for their written descriptions and narratives. They have been working with partners to write interesting descriptions using collaborative skills, teamwork and extending their academic knowledge of writing through these strategies.

In Mathematics for the strand of Number, the students have been learning various Multiplication and Division and Fractions and Decimal strategies. In the strand of Measurement, we are learning all about the different concepts of length and area.

Mrs L. Bartlett  
Stage 2 Supervisor

### Stage 3 News

Welcome to the end of Term 3!

Stage 3 have had a very busy time over the past few weeks with the Oracy and Paper Plane competitions as well as preparing for the fast approaching Year 6 Mini Fete.

To celebrate National Science Week, Mr Byrne hosted a Paper Plane Competition this term with the Stage 3 classes after the success of the Paper Pilots Incursion last term with Dylan Parker from Paper Pilots. The in-class competitions were fierce and two students from each class made it to the school final. After a closely fought out final, Edward from 5/6D won, throwing 23 metres, Rynan from 5/6D was second and Partheepan from 5B was third. All three boys attended the Sydney finals that were held at the University of Sydney. Congratulations to Rynan on a top 10 finish and Partheepan with a top 25 finish. A big thank you to Mr Byrne for organising this event for Stage 3.

The Stage 3 Spelling Bee was held in Week 4 and all classes had two representatives who competed on the day. The words were tricky and the competition was tough! The overall winner for the Stage was Ethan Roychoudhry from 6M. Congratulations to Ethan and all of our competitors on a great competition and many thanks to Mrs Davies for organising and coordinating this event.

The Stage 3 Oracy Competition was held last week, with a winning representative from each class presenting their speech to all of Stage 3. The speeches this year around the topic 'My Journey' were fantastically planned and presented!



All competitors had to present not only their prepared speech but were also required to present an impromptu speech with only 5 minutes planning time beforehand. They all did an outstanding job! Congratulations to James from 6M who is our Stage 3 winner for 2015.

Mrs A. Saad  
Stage 3 Supervisor

### Year 6 – Important Events

**Great Aussie Bush Camp** - In Week 8 of Term 4, Wednesday 25 until Friday 27 November, some Stage 3 students will be attending the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Activities planned for this camp include: archery, canoeing, flying fox, giant swing, high ropes, mud world, rock climbing, disco and commando spot lighting. Notes have recently gone home regarding payment details. Please ensure that payments are made on or before the due dates, to eliminate students needing to be reminded. Payments are scheduled in the following ways: 1st instalment of \$60 due Wednesday 2 September; 2nd instalment of \$60 due Wednesday 14 October; 3rd instalment of \$70 due Wednesday 4 November. Medical forms and information about what to bring will be sent home at the beginning of Term 4.

**Mini Fete** - In Week 10 of this term, Wednesday 16 September, Year 6 students will be running our annual Mini Fete. From after recess (11:30am) until before lunch (1:30pm), there will be a variety of stalls situated around both COLAs and part of the back field. Hotdogs will be available to order, with information coming home in the next week. Students K-5 will be attending the Mini Fete, joining in the many activities and food stalls that our Year 6 students are busy planning. This year the stalls include - Ice Cream Spiders, Face Painting, Popcorn & Lollies, Funniest Place Ever, Hair Spray, Soccer Shots, Henna Designs, Sponge Throw, Haunted House, Outdoor Obstacle Course, Sock Wrestling, Snow Cones, Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae, Glow in the Dark Obstacle Course, Target Practice, Tattoos, White Elephant Stall, Nail Polish, Biscuit Design, Pillow Fights and Nerf Wars. Prices will range from 20c to \$2 for most activities, with fundraising efforts going towards the end of year celebrations for Year 6. Parents and guests are invited and welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

### White Elephant Stall – Mini Fete

To assist with stocking our White Elephant Stall for the Year 6 Mini Fete, we are asking for donations of items that you no longer use, but that are still of a usable quality. Items such as books, toys, CDs, games, puzzles etc., would be greatly welcomed as additions to our stall. Could donations please be taken to the 6M classroom (lower level Block E - opposite the computer room). Thank you for your assistance with our Year6 fundraising efforts.

### Year 6 Graduation Details – 16 December 2015

- Graduation Ceremony 1:30pm School Hall
- Farewell Arch 2:30pm 3-6 COLA
- Farewell Celebration 6:30pm Toongabbie Bowling Club

Further details will be forthcoming in Term 4.

Miss E. McKenzie  
Year 6 Teacher

### Student Leaders

**Superhero Mufti Day** - On the 10 August Metella Road Public School held a superhero mufti day to raise money for Bear Cottage. The teachers nominated their best dressed students as their class 'superheroes'. Some classes were so full of superheroes that teachers couldn't choose just one student! The students who were nominated had photos taken of their costumes, poses and cheeky smiles. Metella Road Public School raised \$588.00 for Bear Cottage.

Our class 'Superheroes' were –

KA	Krish M	KB	Vedant P
	Iksha T		Erin B
KG	Leila E	KL	Chloe M-K
KM	Bronson L	1H	Darien D
1J	Abbey O'B	1L	Sarah B
1M	Talia R	1/2C	Shivani J
2A	Sierra Z	2N	Jorden R
2T	Larni M	2/3B	Jordan H
3D	Katie W	3N	Dante C
3F	Chelsea F	4H	Aiden D
4L	Dylan W	4M	Cooper M
5B	Jonathan G	5L	Jessica H
5M	Corey F	5/6D	Stephen O
6C	Natarina R	6M	James W
6S	Jayden B		

Matua and Shay  
School Leaders

### Library News

All stages have completed activities that have helped decorate our library for the theme – "Books light up our world" and we have read many of the shortlisted books from the Children's Book Council Awards. The Shine a Light performance and our Book Fair have been a huge success thanks to the support of Metella Road families. All orders have been placed with Scholastics Book Fair and we are now waiting for their arrival. Just over \$9000 in items were sold at the Book Fair which means a healthy commission allowing us to purchase more resources for the school. Premier's Reading Challenge has now closed with 169 students being validated for the task. Congratulations to those who finished this year. Our students certainly love to read!

Mrs B. Aylett  
Librarian

### Junior Choir

We have been pleased to see many new faces at our Wednesday lunchtime practises. We are learning some new songs while still enjoying our old favourites. It is great that our members turn up regularly with lots of enthusiasm to sing and perform. We look forward to sharing our new songs with you next term.



Ms C. McCoy and Mr T. Calnan  
Coordinators

### Senior Choir Report

August is the big performance month for 2015. All the hard work that has gone into the choir rehearsals this year, is now paying off.

The Stage 3 PULSE choir performed in the Sydney Opera House on Thursday 13 August. These 13 choir members thoroughly enjoyed the experience of rehearsing and performing on this very important stage. They were wonderful representatives for our school. The level of performance on the night was outstanding as was the behaviour exhibited by these students throughout the day. I was very proud to share the experience with these students.

The Senior Choir sang as part of the massed choir in the Blacktown Music Festival on Monday 24 August at Wyndham College, Quakers Hill. The students in this choir have spent much time over the past few months, fine-tuning the words and the harmonies to their repertoire.

Thank you to all the parents for the time and effort spent in supporting the choir students. These experiences are making wonderful memories for the students.

Mrs J. Cartwright  
Coordinator

### Gardening Club

Metella Road Public School have had 23 students from Year 4 and 5 participate in a Gardening Club excursion to Western Sydney Parkland, Dean Park Planting site, where they learnt how to plant native trees in order to establish a habitat for many local birds and animals. All students enjoyed planting five types of native tree species, working individually or cooperating with a partner. The team spirit of Metella Road students was highly visible throughout the day.



Mrs K. Gluchowsk  
Coordinator

### SRC Update

The SRC have been working on a few small projects this term with the assistance of the school leaders. Thanks to the SRC for providing the funds for our new soccer goals. These have been very popular, so we have ordered another set.

Thank you to all families who have donated games. These will be sorted and distributed to classes shortly. We will purchase some more games, which are used during wet weather.

Mrs M. Holburn  
Coordinator

### Sport News

As the warmer weather is coming closer, we encourage all students to bring a drink bottle to their PE lessons each week.

Mrs Holburn and Mrs Wilkinson  
PE Teachers

### PSSA News

We have finally finished our winter competition. Unfortunately the rain has played havoc and we have not played as many games as we had hoped. Once all results come in, we will let you know who the premiers were. We have a few MRPS teams in contention. Summer PSSA will start in Week 9, 11 September.

Mrs M. Holburn  
PSSA Coordinator

### PSSA Boys Blue Soccer

Thanks to all the boys who played in the Boys Blue Soccer Team this season. You have developed into some great footballers and I look forward to seeing you again next season. Just a reminder there will be no more training on Friday mornings.

### PSSA Cricket

Just a reminder the PSSA cricket season starts in Week 9. Training will start on this day at 8:00am. However, there will be no training in Week 10 as I will be absent.

Mr L. Byrne  
PSSA Coach

### Wanderers Cup News

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who participated in the first round of the 2015 Western Sydney Wanderers Cup which was held at Blacktown on August 20. It was a great day with some fantastic football being played by both teams who represented our school. Well done to our Red team who has qualified for the Western Sydney Wanderers Cup Finals day early in Term 4. Commiserations to the Black team who played some great football and remained unbeaten for the day but failed to qualify for the finals. More information regarding the finals will be out later.

### Wanderers Football Program

The Wanderers Football program is going full steam ahead and we are noticing the ability of some students has improved greatly this term. Notes went home last Monday for Term 4. On Thursday 17 September the students will participate in a game play session down at Girraween Oval. More details to come.

Mr L. Byrne  
Coach

### Swim School

Our annual Swim School will be happening in Weeks 4 and 5 Term 4. Notes have already gone home to Years 2 and 3, with notes going home to students in Years 4 to 6 today.

Learning to swim is an important skill to possess in a water loving society that we have here in Australia. The Swimming School program is a valuable opportunity for children to develop and improve their water awareness skills that will be of benefit throughout their lives.

So hurry and get your money and notes in as we are limited to only 100 spaces this year and they are quickly filling up.

Mr A. Hands  
Coordinator

#### Can Count

Thank you to the following students for their support in collecting aluminium cans for our school – Harrison G. 1/2C, Stephanie G. KB, Darien D. 1H, Edward G. 2A, Aiden D. 4H and Sophie F. 6M. All crushed cans that are bagged and labelled with your child's name and class should be left outside my workshop in 'D' block on Fridays only. Large amounts of cans can be picked up by arrangement. Money raised from recycling aluminium cans goes towards providing classroom resources.

Mr M. Nash  
General Assistant

#### P&C and the Parents Auxiliary

##### Father's Day Stall

We will be holding our Father's Day Stall on Thursday 3 September. The gifts will range in price from \$2.00 - \$6.00. Please send your child to school with their money in a clearly marked envelope or purse/wallet. A separate note will be sent home this week. If anyone is available to help with the selling on the day of the stall, we would love to see you. The stall will be held under the Hall COLA from approximately 9:00 am to recess.

##### The Good Guys

If you shop at THE GOOD GUYS, Prospect, mention at the PAY POINT that you want your SKOOL IS COOL dollars to be allocated to Metella Road Public School P&C Association. This is a great way for the P&C to purchase prizes and giveaways for upcoming events e.g. 2015 Spring Fete.

##### Next Meeting

Our next meeting is our annual AGM, it will be held on Wednesday 16 September, 2:00pm in the staffroom. Come along and be part of our fantastic school community, join us in organising events and fundraising. "Many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school."

Mrs A Steele  
Convenor

*Stewart House – Clothing bags went home last week and are due back by*

*the last day of Term 3 –*

*Friday 18 September.*

*Please take all bags to the library.*

*Thank you.*



#### *Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)*

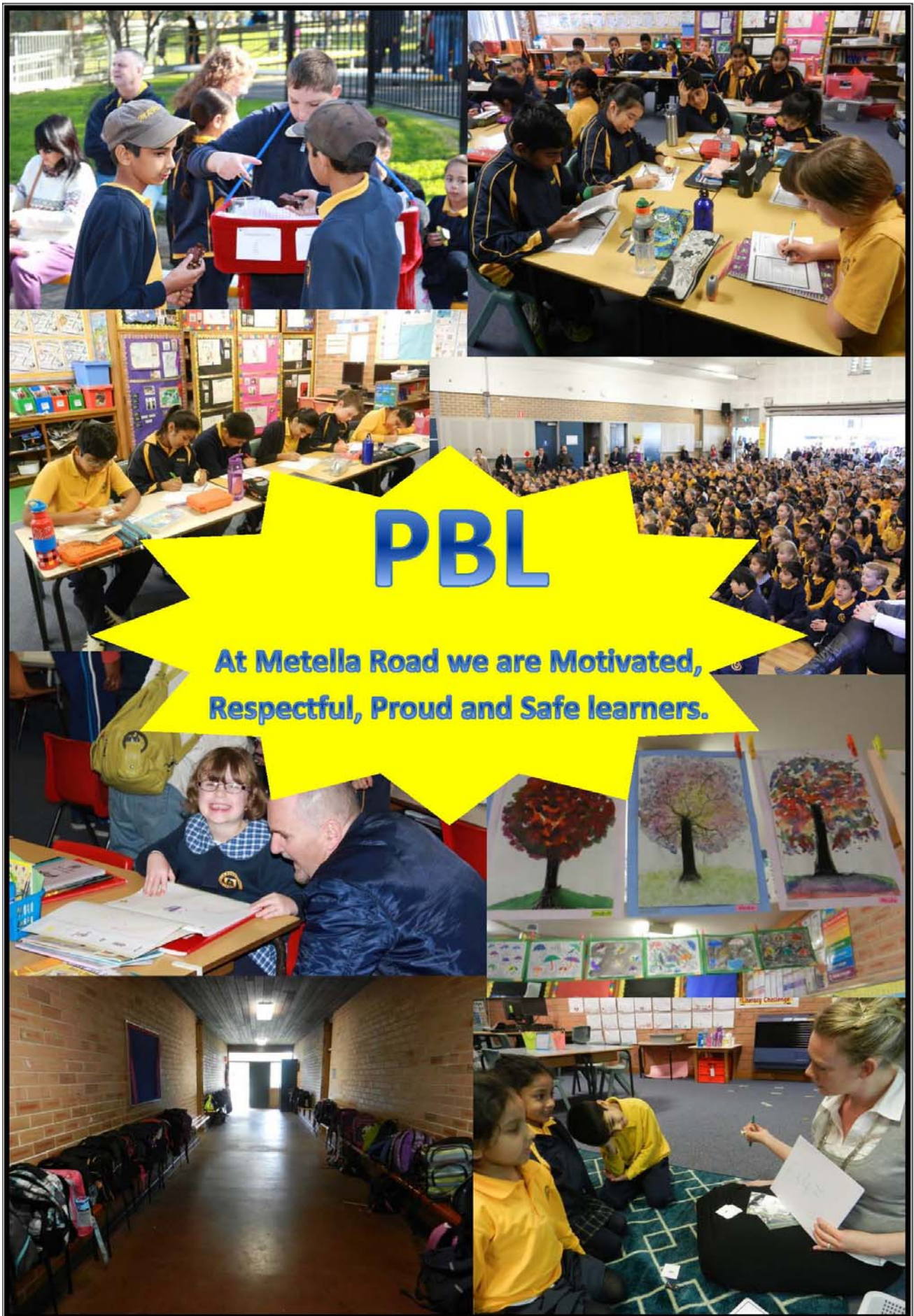
*The staff and students at Metella Road are guided daily by our four key expectations - these being, Motivated, Respectful, Proud and Safe. Each fortnight, students revise one of these expectations as the Focus of the Fortnight. This fortnight the students have been focusing on showing pride in their school by always doing their best, keeping the school clean and tidy, and wearing the correct school uniform.*

*Please check our photo page to see if your PROUD child has been 'snapped' this fortnight!*

*If you would like to learn more about PBL at Metella Road please come along to the P&C Meeting on*

*Tuesday 8 September at 7:30pm held in the staffroom.*







# Kindergarten Term 3!

Wow! What a very busy term we have had! Kindergarten were very excited to welcome some special visitors into their classrooms on Open Day to show them all of the wonderful things that they have been learning about this year.

Kindergarten also helped raise money for Bear Cottage by dressing up as superheroes and brought their favourite book characters to life during Book Week - check out our winners, Dorothy and Mr. Bump! They had lots of fun at the K-2 Athletics Carnival, showing parents that there may be some Olympic champions in the making! Kindergarten students have definitely been motivated, respectful, proud and safe learners this term!









# Look what's been happening in

## Stage 1



1M

### 1M investigates curved lines

Have you ever noticed a curved line and thought "I wonder how you would find the length of that curved line?" Well, 1M is here to save the day and provide you with some simple steps to use when measuring curved lines.

**Step 1:** Draw or see a curved line.

**Step 2:** Find a buddy and some string to use.

**Step 3:** Carefully curve your piece of string around the curved line. Make sure you put a finger where your curved line starts.

**Step 4:** When you get to the end of your curved line put your finger to mark the place.

**Step 5:** Straighten out your piece of string. Make sure you keep your fingers in the same place.

**Step 6:** Using blocks carefully measure the length of the string. Be careful not to leave any gaps or overlaps.

**Step 7:** Record your answer and remember to include your unit of measurement.



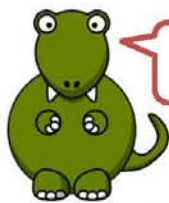
1J

We have been exploring the exciting realm of superheroes. 1J has been reading about heroes that come in different sizes, shapes and colours. We

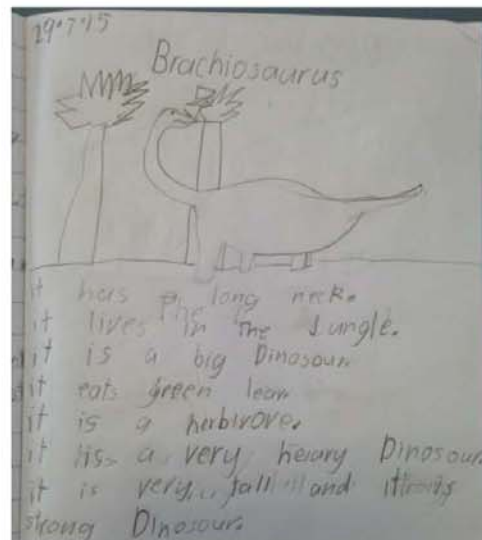
wrote about our heroes, designed our own superhero and created comic strips depicting the amazing action that our superhero was a part of. We have even created artwork where we are the superhero, soaring in the sky, ready to save the day!





**1H**

1H has been doing a lot of scientific study on Dinosaurs and other prehistoric reptiles. We studied replica skulls of a plant eater (herbivore) and a meat eater (carnivore) and compared them to a human skull. We examined teeth and determined how their shape can help tell us what they were used for. We could identify if they were cutting teeth, tearing teeth or crushing and chewing teeth. We looked at modern animals and how they can help us to reconstruct dinosaurs and show how they might have moved. We also learnt that some dinosaurs have very long and complicated names, like Micropachycephalosaurus! These names actually tell us about the dinosaur – Micropachycephalosaurus means 'small-thick-head-lizard'.

**1L**

1L are having a wonderful time using our class blog called, '1L's Awesome Blog'. On our blog we are able to share our learning, write posts, make comments, upload photos and click on the links to games and videos that link to what we are learning at school. We use the blog at school in the computer room and many of us use it at home - we have even had someone post while on holidays in Turkey! Recently the students of 1L took a selfie and learned how to post it on the blog. We love learning on our awesome blog!







1/2C

It has been such a busy and fun term with Education Week, mufti days, the athletics carnival, the oracy competition and Book Week. It was wonderful to have so many visitors to our room to see the hard work that has been happening. The oracy competition speeches were all fantastic and it was so hard to choose a winner. Congratulations to Sahana for a wonderful and confidently presented speech about her hero who is her sister. Congratulations also to Addney for being the Stage winner at the Book Parade. 1/2C has been using an exciting website called Night Zookeeper. They have created an account so that they can imagine their own creatures to live in a zoo and write about these creatures. Students have access to it at home and should know how to log in. It's really great for improving their already wonderful writing skills. We looked great at last week's Book Character Parade and have really enjoyed many different activities this term.



2N

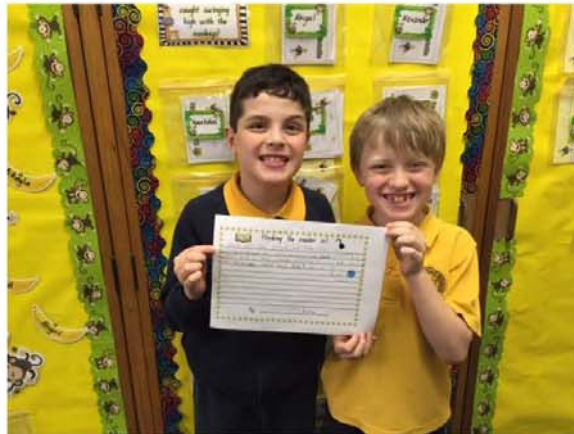
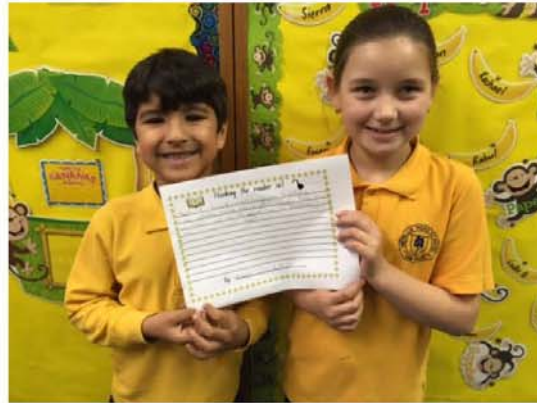
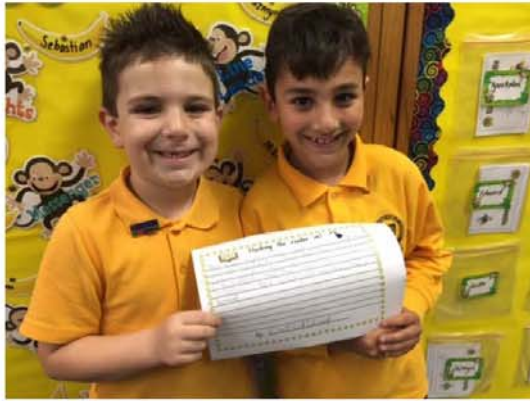
In our Human Society And Its Environment unit, **What Is Special About Australia**, 2N has been learning about Australian native plants and trees. We hope that you will enjoy our amazing artworks featuring the Golden Wattle Tree.





**2A**

2A has been very busy little writers. We have been learning how to write imaginative texts. A big focus of our writing has been to make sure that we 'hook' our reader in at the start of our stories. I am so proud of the level of creativity and use of interesting vocabulary they have used. These are some examples that they students have jointly written with a partner. I know that I am hooked in and cannot wait to read the rest!

**2T**

2T has been doing a lot with the idea of heroes. What is a hero? Who are our heroes? Do all heroes have super powers? We have read stories, written stories, and created some great art work. See our 2T superheroes in action.





## Junior RED Dance Group

### Opera House Performance

On Sunday 23 August 2015 the Junior RED Dance Group performed at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Sydney Eisteddfod. The students were amazing on stage and we are extremely proud of their enthusiasm and pride they showed on the day. After the performance we supported the other dance groups and even managed to have quick snack on the Opera House steps!

We would like to thank our amazing parents who transported our students and assisted them in being performance ready.



We had so much fun performing at the Sydney Opera House!



## Junior RED Dance Group

### Blacktown Music Festival Performance

On Monday 24 August 2015 the Junior RED Dance Group performed at Wyndham College as part of the Blacktown Music Festival. These students represented our school with pride and showed exceptional behaviour whilst waiting backstage.

On stage the students amazed the crowds and they were given the loudest cheer!

We are extremely proud of the Junior RED Dance Group!

Once again, we would like to thank our awesome parents for ensuring that our students were at the venue on time and were looking fabulous. We could not have done it without your support!



Hanging out backstage at Blacktown Music Festival!

Miss Agius, Mrs Bekiaris and Miss Cheetham



# RECYCLING

## What is recycling? Why is it important?

Recycling is making new products out of used materials.

Recycling is important because it saves money, uses less energy, and saves a lot of the Earth's natural resources. It also reduces the rubbish in landfills & pollution.

Emily & Chloe

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## What Can Be Recycled at School?

The following objects can be recycled at school:

- paper and cardboard (white or coloured)
- newspaper
- paper bags (lunch order bags)

Tissues, sticky tape, rubbish, cellophane and crepe paper can't be put into the recycling bin.

Tom & Sam

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## What Can Be Recycled At Home? - In the Recycling Bin

At home, you can put paper, cardboard, glass, tin, aluminium, steel, plastic bottles and pizza boxes in the recycling bin.

Plastic, food, garden waste, polystyrene, nappies, clothing, drinking glasses or crockery, light globes and mirrors can't be put in the recycling bin.

Rhys

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## What Happens to Home Recycling After It Has Been Collected?

After the garbage trucks collect the recycling, trucks take the items to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Here, the recyclable items are separated, so that paper and cardboard are sent to one area in the MRF, steel cans are sent to a different area, and so on. Items made of the same material are squashed together and taken to factories to be recycled into new products.

**Tips for Recycling in Council Bins:**

- Flatten all cardboard boxes, such as cereal boxes, before you put them into the bin.
- Rinse out milk cartons and other containers like cans and bottles.

Matua & Matt

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**Green Money - Rewards for Recycling at Home**

Green money is rewarding Blacktown residents for recycling more. Green Money is Australia's first rewarding program to reward residents to do things that help our country. All you need to do is recycle & reduce landfill. They will also pay you to grow your own food. For more information visit the website below.

Mia & Renee

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**How to Recycle Other Items that Can't Be Put in the Recycling Bin**

Many other things can be recycled too.

**Batteries**

Lots of batteries end up in landfill. This is very dangerous as the chemicals in the batteries can harm the wildlife and soil around the landfill. The way to recycle the batteries is to give them to your local Aldi or battery store.

**Electronics**

Did you know that over 20 million electronics are sitting people's houses not being used. These items are called E-Waste. E-waste are environmentally dangerous as they contain lead and mercury. The product stewardship legislation collects old electronics and phones to recycle.

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**Drop-Off Recycling Facility****What can be recycled here?**

Paper, cardboard, glass bottles, TV's, computers, accessories, scrap metals, aluminium cans, bricks, concrete, roof tiles, polystyrene, empty steel paint cans, sand, soil, rocks, gas bottles,

grass clippings, small branches, newspapers, white goods, sump oil, water or oil based paint, terracotta pipes, vehicle batteries, fire extinguishers, glass jars, office paper, steel food cans, steel aerosol cans, steel paint cans, garden prunings, twigs, weeds, leaves, flowers, untreated timber, mattresses, plastics.

The drop-off facility is at 29 Powers Road, Seven Hills.

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For more information, go to any of the following websites:

<https://www.greenmoney.com.au/images/bcc-what-can-i-recycle.pdf>

[http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/Resident\\_Services/Waste\\_Services/Domestic\\_Waste\\_and\\_Recycling/Household\\_Recycling](http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/Resident_Services/Waste_Services/Domestic_Waste_and_Recycling/Household_Recycling)

[http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/Resident\\_Services/Waste\\_Services/Domestic\\_Waste\\_and\\_Recycling/GreenMoney](http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/Resident_Services/Waste_Services/Domestic_Waste_and_Recycling/GreenMoney)

[http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/Resident\\_Services/Waste\\_Services/Hazardous\\_Waste/Special\\_Waste](http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/Resident_Services/Waste_Services/Hazardous_Waste/Special_Waste)

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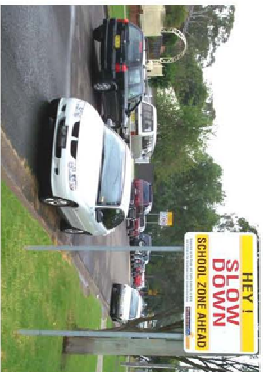
## ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET Safe Supervision in School Zones

Many drivers are doing the right thing by supervising their children around schools.

As a result, our kids are safer when getting to and from school.

Drivers need to continue their good habits. This Fact Sheet provides a handy reminder about supervising children in school zones.

### Kerb side is the safe side



Some schools don't have space for a car park, or it can be very busy so you don't have time to use it.

Keep your children in the vehicle until you have parked safely and legally. Park at the kerb before you let them get out or get in.

### Walk your children to the gate

It only takes a few minutes. In the morning, walk your children to the gate. In the afternoon, meet your children at the gate and walk with them back to the car.

Take the time to help your children get safely to and from the school gate. You can also meet some of the teachers or other parents and teach your children how to cross the road safely at the same time.

For more information contact the Blacktown City Council Road Safety Officer on 9839 6363 or email David.Tynan@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

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### Help your children cross the road

Not all drivers are aware of the dangers to children in school zones. Some drivers are just very busy and distracted. Help your children cross the road at the Pedestrian Crossing or Traffic Lights. Walk with them and lead by example.

### Teach your children to



**STOP at the kerb**



**LOOK for danger**



**LISTEN for danger**

**WAIT for the danger to pass**

One day you may have to ask someone else to take your children to school or pick them up. Make sure your children know how to be safe when crossing the road.

## ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET Parking Rules

### Flexible Bollards near a Pedestrian Crossing



Flexible Bollards have been installed at your school to stop drivers parking on the pedestrian crossing and in the No Stopping areas next to the crossing.

Why you shouldn't park on or near a pedestrian crossing:

- Makes it easy for children to see approaching vehicles,
- Makes it easy for drivers to see children who are about to cross the road.

**You must not stop  
on a pedestrian crossing, or,  
in the No Stopping areas  
next to a pedestrian crossing at any time**

For more information contact the Blacktown City Council on 9839 6000

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**ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET**  
*Penalties from 1 July 2015*

**Blacktown City Council**

## Bus Zone



You must not stop at the times shown on the sign.



If there are no times on the sign then you must not stop at any time.

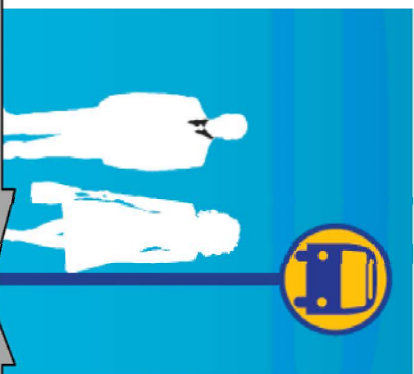
Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running

**School Zone**  
**Fine from \$319 + 2 demerit points**  
**All other roads, fine from \$248**

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## Bus Stop



Do Not Stop  
20 metres before

Do Not Stop  
10 metres after

**School Zone**  
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**All other roads, fine from \$248**

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## 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.

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**REGISTRATION DAYS**  
**ASHLEY BROWN RESERVE**  
**SUN 2ND AND 9TH AUGUST**  
**9:30AM - 12PM**

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Come down and put your skills to the test  
Sunday and 9th August 9:30am - 12pm at Ashley Brown Reserve

Our Fantastic program designed to introduce children to physical activity in a fun, safe, non-contact environment. Developed by our qualified coaches in partnership with **Aussie Tball**

From Tball to Modball to Live Baseball, our junior competitions cater for all ages and skill levels. Eagles offers teams from Highly competitive 1st grade to modified rule divisions. So no matter your skill, we have a place for you!

Opens the door to over 20,000 participants competing in Senior Baseball. Eagles seniors is aimed at ages 17+ and ranges from social leagues to Division 1. It is the perfect way for parents to stay fit all while having fun.



**Play T-Ball with the Winston Hills Warriors Summer 2015 and 2016**



Winston Hills Junior Baseball Club celebrated 30 years in 2013 and provides players of all ages with the opportunity to play the great game of Tball and Baseball in Western Sydney.

Home of the Inaugural Blue Sox's Cup U9 Tball Champions 2012 and Runners Up in 2013.

Tball Age Groups – U8s and U9s

The club has teams that play a Saturday morning competitions within the Hills Junior Baseball Association (October 2015 to March 2016)

In addition we offer a ten week in-house introduction to Tball competition, Friday afternoon/evening from October 2015 to December 2015

Introduction to Tball (new players) receive baseball glove and other goodies

We are currently taking registrations for Tball teams up to the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

A try Tball morning will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015 between 9am and 11am.  
Where: Col Sutton Reserve, Baulkham Hills Road, Baulkham Hills



**Club Contact: Melissa Small (0456 125 865)**

Club email: [registrar.whjbc@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.whjbc@gmail.com)

Club website: [whjbc.baseball.com.au](http://whjbc.baseball.com.au)

Club Phone: 0413 232 566





# Kids in the park



Sydney's largest school holiday program returns this spring school holidays! There are a bumper 70+ fun-filled activities to keep kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under \$25, making it affordable to discover Sydney's most exciting playground this holidays.

Archery – Kids on Target & Little Archers  
All Day Holiday Recreational Program  
Science, cooking, writing workshops  
Gymnastics  
Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze

Circus Solarus Kids' Games - FREE  
Park Patrol - Mighty Minibeasts  
Sport & adventure camps  
Walk and Squawk - NEW  
....and lots more

Full details at [www.kidsinthepark.com.au](http://www.kidsinthepark.com.au)

It would be greatly appreciated if you could include the above activities in your school newsletter.

Kind regards

Sydney Olympic Park Team



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## SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS DON'T MISS OUT

☒ New friendships  
☒ Great value

☒ Fun  
☒ Safe

Our popular Spring Kids' and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what's on including our popular Cooking 4 Kids, Adventurer, Kids' Club and Duke of Edinburgh camps plus lots more.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids' Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 and over and range from 1 to 5 days.

Residential Kids' Camps include:

- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

Family Camps include:

- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Use of all facilities i.e. BBQ area, pool, tennis courts etc.

[sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/familycamps](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/familycamps)  
[sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps)  
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Office of Sport & Recreation





**Blacktown Workers  
Junior Cricket Club  
Season 2015 - 16**



## Registration Fees:

First Child \$120  
Additional Siblings \$100

Teams in age groups from Under 10 – Under 16

Online registrations available until 21 August 2015

[www.mycricket.com.au](http://www.mycricket.com.au)



Enquiries to: [bwjcc.secretary@hotmail.com](mailto:bwjcc.secretary@hotmail.com)



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Thursdays 9am – 9.45am  
School hall

Designed for the busy person to add value to your day

Yoga is heart-orientated and spiritually inspiring to aid in:

- **Concentration**
- **Digestion**
- **Increased joint mobility and flexibility of the muscles**
- **Improved immune function and much more!**

*Relaxation is included at the end of each session to integrate the benefits of the practice.*

Starting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**Free trial**

**\$15**  
per session

For more info contact  
**Michele on**  
**0434012161** or  
[shinefitnesstraining@bigpond.com](mailto:shinefitnesstraining@bigpond.com)



## Resourcing Parents to build stronger families

Resourcing Parents provides parenting education information to parents and carers of children aged 0-18 years. The calendar of Parenting Education programs is current and the site is funded by the NSW government to support families.