



## **Forest Lodge Public School Mini Newsletter** **for the End of Term 4**

### **Art show**

Thank you to all the parents, children and extended family members who attended and supported our Art Show last night and to the musicians in our Jazz Ensemble. Hours of work went into creating the works and mounting them and the Art Committee, headed by Fiona Sannen, is to be both thanked and congratulated for the organisation involved in this very successful evening. Thanks also go to the teachers and school support staff for their many and varied contributions to the success of the evening. We are currently photographing the works so they will be sent home late next week.

### **Canteen and forth-coming school barbecue next Friday**

A reminder that the canteen will not operate next week. Normal service will resume from the commencement of next term and the operators apologise for the inconvenience caused.

The school will conduct a barbecue for students on the last day of term. A separate note will be sent out about this today with details.

### **Children with disruptive behaviour**

Call the office or see the (new) school noticeboard beside the steps to the main door of the hall for details. UTS is offering 16 free sessions of psychological therapy at St Leonards as part of a study for 7-14 year olds with behaviour issues as well as violence, theft, autism, and developmental delay. Participating families are paid \$100. Contact: 9514 4390 or [rachael.murrihy@utsedu.au](mailto:rachael.murrihy@utsedu.au)

### **SRC fundraiser for Stewart House next Friday**

Please wear the colours of your favourite team or your house colours on Friday and bring along a gold coin donation to support Stewart House.

### **Tell Them From Me Survey - A Department of Education Survey Tool for Schools**

We have already surveyed our senior students. Now we would appreciate parents completing a survey about our school. Amongst other purposes, the results are used for reporting on the School Plan and in the Annual School Report.

**The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey** is part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. It asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

This survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted from now until 4th October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com>

Log in using the following details:

User name: **parent17927**

Password: **For1932**

More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Education's TTFM website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

### **Principal's message**

While I'm away I'll be interviewing applicants for the DoE's Graduate Recruitment program, celebrating my mother's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday and holidaying in China. Liam Delaney will be teaching 4D while Joanne Dwyer takes over my position for October and we have yet to decide who will be Acting Assistant Principal in Joanne's place.

Congratulations to the following musicians who attended a band workshop yesterday: Lola Valls-Martinez, Mia Betteridge, Lilly Dunnallen and Mia Fischhof. Notes have been sent home to students in the Concert Band for their workshop on 8<sup>th</sup> October at Burwood and are due back by the end of next week. We are in the midst of organising a workshop at our school on 19<sup>th</sup> October for some district Training Band musicians – more details later.

The band program (and certainly the musicians) goes from strength to strength but there is a lot of hard work behind the scenes to ensure this progress. Please consider joining the Music Committee as there are vacancies and many hands make light (and bands) work. We can only grow our music programs if we have support from parents to share the organisational responsibilities that come with progress. Please contact the school office or me if you would like your name passed on to the committee.

We have received a huge container of LED lights to replace all our aging fittings in high usage areas. This will cause a few disruptions to the Primary playground area over the next week but it's a huge financial boost to the school in terms of cost savings on electricity bills and in the maintenance costs of the existing lights.

I'm investigating options for leadership training for all Year 5 students in Term 4 ahead of the Student Leader elections next term and House Captains next year. The P&C has kindly approved funding towards costs and it will be beneficial in upskilling all pupils, not just those elected to leadership positions next year.

I commend the Tell Them From Me survey to parents. Your participation in this survey is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff of our school for your contributions over the term. I hope you have a restful and safe holiday break from the end of next week. School resumes on Tuesday 6th October for teachers and students.

Bill O'Connor

Principal

11/9/15

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## School Holiday **SELF DEFENCE** Workshops for **KIDS!**

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**WHEN** : Wednesday September 23rd

**WHERE** : Leichhardt Public School- Green Room in Main Building

**TIME** : 9.30am - 3.30pm

**COST** : \$60 per child - *places are limited so book early !*

**WHO** : Children \*6 years to 12 years

**HOW** : 0413 376 356 or [hoshin.com.au](http://hoshin.com.au) via the booking form.

A full itinerary of the program will be mailed out with confirmation of your booking.

\*Children must have turned 6 by 1st June 2015

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# FAMILY FUN DAY

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- PHOTO AND DRESS-UP OPPORTUNITIES
- TOURS OF THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS
- MYSTERY OBJECT GUESSING COMPETITION
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE (MINIMUM CHARGE)
- ROVING HISTORICAL CHARACTERS
- ART AND OTHER DISPLAYS



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