Book Week
In Week 6 we celebrated Book Week which is an important event in the life of our school. Both teachers and students from across the school dressed in their favourite characters and made the books that they love come to life. We saw Little Red Riding Hood, the giraffe from ‘Giraffes Can't Dance’, Tiddalick, many superheroes, The Paper Bag Princess, Thing 1 and Thing 2, many princess, some pirates, Snow White and many other characters that visited for the day. What was noted was the amazing spirit that was alive in the hall as we danced to our favourite songs. Children were able to confidently answer questions related to books that they know very well during the quiz. It was also beautiful to see so many parents present on the day and it was even better to see them visit the classroom to share in a story with their children. A special thanks goes to Miss Daly for her organisation of the day and the support given by Mrs Sor. It was definitely a day to remember.

Teachers are very keen to connect students to reading as there are so many advantages. When students connect to reading they enjoy the experience of exploring the story, and the possibility of travelling to other worlds. Reading can be used to inform, persuade and entertain. Reading helps us to connect to the world which suggests that reading assists in creating a bond with others. Listening to your child read for as little as 10 minutes a day can greatly assist their academic performance. It could be a magazine, newspaper or a book of interest.

Book Fair
The Book Fair was also a huge success this year. We sold $1900 in books this year and as we get a percentage of the sales we will be able to purchase some books for our library. Thank you to Mrs Marshall for organising a successful Book Fair. Mrs Marshall loves nothing more than to make sure that she adds wonderful titles to our book shelves. She is always excited when children are reading.

The Debating Team
On Tuesday the 2nd of September our debating team went to compete against Canley Heights Public School. Unfortunately we lost this debate which I think marked our first loss. Students in the team have become very confident at public speaking and being able to look at the topic and argue their point of view. I have also seen great development in their ability to be able to rebut which is quite a difficult skill to learn. Debating is a wonderful skill that students will have for a lifetime. I am very proud of the debating team and they should be congratulated for their hard work. These students give up many lunchtimes to write and practise their debating skills. I could not be prouder of these students as I have watched each of them grow. Thanks also goes to the debating teachers. Thank you for the hours that you give up to support our students.

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Zone Athletics Carnival
The Zone Athletics Carnival goes ahead this Friday the 5th of September at The Crest, Bankstown. Congratulations to the students that are representing our school. I have assisted the preparation of students as they train for their events. I have seen students skills grow in events such as discus and shot put. We wish you well. Go out and do your best and make our school proud.

Taronga Zoo
Due to the weather we have rescheduled the Zoo Excursion for Monday the 8th of September. We hope that we have a beautiful sunny day on Monday so that our students get to see all of the animals they have been busy learning about in their classroom. Students K-2 need to come prepared ready to go on Monday. Please make sure that your child is on time as the bus will not wait for any late comers. We will be leaving at 8:30am.

Science Fun Day
On Wednesday the 17th of September we are having a Science Fun Day. Students will participate in a variety of experiments and there will be a wonderful Science Show in the hall for all students. You may want to think about dressing up as a crazy scientist with some crazy hair. We look forward to a fun day where the focus is on investigation and experimentation.

Parks Area Festival
We have 75 students from Stage 2 and 3 representing our school at the Parks Area Music Festival on the 10th and 11th of September. We have three dance groups (an Aboriginal Dance Group, a Stage 3 Thriller Dance and a Stage 2 Lion King themed dance). The dances, costumes and props all look amazing and the children have been working very hard to make sure that they learn their dance sequences. Students not performing are invited to watch the Matinee on Thursday the 11th of September and will be travelling by bus to the Marconi Club to support our performers. The cost of this is $10. This money needs to be returned by Friday this week and no late payments will be accepted. Tickets for this are limited and will be issued on a first in basis.

- Performers will need to get to school by 8.00am sharp both mornings of the festival ready to start preparation.
- The expectation is that students will perform on both nights and be dropped to the Marconi Club at 6.00pm both nights ready to perform.
- Performers will be asked to bring a bag with quiet games to keep them occupied. Students are also asked to bring a bottle of water and some light snacks as they are long days. Please make sure that students have eaten dinner on both nights before coming to the Marconi Club.
- Night tickets will be issued early next week. It is recommended that you pre-order these as they will be limited on the night and they often sell out.

Mrs Narelle Nies - Acting Principal

Honour Awards
Congratulations to the students who have earned Honour Awards

- Tommy S 2C
- Jacyi Q 3/4W
- Alex L 4/5M

- Jayden T K Blue
- Sophia W K Red

- Jeremiah P 5/6B
- Monica S 5/6B
- Jenny H 5/6F
Kindergarten 2015 Orientation
Bonnyrigg Public School would like to invite your family to our ‘Transition to School – Kindergarten 2015’ information session. Tuesday, 14 October - 6:30 pm in school library
Child care available

Preschool 2015
We are currently enrolling preschool students for the 2015 school year.
Please visit the school office for further information.