



NEWSLETTER

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Principal's message,

End of Term

Term 3 has certainly been a busy one for all of the children and teachers of La Perouse PS and we are all looking forward to a relaxing break. This term we have participated in Show Case, NRL clinics, PSSA Sport, athletics carnivals, Fathers' Day Breakfast, Literacy Buddies, Sydney Symphony Orchestra excursion, Deadly Kids awards, Book Week parade and Open Day.

The highlight of looking back over the past term is reflecting on the many achievements our children have made along with the smiles we have seen on their faces. Thank you to all of the parents, carers and grandparents that have joined us in any of our activities and we look forward to your continued support next term.

Staffing

On staffing news, the advertisement for the new Principal position of La Perouse PS has been published and it is anticipated that interviews will take place early Term 4. It is important to remember that members of the selection panel are not allowed to discuss the process with anyone so please do not put them in a compromising position by asking them a question they cannot answer.

Filming

Whilst it has provided moments of frustration for many of us, I am sure you will all be pleased to know that after this week we will not have the film crew on our site. They are returning for the first two days of the holidays, but that should be a final wrap. Thank you for your patience during this, at times challenging, time however, the financial benefits will flow through to the classrooms.

Classroom resources

As a school we go through so many boxes of tissues and more glue sticks than you could ever imagine. It is not sustainable for us to continue supplying such items. Therefore, we ask that parents ensure their child has a glue stick for school and if at all possible, donate a box of tissues to your child's classroom.

Holidays

Research clearly shows that when kids put down school books on their break, their reading ability also drops with it. Teachers frequently report that students return to school after their break with a lower reading level and interest in books, than when they left previously. Therefore it's vital that we continue to encourage our children to read widely and often whilst they are on holidays.

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Matthew Jackman

Principal

Holiday Tips

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1. Make reading time fun (and quick!)

It is easy and necessary to make reading together the most fun time of every day. Read together with funny voices, try humorous books to engage the reluctant readers in your family and trust that toilet humour is often a sure-fire winner for most boys. You should aim for no more than ten minutes reading together – just enough to encourage the kids to come back tomorrow. Set a timer if you need to, it will encourage them to ask for a minute or two more when reading time comes to an end.

2. Visit bookstores and the local library

Make regular visits to bookstores and the local library part of your family's routine. These trips are simple ways to drive reading passion. Bookstores often sell brand new popular kids' books for less than \$10, much less than a movie ticket. Many children are amazed when they discover that they can borrow sometimes up to twenty books from their local library for free.

3. Allow children to choose what they want to read

Book choice is a vital component of the reading process. As adults, we very rarely read anything that we either don't love or enjoy. If we read a book and it takes a while to get going, or we lose interest, we simply put it down, or lend it to a friend. Why then do we insist that children must read cover to cover something that they don't necessarily enjoy or like? Often these imposed choices on children come from a place of love – we are trying to support the children in accessing a text that is at their reading level. It is often hard to let go and let children choose their own books, however it is vital to developing strong, self-sufficient readers. If you are picking up a book at the bookstore for your child during your lunch break, grab a few different titles. Having a choice to choose from will allow your children to have control over their reading process.

4. Have a 'screen free night' each week

Make a screen free night part of your family's regular routine where everyone in the family picks up something to read. Having your children see you read and talk about books adds value to this reading time. Different approaches to the screen free night may be to invest in reading lamps or book lights so that children can read in bed before sleep.

5. Give books as gifts

Birthdays for kids means presents, and more books in the house can never go astray. Gift the next book in the series that your child is loving – the 65 Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths or the Alice-Miranda series by Jacqueline Harvey are great places to start. Encourage your child to lend and swap their books with friends once they have read them.

6. Read together using supportive strategies

Pause-Prompt-Praise. When they come across a difficult word pause for a moment and help them work it out (look for smaller words, blend sounds, sound it out). Prompt them by giving the beginning sound and praise their efforts.

Parents and Citizens Association News

La Perouse P&C Message board

Hi parents, carers & community members,

Volunteers needed! The P&C is asking for volunteers to help on the day of the 150th Celebrations on November the 4th 2018.

Please see the school office for more information about volunteering roles next term or message us on the 150th Facebook Page.

This week we would like to acknowledge the kind donations from local business, large chain stores and groups.

Vouchers, Gift cards, donations

Barkers Delight Eastgardens	St Michaels Golf Club
Priceline Pharmacy	Big W
Woolworths Matraville	JuiceBox
The Coast Golf Club	Reborn Fitness and Wellbeing
Sydney Jiu-Jitsu Academy	Australian Turf Club
Driftwood Living	Little Bay Pharmacy
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Sydney Symphony Orchestra Excursion

As part of our music program with the Sydney Symphony, we went on tour of the Sydney Opera House. Whilst inside, we were taken into the many theatres and concert halls, where we learnt about the competition to design the Opera House and how it was built. Following our tour, we walked to the Credit Suisse building (the big, blue building on Circular Quay) where we had lunch and saw some amazing views of the Harbour Bridge, Luna Park and Opera House.

