

Principal's Report 29 July 2014

Staff Update

- We have 4 Sydney University Interns on classes throughout the school this term.

School Review

- The school review conducted in Term 2 is complete and has been viewed by staff. A phase of planning and implementation of recommendations will now commence.

Technology Update

- A group of teachers from Annandale Public School will visit Banksmeadow Public School to observe ipad organisation across the school and their highly praised "Bring Your Own Device" for years4-6.

Resources

- <http://www.esr.com.au/product/features.php>
- ESR
 - The Momentum ESR platform consists of a suite of Performance and Reporting modules to assist the APS team to capture, record and analyse our school's information.
 - Student performance data is integral in assisting educators to make informed and effective decisions in support of a student's education.
 - Momentum ESR will assist our school to collect, analyse and maintain the continuity of student performance data. With secure access to comprehensive educational performance data, our teachers will be empowered to efficiently direct students' personalised learning strategies.
 - Accountability is playing an ever increasing role within the education environment. Momentum ESR helps schools meet their accountability measures by providing flexible reporting and analysis tools. With real-time access to secure information, accountability measures can be easily met on-demand.
 - A teacher's time is one of the most valuable contributors to a student's learning experience. Momentum ESR is built to deliver efficient, easy to use functionality with on-demand retrieval of information. We will streamline our assessment, planning and reporting processes with Momentum ESR.
- K-2 teachers have requested a top up of home readers for 2014.

Maintenance

- David Clark replaced the gutter on the west end of block B.
- All security lights were checked and replaced where needed.
- We are also obtaining quotes to update our school-wide P/A system.

- We have requested the repair of heaters in Preschool and Early Intervention. We are also obtaining quotes for reverse cycle air conditioners for the Preschool and Early Intervention classrooms.
- Requests are also in the system for the repair of the Early Intervention ceiling and the preschool building roof.

Kitchen Garden Project

- All teachers were inducted in the usage of our Learning Kitchen facilities on Staff Development Day.
- We have created a booking system for the kitchen.
- The garden committee will meet tomorrow to discuss plans for Term 4 and beyond.
 - Leanne Eastway has approached me about a course for parents and community volunteers delivered by Petersham TAFE. I consider this to be a great opportunity for our school to encourage further interest and growth for our wonderful learning garden. An Information Session regarding this course will be held on 1 August 2014 at Petersham TAFE Campus.

Volunteer Jobs

- The P&C has offered to organise working bees to address maintenance areas of the school. Following are suggested jobs that could be worked on;
 - Wooden seats repairs
 - Painting of new maths store room
 - Build-up of sandpit area surround
 - Painting of office area
 - Creating a store area for musical instruments

Thank you to Lara Hovey for volunteering to paint the Maths store room.

Ellie Moore

Principal