

FACTA NON VERBA

Term 3 – 18. 08 .2009



Dear Parents/Caregivers.

Security Gates

Signs will be placed on all gates this week with directions for entry into school premises. Remember that all visitors to the school need to report to the front office and sign in.

BER Projects Update

1. **School Canteen** – the refurbishment is completed and the canteen is fully operational
2. **Painting of Caringa Block** - is completed and we are just waiting for barriers to be removed
3. **Cabling and Power Upgrade of Gardiya Block** -will be commenced this week
4. **New School Hall** – we have not been informed when this will commence.

Water Tanks

Work is still in progress and should be completed soon.

School Surveys

Each year we strive to improve Concord Public School by evaluating identified learning programs and/or other school areas. This year we are evaluating the following areas: Personal Development/ Health/Physical Education (PD/H/PE); Learning and general Satisfaction with the school.

One method of evaluation is to survey staff, students and parents of CPS. We do encourage you to complete the surveys included with this FACTA.

Please return the completed surveys to your child's teacher by Friday 4th SEPTEMBER 2009.

School Photos

School Photo day will be **Wednesday 16th September**. Photo Envelopes will be sent out with FACTA in Week 6. They will need to be returned to school prior to photo day with the correct money attached, as the money goes directly to the photographers. There are 5 photo packages

available, ranging from \$19 to \$32. Student family photo envelopes will also be available from the front office from week 6.

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to Gwen Knight, Richard Thompson, Grace Dent-Ratcliffe, Dominic Young, Andrew Liang and Patrick Liu .Well done!

UPCOMING EVENTS

August:

Wed 19 th	P&C Meeting
Thurs 20 th	P&C Mufti day
Mon 24 th	Day 2 Zone Athletics
Tues 25 th	Choir at Our Spectacular at Opera House
	Stage 3 at Push Cart Event at Eastern Creek
Mon 31 st	K/1M Assembly

September:

Tues 1 st	Photo envelopes sent out
Thurs 3 rd	Stage 2 Excursion
Wed 16 th	School Photo Day
	6-7pm Band Evening
	7-9pm P&C Meeting

Have a great week, Pina Passarello

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2010

Any child who turns 5 on or before the 31st July 2010 is eligible to be enrolled for Kindergarten in 2010. If you, your friend or neighbour has a child who can start school next year, please come to the front office and collect an enrolment form. As staffing from year to year is based on enrolments, it always helps with future planning to know our anticipated numbers for the following year.

Miss Jones
Kindergarten Coordinator

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Thankyou to everyone who has been purchasing books from Scholastic and supporting our school. Just a few things to remember when ordering your books.

- Please write your full name and class on each order form.
- Please enclose the correct money.
- All cheques are to be made out to Scholastic Inc.
- Make sure you mark/tick on the order form what you would like to buy.

Mrs Purcell, Book Club Organiser



Home Reading Heroes!

Congratulations to the following K-2 students who have read regularly at home.

50 nights:

David
Connor
Archie

75 nights:

Madeline
Koray

100 nights:

Madison

150 nights:

Mikaela

We are very proud of you!

Science

The 22 students who participated in the ICAS Science Competition were tested in a variety of skills. The areas tested were Reasoning/Problem Solving, Investigating, Interpreting, Predicting/Concluding and Observing/Measuring.

Students whose achievement was outstanding were awarded Certificates of Credit, Distinction and High Distinction. Participation Certificates were awarded to students who demonstrated a significant personal achievement. Congratulations are extended to all the students who "took the challenge" and participated.

High Distinction	Distinction	Credit	Participation
Chris Lee	Michael Jun	Amanda Tong	Rochelle Oweis
	Kevin Wong	Miju Seok	Vivien Le
	Charlotte Kwong	Jasmine Park	Gloria Kim
	Jessie Dhillon		Andy Wang
	Athina Mathioudakis		Ryan Tunstead
			Ben Montague
			Janice Lee
			Ling Liang
			Evelyn Samuels
			Lachlan Lu
			Patrick Liu
			Declan Galagher
			*Jaiden Oweis

H. Senchenko
Competitions Co-ordinator

Telling Retelling

This term the students at Concord Public School are focusing on developing their writing and talking skills in the area of retelling and telling. This may involve learning to write sequential tales and stories, and or writing historical or factual recounts. Students can learn the necessary skills to write texts by listening to and retelling stories, by using puppets, by being involved in drama activities and / or puppetry. All classes are currently developing their literacy plans to support this area of the curriculum.

Towards the end of the term we are planning a special literacy day culminating in a Book character Parade.
Stay tuned for more details!

Samples of activities, which would promote and support class work, are:

- Writing e-mails that recount past events
- Writing postcards
- Making up stories either orally or in written form
- Act out a play
- Using puppets to deliver stories made up or retelling known stories.
- Writing biographies
- Asking students to retell the Home Reader or Library book they have read.

Read to your child from Kinder to year 6 & then ask your child questions relevant to the story. For example: Where was the story set? Who were the characters in the story? Could the story be real or is it imagined? Describe the complication in the story. How was the complication resolved? If your child likes to use the computer then perhaps they could use Word to type up their stories and recounts.

Your child's teacher would love to see extra work completed at home!

Happy 'retelling & telling' everyone!

Ms L Sharpe
Assistant Principal

BAND NEWS

* Band invoices for Term 3 & invitations for Band Evening (Wed 16/9, 6pm) have been distributed to the students. Please keep the date free for wonderful evening of musical performances which will conclude at approximately 7pm. All parents and students of the school are also invited to be a part of the audience.

* JB & SB: Well done on your attendance to band rehearsals so far. Your pieces are sounding great, so keep up the good work!

Miss Wang

Band Conductor

