Dear parent/caregiver  

These last few weeks are really busy for all of us. During the next two weeks there will be excursions for both Kindergarten and Stage 1, rehearsals for both PULSE and Reach! Choirs and reports will be sent home. I think everyone will be looking forward to the holidays.

Fairfield City Farm Excursion
On Monday 7 June, Kindergarten students visited City Farm at Abbotsbury. They had glorious weather and by all accounts, they had a fantastic day. I know Charlie the horse was very popular and that Mrs Umback learnt how to crack a whip. The students have been recounting their experiences on the farm and painting their impressions of their visit.

P&C Meeting
The P&C meeting was held last Wednesday 9 June. Discussion focused on the upcoming 5 cent snail trail fundraising activity to be held next week as well as potential items to purchase for the school eg roller window shutters for the library and new stage curtains for the hall. The Kiss and Drop Zone at the front of the school was also discussed as many parents are not using it correctly.

Through attending P&C meetings you are able to find out about general happenings around the school, bring up any concerns and suggest possible ideas for future consideration. The next meeting of the P&C will be on Wednesday 4 August at 9.15am in the AV room.

District Cross-Country
At last we were able to run the district cross-country last Friday at Doonside HS. The weather was great and our students did a fabulous job. Cameron Brooke, Mitchell Hutchings and Alexandra Petersen will be representing Mt Druitt District and our school at the Regional Carnival.

Jump Rope for Heart
Stage 3 students completed their ‘jump off’ for the Heart Foundation yesterday. It was amazing watching the skill and expertise some of our students have with a skipping rope. We have noticed a big improvement in everyone and how popular skipping has become. Many thanks to Ms D’Arcy for organising this event and to the Stage 3 teachers for developing students’ skill.

Kinder Comes to High School
Our Kindergarten students will visit Rooty Hill HS on Tuesday 22 June. They will participate in some different activities including cooking. They will be at the high school between 9.30am and 12.00pm.

Choir Rehearsals
Today students in the Reach choir attended rehearsal at Eastern Creek PS in preparation for their upcoming concert in Term 3. Next week the PULSE choir will be attending their rehearsal at Kellyville PS.

Stage 1 Excursion
Stage 1 students will be visiting Belgenny Farm during the last week of term. Different classes will be going over three days – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Information has already been sent home about this event.

Student Reports
Students will be taking their reports home with them on Friday 2 July. Please read through them with your child and congratulate them where appropriate. If there are areas for improvement, talk to your child about how they might be able to make changes that would contribute positively to their learning.

NAIDOC Week celebrations 4 – 11 July
NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the significant contributions of Indigenous Australians. Find out more at www.naidoc.org.au

Lost Property
As we are only a few weeks away from the end of term, parents are advised to check through the lost property basket and retrieve items of clothing which belong to your child. Please only take your child’s belongings. If your child comes home with another child’s jacket, please return it to school as soon as possible so that it can be returned to its rightful owner. Parents are urged to label all items of clothing belonging to their child.

Writing school notes
If your child is absent, you need to write a note within seven days:
1. It must explain why your child missed school.
2. Include how many days your child was away.
3. Remember to include the date or dates.
4. Place this in your child’s school bag.
5. Remind your child to give the note to the teacher.
6. If your child is going to be away for more than three days please call the school to let the teacher know. You will still need to write a note when your child returns to school.

Definitions

**English**

**Distributive Adjectives:** point to separate things. Each, every, either and neither are distributive adjectives in the following sentences:

- **Each** dog was barking.
- **Every** person must attend.
- **Either** you or I will go.
- **Neither** Bill nor Jan is here.

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Maths

**Complementary angles** – are two angles whose sum (total) is 90° (degrees).

![Complementary angles diagram](image)

25° and 65° are complementary angles.

Technology

*Icon*: a tiny picture on the screen that represents a program, file or folder.

Icons make it easy to find what you are looking for. To tell the computer to open a file, folder or program, double click on the icon. To select an item, click only once on the icon.

Brain Bender

Why do the inhabitants of Antarctica not hunt Polar Bear as a source of food?

Answer next issue!

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Food for Thought

‘Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is time for home’.

Edith Sitwell

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