Winter is Close
With the start of June it is now starting to feel like winter is almost here. Colder mornings are here and there is a rise in the number of colds and flu in the school. We will be reminding children at this time that it is very important to wash hands as a precaution to minimise the transfer of germs and thus illness.

Over the past 6 weeks it has been my privilege to coach and manage the Sydney East Primary School Sports Association regional girls’ football team through to the NSW State Football carnival in Camden. This carnival is being held on Tuesday to Thursday of this week. Every year that I do this I am blown away by the commitment and enthusiasm of the girls who represent Sydney East in this team. Not only do these girls attend and play sport at school, they play in weekend club and representative football teams and are often coached 2 or 3 times every week. These public school students are part of the department’s largest gifted and talented education program.

While I am at the carnival, Miss Thomson will be the contact person in the school should you have any major concerns that cannot be left until my return Friday. Ms Lindsay Sharp will take 56LW during this time.

Reports
Reports are currently being prepared by your child’s classroom teacher(s) and will report against the six key learning areas KLAs as prescribed by Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW.

For years 1 to 6, the KLAs will be reported with a 5 point achievement scale from Limited to Outstanding, an assessment of effort on a 3 point scale and a comment. The comment will report on what has been assessed and indicate areas of strength and areas for improvement. An additional table showing attitudes to learning is reported based on social development and commitment to learning. For Mathematics and Creative Arts, each strand of learning will be reported against.

Reporting for Kindergarten is similar but will instead report against a 3 point achievement scale equating to Working Towards, Working At and Working Beyond.

New this year will be a general comment from the classroom teacher. The reports will be sent home at the end of week 9.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews will be held in week 10 of the term and will provide you with a formal opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and discuss the school report. During this week there will be an extended session on a yet to be determined day. More information about interviews will be sent home early next week.

School Uniforms
With the increasing coldness, we are seeing a number of non-uniform winter coats emerging. While occasional use of these coats is understandable, we remind parents that uniforms are expected and that winter clothing in school colours is available from the school office. Mrs Ross will be happy to help you with sizing and other queries about styles of clothing at the office.

Silver Street Gate
The silver street gate timer has now been fixed and will thus open and close for access in the morning arrival period and afternoon departure. A big thank you
to Mrs Ross for putting the hard work to getting this issue resolved and Miss Sheridan and Ms Thomson who helped keep the gate manually accessible during this time.

**Kindergarten Information Evening**
The school will be holding a kindergarten information evening on Wednesday 17 June at 7.30pm in the school hall. The session will provide an opportunity for prospective parents enrolling a child in kindergarten next year to visit the school, listen to presentations by the principal, P&C, students and representatives from Tribe OOSH. If you know of anyone in your community who has a child enrolling next year, please pass this information onto them and invite them to attend. Thank you to all members of the P&C’s ‘Growing the School’ subcommittee for their support in the preparation and distribution of publicity material.

**Sublime Properties Raffle**
Last Wednesday I attended a lunchtime BBQ to celebrate the opening of Sublime Properties – a real estate business on the Princess Highway next to the St Peters Post Office. The raffle provided support for the school with all proceeds of the raffle going to the school. The amount raised has not yet been disclosed but it was apparent that a number of tickets had been sold. While at the BBQ I spoke to the owner Sam’s dad who was a student at St Peters PS many years ago. He commented that the school in his day had 2 classes in each grade. This is a testament to a period of the schools history where the school was much bigger and perhaps an insight to the future as residential development in the St Peters area rises. Sam will attend a school assembly in the near future to present the proceeds of the raffle.

**Newsletters and Notes**
The school is finalising its arrangements for communicating with parents by email. As part of this, newsletters and notes will be sent to the email addresses that you provided us with in late term 1. The next newsletter in week 9 will be sent by email to you in addition to the paper copy sent home with each family. This will continue in term 3 but in term 4 newsletters and certain notices will be sent to parents only via email. This is part of the schools environmental move away from printing large numbers of notes. The school is also in the process of commissioning a mobile app to help with the distribution and availability of notes. We will monitor the community to ensure that this move does not inequitably inconvenience anybody.

*N*eil *L*avitt

**K/1MP**
K/1MP have been having lots of fun taking turns having Gerald the elephant at their homes. Gerald loves going on adventures and being a part of all the different families lives. As a class we are always excited when Gerald returns and enjoy sharing his book of stories together.

We hope that your child is sharing with you all the exciting things we are doing in class. Such as their amazing writing skills, the children have been working very hard to remember all the important parts of a sentence, such as capital letters, spaces between words and punctuation. We are so proud of how hard they are trying to hear and then write the beginning, middle and end sounds of words.

PLEASE remember to keep a spare set of clothes in your child's bag. K1MP go to the toilet before crunch and sip, before recess and before lunch but we are still learning and accidents do happen, especially when we are having so much fun learning.

*M*ichelle *M*ilner and *K*ate *P*aget-Campbell

**1/2S**
This week we have started the topic transport. We will start by looking at the effects of transport to people and the environment. We have Mrs Squire taking the class on Friday afternoons for the remainder of the term. She will be teaching students Visual Arts related to the transport theme. The students have started by looking at some art by Ken Done. I look forward to seeing what students
produce.

In math we have been doing some work around 2dimensional shapes. We have had great fun making 2d shape robots and using the geoboards to make 2d shapes. Students also liked using the pattern blocks to create symmetrical patterns. Here are some photos.

Miss Sheridan

3/4T

Since the middle of Term 1 the students in 3/4T have been learning how to assess their own work (and the work of their peers) to find ways to make it better. The students have been applying these skills to simple activities like handwriting through to power point presentations and Speaker of the Term talks. In the picture you can see Asher and Luke watching themselves give a SOTT talk. They then discussed ways that they could make it better for their next attempt. This is a form of formative assessment and the students seem to be grasping the concept very well.

The closer we get to the middle of the year the harder it seems for some students to find a lead pencil to do their work with. This Friday I will be asking the students to take their pencil cases home to be refilled with lead pencils. All students will need a solid (non-bending) ruler as well for drawing margins and for our measurement lesson.

Kellie Thomson

Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the students (listed below) who represented St Peters PS at the South Sydney Zone Cross Country Carnival. You did our school very proud in how you behaved and competed on the day. Chloe came 2nd in the 10 years girls race and will be representing the Zone at the Sydney East Regional Championship on Thursday 11th June. We wish her all the best.

5/6LW - Hunter, Steven, Blake, James, Alex, Chloe, Lilly, Kiara, Evette, Drishya,
3/4T - Andrew, Tahir, Oliver, Theo V, Charlotte.
1/2S - Sam, Zeke, Emma, Elena.

Kellie Thomson
Sports Coordinator

Premier’s Sporting Challenge [PSC]

On Wednesday 27 May class 5/6LW went to Wilkins Public School for our Premier’s Sporting Challenge with Ms Thomson. We did different types of sports - soccer, netball, boxercise [boxing and exercise put together], AFL, rugby league and basic skills.
It was great fun and we enjoyed it and can't wait to go again next year. Some of our favourite sports were soccer, rugby, basic skills and netball. There were lots of other schools there and high school students helped organise the different activities.

Tiana & Kiara