Dear parents, caregivers and community members,

Just a reminder that our I.E.P. and C.O.A.C.H. meetings have commenced. If you haven’t already done so, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange a meeting time. Meetings can also be conducted over the phone if necessary. Please consider this an opportunity to discuss the elements of your child’s educational and social program that are most important to you. Kate Sowerby will also conduct ITP meeting this term for our year 12 leavers with the date to be advised.

Our ‘Meet the Community BBQ’ will be held on Wednesday the 6 March. Please come along and meet the staff and other parents and community members. I look forward to speaking to you all. A letter will be sent shortly with relevant details.

Trevor Townsend, Principal

GROUP 2 REPORT
A very warm welcome to all the students of group 2. This will be a new year of educational experiences and learning at William Rose School. Sam, Jayden, Darren, Luke and Bradley have already discovered their favourite areas and activities in and outside the classroom. The theme for our unit of work this term is ‘Weather and Seasons’ and all students have been engaging in literacy, numeracy and craft activities based on the theme.

GROUP 3 REPORT
Stars of group 3 have started working on enhancing their literacy skills. During ‘Learn To Read’ (L2R) sessions different resources are used to make their learning fun, meaningful and engaging. Celine learns about sight words by matching them on a bingo board; Jeremiah enjoys typing words on the computer; Jack engages in phonics programs on the interactive white board; Erin works on computer based literacy programs. We are looking forward to a year, full of enriching learning experiences.

GROUP 4 REPORT
What’s the weather today?
Group 4 have been learning about the different types of weather. Each morning we look outside to see if the

School Values

We value and celebrate the unique contribution of all students, staff and community members and support them in meeting our students’ needs in a caring and respectful manner.

We value and support the physical and emotional well-being of our students and staff and care for each individual as a whole person.

We believe that every student can learn and that we have a responsibility to provide effective learning experiences to enable students to reach their potential and become valued members of society.
weather is sunny, cloudy, windy or rainy and decide whether it is going to be a cold day or hot day.

Taking advantage of the sunny weather, students have been watering the garden and learning about the importance of keeping hydrated.

Using shaving cream which represents the clouds and blue paint which represents the rain, students were able to see that when there is too much water in the clouds, rain begins to fall.

**MEET THE COMMUNITY BBQ**

**Save the Date**

Come and join us for our annual meet the community BBQ dinner.

Wednesday 6th March 2013

Notes will be sent home shortly.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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**FAMILY FUN DAY**

People with a disability and their families and carers are invited to:

**Family Fun Day**

**When:** Sunday 24th February 2013

**Time:** 11am – 2pm

**Where:** York Public School, Evan Street, Penrith

**Cost:** Free

**Lunch:** Sausage Sizzle BBQ Lunch Provided

**RSVP:** Wednesday 20th February

**Phone:** 4734-9512 (leave a message with your phone number and names and ages of people coming)

**Activities include:** Bikes, Ball games, softball, Gardening, personal trainer, drumming workshop, circus performers, face painting, petting Zoo and swimming centre.

**RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION CHARITY INC.**

**ARE YOU A MEMBER YET?**

Another year for our kids to enjoy the experience of education at William Rose School.

The School Charity – Recognition Of Special Education Charity Inc was very active last year and raised $60,000 thanks to the efforts of a number of people.

4th December 2012 was the AGM meeting. Kellie Monk was unanimously elected as Chairperson, she has been a great leader over the year. Other office bearers are Sue Wood – Vice Chairperson; Ann Moore – Treasurer; and Jacob van Gent – Secretary.

We would like more parents to be on the Committee. Please, if you can spare a bit of time come along to our next meeting, or contact Kellie on 98384893.

Jacob van Gent

Secretary

- There are 8 x 2012/2013 entertainment books left; we are selling them for $20.00 each. Please contact the office if you are interested in any of them.
  - 4 x Sydney Greater west
  - 3 x Sydney
  - 1x Sydney North Sydney
  - 1 x Canberra.

- Trivia night is postponed due to school renovations and will be rescheduled once the school hall is back in commission.
DIARY DATES

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RECIPE CORNER

Soba noodle salad with chicken and sesame seeds

Ingredients

- 1 chicken thigh fillet
- 80g dried soba noodles
- ½ Lebanese cucumber
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 2 tsp sesame seeds, toasted
- 1 green shallot, sliced finely

Preparation

1. Place the chicken thigh fillet into a small saucepan of cold water and cook over a medium heat until just firm.
2. Set the chicken aside to cool, then add the noodles to the water and boil for 5 minutes, until tender. Drain, and rinse well to cool.
3. Halve the cucumber and remove the seeds with a teaspoon. Dice finely, then toss with the noodles, soy sauce, sesame oil, sesame seeds and shallots.
4. Shred the chicken into small pieces and stir into the salad. Pack into an airtight container and seal well.

KIDS DON’T FLY

The NSW Government is undertaking a new child safety campaign called “kids don’t Fly” Prevent falls from windows and balconies.

For more information visit

APPS

AppStart for iPad
An app starter kit with all the essential apps you'll ever need.

Offline Topo Maps
Offline Topo Maps helps you find your way even when you aren't connected.