



Cabramatta West Public School

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PARENT FORUM

24/8/17

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR UNIFORM

Scarves and vests.
Long sleeved polos will be available from 2018.

GRANTS

Mrs Slender has worked with teams of teachers to successfully secure four grants totalling \$39 534 for our school. These include:

Cracking Codes - \$5,200 Funded by Cabramatta Rugby Leagues Club

The aim of this program is to engage children with additional needs in our community with Computer Science and allow them to gain a practical understanding of basic coding. Using Lego based equipment, computers and tablets, students learn to write and sequence instructions. The program targets the development of problem solving skills, computational thinking, persistence, collaboration and a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts and language.

Leadership (Through Media) - \$13,344 Funded by Cabramatta Rugby Leagues Club

This project is targeted at students who lack engagement in traditional classroom learning. It has been designed to encourage positive relationships and friendships for "at risk" students. The project has been successful through volunteers and professionals offering their times and making available their valued skills in a variety of professions, all at significantly reduced fee rates, to ensure the success of our students.

Our KidsMatter - \$17,740 Funded by Cabra-Vale Diggers

"KidsMatter" is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools that is proven to make a difference to the lives of our children. KidsMatter provides the methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wide community to nurture happy, balanced kids.

Breakfast Club - \$3,250 Funded by Cabramatta Bowling & Recreation Club

Breakfast Club is a program that focuses on the wellbeing of our students as a whole, part of this is ensuring any child who arrives at school without having eaten, is able to have a healthy breakfast, free of charge. Research shows that all young minds need a healthy breakfast so they are able to focus in the classroom and reach their full learning potential

CARNIVAL

Our school carnival is led by Miss Surace is fast approaching- it will take place on Thursday 12th October. All family members and friends of our students are invited to attend. If any parents/carers would like to volunteer to assist on this day please see Miss Surace at your convenience.

KINDY TRANSITION

Although kindy transition takes place all year for students involved in playgroup, our next component of transition starts late this term and will continue into next term. Mrs Barrett coordinates transition.

TOURNAMENTS OF THE MIND

is a problem solving program for teams of students. Each year our students are involved in this event. Mrs Flanagan coordinates this event.

DANCESPORT

Dancesport is a dancing program that teaches children respect, cooperation, partnership and responsibility. This project has been supported by a team of teachers including Kate Halloran, Rebecca Ryan, Stefanie Hoven, Rosanna Lam and Bernadette Acquah.

CASULA POWERHOUSE

Over the past few months we have been fortunate enough to partner with Casula Powerhouse. Our students have been involved in two exhibitions at the Powerhouse. This has involved our students, parents and staff working together to prepare for these exhibitions.

Exhibition one – Door to Door – Showcased S3 Writing – Now closed.

Exhibition two – Bravery Unmasked – Art project to support patients and families who have been involved in radiotherapy. 24th August – 10th September. Daily from 10am – 5pm.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Miss Nguyen and Miss Navarette coordinate this event. It will be held on 31/8 and 1/9. We are seeking volunteers to support this event. If you would like to assist please see either of these teachers.

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

Mrs Flanagan will be overseeing the raffle for Fathers Day. This year we have an exciting first prize – a drone. All money raised will go towards supporting our school library. Tickets available to purchase.

Our parent fundraising committee will hold a mufti day in T4.

CYBERSAFETY

<https://esafety.gov.au/iparent>

NAPLAN ONLINE

The DoE is trialling NAPLAN online. Year 3 and Year 5 students will be involved in this from 11th September till the 14th september.

DATA COLLECTION

We are looking for parents and carers to join us at an upcoming staff meeting. At this meeting we will be investigating the new school excellence framework and determining where our school sits on this matrix. This information will assist us in the development of our next school plan.

WHEN : TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

WHERE : LIBRARY

TIME : 3.00pm – 4.15pm

STAFFING CHANGES

Mrs Kim Vo will leave us next week to go on maternity leave. We wish her and Mr Alex all the best with their new arrival. Mrs Ling Attwater will leave us the following week as Mrs Judy Shih returns from long service leave. We would to thank Mrs Attwater for her hard work and dedication.