From the Principal

Term 3 has been busy and I’m sure the students will enjoy the break from their school routine and programs. A big Thank You to parents for your continued support of your child’s program, your communications and sharing of your child’s school days, and your support of the school overall.

The Art Auction was a very successful event which enabled the community to come together to enjoy and celebrate the extraordinary art works produced by our children across the school. More about the success of this evening will be reported as we finalise the funds raised. Our Facebook page has photos of the Art Works for your continued perusal as you determine what merchandise you might like to order for use as gifts or other purposes. Thank You to the staff who helped to organise and run the Art Auction, and to every teacher and teacher aide who worked with their students to help them produce an individual and class art piece that used the skills, interests and artistic expression of that class. Wendy Windley did a great job as the organiser and on the evening the music via our talented Greg and friends and the MC’s Tim and Jeff, added much to the high standard and fun of the evening. We know that through ticket sales and art pieces auctioned we will have cleared $7000 again this year. A very special acknowledgement goes to Anna and Stacey who once again generously sponsored the Art Auction to the amount of $1500. This sponsorship goes to the materials and other resources required to put on the auction. Thank you to the P and C for your support and the supply of the drinks for the evening.

Next term the Junior 1 class and Prep 2 will move into H Block which has now been completed. Classroom 3 in H Block will be allocated to the ECDP which will be all of Liza’s classes. Thank You to the parents of the ECDP who are supporting the move of the ECDP into all the spaces they will now occupy across F and H Block. Thank You to everyone, parents and staff for your patience as this refurbishment program stretched over so many years. We are delighted with the result that provides us with amazing learning spaces and playgrounds for the children of the ECDP and Junior classes of the school. Parents using H Block have parking spaces directly in front of H Block as well as the two disability parking spaces. Parents using G Block and F Block have parent parking between G and F Block and the disability parking spaces near H Block. Students in the school aged programs using school transport will be supervised by staff and transit as a group to and from H Block each morning and afternoon. These children will be greeted as usual in the
transport area, and then be supervised for play in the multi-purpose room until 8:55am when they will be walked up to H Block. Class teachers will be in their rooms as usual to receive children arriving/leaving with their parents.

SAFE DRIVING ON CAMPUS: EVERY AREA IS A VEHICLE PEDESTRIAN SHARED ROUTE
It is a daily occurrence to observe unsafe driving practise on this campus, particularly from parents using the roadway to pick up children during the day or to go to and from the ECPD programs. The internal roads now cut through the school where children, staff and parents from the school and ECDP transit regularly throughout the day. All drivers coming into and leaving the school campus must keep to the required speed limit. To assist in changing the practice of dangerous speed on the campus four speed humps are going to be positioned between the main entrance and the internal road up to the ECDP buildings. To assist in traffic management when children are crossing to and from any of the blocks as a group, the gates leading up to G and F block will be closed. This will be as needed during the school / program hours for short periods, and should not inconvenience parents. Thank you for helping us to keep people and most importantly our students safe at all times.

Have a wonderful holiday and see everyone next term refreshed and ready for a great final term of learning, growing and developing in 2015. We are indeed a wonderful community of learners in partnership here at Nursery Road.
Shauna

From the Deputy Principal

Visit to Parliament House by Joshua Gebbett
Yesterday some of the kids from Nursery Rd went to Parliament House. We walked in through the security gates and we sat in and listened to the Politicians working. There were Police sitting there as well.
We meet Joe Kelly, Kate Jones and Rob Payne and we said hello and shaked hands with them. They talked to us and some students were shy. Joe Kelly showed us around Parliament House.
Thanks you for the kind service that Parliament House gave us. Everyone enjoyed it and were so happy and it was a great opportunity for Nursery Rd students to visit Parliament House.

I had the absolute pleasure of accompanying the students to Parliament House as the guests of our local member Joe Kelly. The students thoroughly enjoyed their visit and excelled themselves in introducing themselves to a number of Politicians, sitting quietly, watching Parliament in session and coming up with some thoughtful questions to ask the Minister for Education.
Happy Birthday Bernadette!
We were blessed by a pleasant and unexpected surprise when Bernadette decided to ask her family and friends to make donations to the school in lieu of presents for her birthday. Bernadette is Hamish in Preps Grandmother and since his arrival the family have become great supporters of the school. Bernadette came in this week to have a birthday morning tea with some of the students and staff and to present a donation to the school of $2800. We would like to sincerely thank Bernadette for her thoughtfulness and express our gratitude for such a selfless act of kindness.

Susan Howell
Acting Deputy Principal

EPO News

Another very busy term draws to a close. Student Council has been very busy with Ekka Day celebrations, the Art Auction and a visit to Parliament House. Congratulations to Team 3 for all your work together.
Thank You to everyone for a great Art Auction! All major class pieces were sold on the night and there have been lots of orders for merchandise. If you were unable to join us on the night you are still able to purchase your students individual piece for $10. Please send in payments to the office and your child’s artwork will be sent home to you.
Wicket is settling in really well and is gradually being introduced into programs across the school.

Some comments from the students using their PODDs after meeting Wicket were:
‘I felt fantastic! I thought Wicket was cute. It was my favourite thing I have done today’ by Tara and ‘I was so excited! I want Wicket to come home to my house for dinner’ by Frazer
Have a great holiday, everyone!

Wendy Windley
Acting EPO
Art Auction
Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?

Every day thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes, and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment. Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P - Positive Parenting Program, offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour. Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P free of charge as part of a University of Queensland research project. Contact Dr Amy Mitchell on (07) 3346 1202 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au or visit https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/11diabetes for more information.

TRIVIA NIGHT

30 October 2015, 7pm
Nursery Road State Special School

Halloween theme
$10 per head
Get a group together or join a table on the night.

Prizes for best-dressed and games.
Beer + Wine + soft drinks + Pizza available for purchase.

Raising funds for electronic school noticeboard
For bookings call Karen at NRSSS on 3308 6333