OPEN DAY
On Tuesday we celebrated Education Week with an Open Day for our school community. The theme for this year’s Education Week was ‘Lighting the Way to a Better World’. We started our day with an assembly and were entertained by both of our dance groups, choir and kindergarten students. Nour Zahr and Ryan Connors in stage three presented speeches about how they feel about education lighting the way to a better world. After our assembly our school community enjoyed morning tea before visiting their children in their classrooms. In classrooms, students and parents enjoyed playing various math games and activities together before everyone moved into the school grounds to play a variety of outdoor math games. It was a fantastic day and wonderful that so many of our school community could share the day with us.

Please have a look on our school website www.stmarysnorth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au to view our videos we have uploaded from Education Week.

‘I got to play a game with my mum and we took some photos together. The best part of the day was spending time together’ Maylanee Anae 2/3A.

‘The best part about open day was being able to go outside and play math games. I really enjoyed playing the friends of ten running game on the grass’ Elicia Nelson 2/3A.

DANCE
This week has been a very busy one for both of our dance groups. Both the junior and senior dance groups performed at our Open Day on Tuesday and then again on Wednesday morning at Westfield, Mt Druitt. Additionally, our junior dance group performed their dance ‘No more Hurting’ at the Minchinbury/Mt Druitt Public Education concert. We sincerely thank our wonderful dancers for their outstanding performances, our kind parents and carers who have arranged to transport our dancers to their various venues and the amazing expertise of Mrs Romiti in guiding the two dance groups to their high level of performance.
THE NED SHOW WAS HERE!
On Wednesday the children were highly entertained by Megan who presented the NED Show. Her amazing yo-yo tricks, magic and storytelling had everyone laughing and cheering with delight. Most importantly, the NED message of: Never give up
Encourage others
Do your best …. won’t soon be forgotten.

To reinforce this message, NED items will be on sale for the next week. A pricelist is attached with this newsletter. Notes and money to purchase NED items should be brought to the office.

YEAR 3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Just a reminder that next week we will be holding our Year 3-6 Carnival at Blair Oval, St Marys. All permission notes need to be returned by next Tuesday. If your child will be walking to Blair Oval, St Marys please ensure they are at School by 8:00am. This is a School day and it is expected that all students in Years 3-6 attend. We can’t wait to see you all there!

K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The K-2 Athletics Carnival will be held at school on Tuesday 5 August from 9:15am to 1.20pm. Parents and friends are warmly invited to join us on the day to cheer on and support our K-2 students. Please bring a chair or rug to sit on. A reminder that P & C have organised a sausage sizzle for the day. All sausages need to be pre-ordered. Orders close on Monday 3 August.

COFFEE & CHAT
Next week we start the Coffee & Chat’s for Term 3. Last term there was a focus on providing information to our parents about our classrooms and how they operate. Many parents were interested in learning about ‘What’s New In Maths’ K-6. What a great way for parents to meet each other and also find ways of supporting their children at the same time. This term we are very pleased to be able to welcome a very well-known citizen of the St Marys community to our Coffee & Chat. Mrs Norma Thorburn used to be the School Admin Officer for many years and has had a long association with our school. In her retirement she spends a lot of time researching information about our St Marys area. She has agreed to come and present this, to our Coffee & Chat. Parents will find her really interesting and entertaining. The Coffee and Chat will be held at the Neighbourhood Centre from 1.30pm on Wednesday 6 August. Everyone welcome!

K-2 ASSEMBLY
Assemblies are held on Tuesdays in the hall, starting at 12:40pm.

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LIFE EDUCATION
In weeks 5 and 6 all students at St Marys North have the opportunity to go to Life Education. The cost of the excursion is $7.00 per student. If you would like your child to attend please return the permission note and money to the office, in an envelope clearly labelled with your child’s name.

P&C NEWS
The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 August 2014 at 9:30am. The meeting will be held in the Connected Classroom.
We are seeking volunteers for the Spring Festival on 6 September 2014 and donations for our upcoming Father’s Day Stall. Please call Lynda on 0448 260 681.
PEER SUPPORT
In this week’s Peer Support session the children will be exploring how to join groups and how to accept others into their friendship group. The activities will give the children a chance to practise these skills, as well as how to say no in a respectful way, cope with being told no and inviting others to join them. Encourage your child to discuss with you the importance of saying no to people in a respectful way so they don’t lose friends or hurt the feelings of others. Also discuss with your child various options they have at school if they should find themselves without anyone to play with during break time.

PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE
We are half way through the Premier’s Sporting Challenge and it is great to see the students at Norths keeping active!

Recipients for the K-2 Premier’s Sporting Challenge Encouragement Award are:
KT - Saige Spaulding
KJ - Levi Kere
KH - Te Tahi Paul
KB - Elizabeth Fenn
1S - Micky Pine
1RW - Troy Vale
1L - Lucy Doole-Dunham
2V - Faith Alderton
2B - Tema Yates
2/3A Year 2 - Jordyn Duffy

Recipients for the 3-6 Premier’s Sporting Challenge Encouragement Award are:
2/3A Year 3 - Aaron Spiteri
3P - Nathan Boulter
3R - Hussein Moslimani
3/4W - Breanna Niven
4D - Kai-isha Nicholson
4/5A - Nicholas Mann
5P - Antonio Namoli
6B - Hayley Vaughn
6R - Jessica Humphries

PLAYGROUND AWARDS – Week 3

Wear a hat.

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VALUE AWARDS - Week 3

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Don't miss the K-2 Sports Carnival

Date: Tuesday
5th August
Time: 9.30am to 1:20pm
Place: Grassed Area

Don't forget to place your order for the sausage sizzle.
Wear your house colours.
Parents are welcome.
Please bring a chair or rug to sit on.

Keep NED's message in motion with these fun products!

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