DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
At last, we were able to compete at the District Athletics Carnival! This year all events were crammed into one day and many of our students had a very busy day. As usual, St Marys North students completed their events with huge grins. It was so lovely to see the sense of pride amongst our students. A massive thank you must go to all of our wonderful supporters. The quality of the athletes competing was outstanding. To date we have three children who have qualified for Region. Samantha Braid won the 9yrs 100m. Pacey Spaulding finished 2nd in the 100m and Ronald David came 2nd in the 800m and 3rd in the 100m. Kryzjhynn Guevara finished 3rd in the 800m and is a reserve. Congratulations and well done, District Athletics Team! We also wish to thank Mrs Archer for her great photographs.
ROoby Roo

The Rooby Roo Reading Veranda has been out of action for several weeks now due to the new windows being installed in that block, but next week in Week 9, Tuesday 9 September, we are going to have a very special visitor reading to us and a visit from our very good friend … ROoby Roo! The Penrith City Mayor will be visiting and reading some lovely new stories. He has been waiting until the veranda is ready to go so he can share in our reading morning. SO, be ready next Tuesday for a really special time and let's make the Mayor and Rooby really welcome to our school!!

Chess

Two weeks ago, four clever students from North’s went along to Baulkham Hills North Public School to participate in the Regional Chess Semi Finals. They played several games over the day and made our school very proud. The students represented our school extremely well, demonstrated by wearing full school uniform and being on their best behaviour. We thank the parents who enabled their children to experience this event. Our school finished the Competition in 8th place which is a good result and we look forward to more competitions!

RU OK? and KIDSMATTER

On Thursday 11 September (Week 9) we will be holding the next fundraising activity for our KIDSMATTER program. We will be having another Cake Stall. Our last cake stall in 2013 was so very successful and was enjoyed by all the parents, carers, staff and children involved. The donations of cakes were overwhelming! Again, donations of cakes, slices, biscuits etc. will be gratefully accepted. As the theme for the stall will be based on the RU OK? concept, we suggest that the cakes, cupcakes, cake pops, iced biscuits could be baked with this theme in mind and decorated accordingly. The RU OK? concept has the colour yellow for its recognition. All donations will be sold at 50c a piece during recess and lunchtime. The cakes can be sent to the Learning and Support area next to Miss Bishop’s (6B) room on the day, please. Happy baking!

K-2 ASSEMBLY

Assemblies are held on Tuesdays in the hall, starting at 12:40pm.
Term 3 Week 10-KH Term 4 Week 2-KB

WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW

World of Maths Roadshow is visiting our school. This is an opportunity for students to see how Maths is applied in some real life situations. Students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams, and various Maths concepts. Session will be highly engaging, showing children that Maths can be fun!

We have limited places available in each session week one term 4, Friday 10th October, in the school hall:
Years 2-3 Years 4-6 [who are not attending stage 3 camp]
Cost: $5.00 Places will be filled on a first come, first served basis. When places are filled we will take a reserve list. Parents are able to attend, especially with years 2-3, at no cost.
### PENRITH REGIONAL GALLERY
#### HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

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For further information contact the gallery on 4735 1100
Penrith Regional Gallery, 86 River Road, Emu Plains

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### PLAYGROUND AWARDS – Week 8

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### KIDS MATTER

#### VALUE AWARDS - Week 8

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### Principal's Awards

Kyra Vaughn
Matthew Christensen
Lydia Alderton
During National Literacy and Numeracy Week students at St Marys North PS celebrated by participating in various Literacy and Numeracy activities in our classrooms.

All classes read *Sunday Chutney* by Aaron Blabey with students across Australia for this year's 'Read for Australia' book.

2/3A enjoyed reading the story and completing activities.

1C enjoyed listening to the story on the IWB.

1S shared the story with their shoulder partners on the floor.

Cody in 3R, reads the story to his class.

2V Read the story and wrote about the main character.

KH practised how to make new friends and discussed their favourite part of the story. 'My favourite part of the book Sunday Chutney was when she imagined new friends'

by Jaydaleah KH
4D and 3/4W enjoyed creating their character profiles of Sunday Chutney and then writing about the book.

Students were encouraged to put a 'Poem in Your Pocket'. Students explored poetry during the week. 1L identified rhyme in poems and 2B looked at rhyming couplets. 6R read the poem 'Twilight Tides' and interpreted the imagery of the poem to create fabulous illustrations.

This year the Numeracy 'Reach for the Stars' activity was all about drinking water.

Students from 5P, 6B and 6R investigated the following questions:
- What is the major source of drinking water in our school?
- How many water bottles does our class have?
- How many of each type and what is the capacity?
- Is there any water other than in water bottles in our classrooms or in the school?
- Excluding water bottles, how many metres away is the nearest drinking water from our classroom doorway?

Some other Literacy and Numeracy Activities

- 6B participated in problem solving activities and writing a persuasive text to try and win the helmet from the CARES program.
- 3P were faced with a chocolate problem. They had to choose the best table to sit at, and then investigate if they had chosen wisely.
- Kindergarten enjoyed writing a recount about their day at the farm.

As with every week at St Marys North PS, it was a wonderful week of learning.
Sunday Chutney by 4D

Sunday Chutney has a very wide smile. Her eyes are looking at the reader. There are many close ups of Sunday Chutney in this book. She is very weird. The school buildings are enormous compared to her. Boys smell to Sunday Chutney and they probably like her. The purpose of this book is to entertain people. The audience is everyone and the writer is Aaron Blabey.  By Indica Brown

Sunday Chutney has a beautiful smile. Her vectors are looking straight at you! She’s a bit unusual. The school is huge and she is small by contrast. There are snapshots about Sunday Chutney showing her doing fantastic activities. The reader is zoomed in and looks at the main character on most pages. She thinks boys stink and that they probably love her! I think it is a wonderful book. The purpose of the book is to entertain. The audience is primary school kids.  By Leroy Brown

Sunday Chutney is a very happy girl. There are lots of shots of her. Her eyes look right at the character. She is a very unusual girl, but what I don’t like about her is she says that boys smell. And the secret that I know is that she really, really likes her optometrist. The purpose of this book is to entertain kids to read. So kids say ‘Hey that is a good book!’ The writer of this book is Aaron Blabey and the theme of this book is to be resilient and confident and happy. Happy being you. Sunday Chutney has very long hair and her hair is curly. She has short legs. The secret that I now is that she really likes her optometrist and that is cheeky.  By Josh Small

Sunday Chutney has a very wide smile on her face and her vectors are looking straight at you. Sunday Chutney said in the story that she feels a bit lonely sometimes. She is very happy and she thinks that boys smell, but the boys in my class don’t agree. But I agree with Sunday Chutney. Sunday Chutney loves soccer, loves her life and she loves her optometrist. One thing that she hates is moving because she always has to start at a new school and she is always the new kid. Everybody always thinks that the new kid is a bit weird. But she loves travelling because she enjoys looking at everything like the Harbour Bridge. I like Sunday Chutney because she is nice and friendly. She loves her life like me. The purpose of this book is to entertain middle aged primary kids. The theme is to be resilient.  By Kai-sha Nicholson
Gake Stall

Thursday 11 September
50 cents each

*Parents could you please support our cake stall by making donations of cakes, slices and biscuits*

Thank you for your support.

Asking R U OK?
You've got what it takes

If your gut says something’s not quite right with someone, chances are that they might need a bit of extra support from the people around them. They might be acting a bit differently, seem to have a lot on their plate, or simply aren’t themselves. Don’t ignore those signs but instead take some time to start a conversation.

Asking this question doesn't mean you have to have all the answers if the person you’re worried about says “no”. It’s not about being an expert. It’s about following some simple, caring steps.

Read more on the RU OK? website.
North St Marys Community OOSH
Sept/Oct Vacation Care Program 2014

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Friday Oct 3 - Pyjama Party Day
Building forts, girls vs boys comps,
making popcorn and a more

TUESDAY OCT 7
INCURSION
REPTILE SHOW
SNAKES, LIZARDS, FROGS
AND MORE
EXTRA COST $10 PP

Contact NSMCOOSH to make a booking
and receive an information pack.
NSMCOOSH operates out of the North
St Marys Childrens Centre on Oak St,
North St Marys.

Cost is $50.00 per day, plus
excursion costs.
50% government rebate is
available.

MONDAY 29 SEPT - MAD
SCIENTIST DAY
FUN AND MESSY SCIENCE
EXPERIMENTS.
BRING AN OLD PAINT SHIRT.

TUESDAY SEPT 23 - MINI CHEF
COOKING DAY
SPEND THE DAY COOKING AND
PLAYING, AND THEN DEVOURING
ALL YOUR CREATIONS AT AN
AFTERNOON BANQUET

Wednesday 24 Sept - Excursion to
Calmsley Hill City Farm - ride a
tractor, milk a cow, crack a whip
Extra cost for excursion $15.00 pp

Thursday 25 Sept - Fancy Dress Party
Come dressed as your favourite super hero,
sports star or movie character. Every child
will be given a prize.

FRIDAY 26 SEPT -
CARTOONING WORKSHOP
COME READY TO LEARN HOW
TO CREATE YOUR VERY OWN
CARTOON WITH TOONCREATIONS

Tuesday Sept 30 - Excursion to
Laser tag and Bowling in Penrith.
Extra cost for excursion $15.00 pp

WEDNESDAY OCT 1
CHOCOLATE FUN DAY
GAMES, COOKING, CRAFT
AND PLAY, ALL WITH
CHOCOLATE!

Monday Sept 22 - Messy Games Day.
Fun with slime, custard,
chocolate and more. Bring a
change of clothes or a towel.

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2  Driving near school buses

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children.

This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear wig wag lights on the bus flash.

Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.

As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus are flashing, you must slow down to 40 km/h.

Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.

For information about fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

3  On and off the bus safely

Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. You can reduce this risk.

Meet your child (or arrange for another trusted adult to meet your child) AT the bus stop, NEVER on the opposite side of the road.

Wait until the bus has been driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your children.

STOP! One step back from the kerb.

LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right again.

LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK! Whether it is safe to cross.

Teach your children to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.

While waiting at the bus stop, stand well away from the passing traffic. Never wait right at the kerb.

Remind your children that when a bus is fitted with seatbelts, they must buckle up.

Until they turn ten, hold hands with your child as you cross the road.

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
Key points to remember around schools

4 Hold your child’s hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath.
- in the car park.
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

5 Helmet and safety on wheels

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law.

Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ procedure.

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