Monday, 11th August, 2014
Term 3 Week 5:

QUESTACON VISIT:
Tomorrow the students will be participating in science activities presented by Questacon between 2-3pm. There is no cost incurred for this visit as the school is covering the cost. Parents are welcome to attend.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE:
There are only 2 weeks left for students to complete the Reading Challenge. Completed reading logs are due on Monday 25th August so the records can be finalised online. Congratulations to Cody Vassallo who now joins Lucas Carr, Saffron Strickland and William Pope in completing the Challenge. A reminder that students can bring in their reading logs on Wednesdays and Mrs Psilos will update their reading records on the computer.

BOOK WEEK:
Book Week will be celebrated at our school on Wednesday 27th August (Week 7 of this term). A detailed note will be sent home shortly.

AUTHOR VISIT:
On Thursday 4th September, the students will be travelling to Horsley Park PS to see a presentation by famous author and illustrator Craig Smith. A note will be sent home regarding information for this excursion.

READING HOUR:
Next Tuesday across Australia the Reading Hour will be celebrated. Simply share a book with your child for one hour and give them the gift of reading. For more information visit: http://www.love2read.org.au/
On Wednesday, 30th July, students and parents celebrated Education Week here at our school. The day commenced with parents visiting the classrooms and participating in activities with their children. This was then followed by sporting activities and later an assembly, where awards were distributed to the students.

During week two and three of this term the students harvested the fruit from the school orchard with a total of 432 pieces of fruit being collected. The students then used this data to record their results in a variety of graphs such as picture graphs, column graphs, bar graphs, dot graphs and pie graphs. The students also learnt how to use computer spreadsheets and produced computer-generated graphs.
A PASSPORT TO READING:

Jackie French is the Australian Children’s Laureate and author of over 140 books as well as being a passionate reader, writer and ideas generator.

Below is an extract from The Childrens’ Book Council of Australia; NSW Branch.

1. A Passport to Reading: Kids need more than dedicated teachers to discover the joy and power of books. Often parents are tired and overworked or may also not know how to even begin sharing books with their kids. So this is a passport for parents – a Passport to Reading to help connect families through reading based on some of the suggestions below. Parents can tick each box when the activity is completed over the month.

   **A Passport to Reading**
   - Every night: read a story at bedtime. (28 boxes to tick)
   - Every dinner time: ask your kids what they’re reading, and why they like it, or suggest ways they might find a book they like more. (28 boxes)
   - Once a week: share a household chore like unpacking the dishwasher or tidying the bedroom – one person works while someone reads to them. (4 boxes)
   - Once a week: visit the library together and hunt for books you might like to read. (You don’t have to read them all!) (4 boxes)
   - Every weekend: share what you’re reading with your kids. Share an item in a newspaper or magazine, or a text from a friend, or an online article. (4 boxes)
   - Every weekend: find a new way to share a book or poem or a story. Get Grandma to Skype reading a story. Blu-tak up a poem in the loo. Read the dog a bedtime story. Tell the kids a funny story about your childhood, or even their grandparents. (4 boxes)
   - Every week: lend a family friend a book you love. (4 boxes)
   - Every month: give a book (a second hand one you no longer want, or a new one) to a charity or school or library. (1 box) This one should be optional.

Creepy Crawly Zoo Visit 1.8. 14

On Friday 1st August, our school hosted a visit by the Creepy Crawly Zoo in the school hall. Here the K/6 students saw a variety of insects and learnt all about their special features. They particularly enjoyed the hands on section, where they held some of these creepy crawlies with even a few squeamish moments.

At the conclusion of the presentation the presenters and students headed out to the school orchard and looked for insects themselves only to discover that there were indeed many living in the fruit trees. These insects were then collected and identified.

The students thoroughly enjoyed learning all about these insects and spiders.
INVITATION TO A REUNION

FORMER STUDENTS & TEACHERS DURING 1950’s & 1960’s
KEMPS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL
BADGERYS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS
SINCE THE OPENING OF THE WEATHERBOARD CLASSROOMS OCTOBER 1954
&
THE ‘JOHNSON ERA’ FEBRUARY 1954

VENUE: PENRITH PANTHERS – SQUIRES OUTDOOR TERRACE.
123 Mulgoa Road, Penrith.

DATE: Saturday 18th October 2014

TIME: 2PM onwards – Informal get together catching up with old friends
Afternoon Tea / Drinks. Club meals available from various
restaurants within the club. Steak, Seafood, Asian, Pizza, Brasserie.

Were you a student at Kemp’s Creek or Badgerys Creek Public Schools during the 1950’s & 1960’s?
Did you have a brother or sister attending the schools during the 1950’s & 1960’s?
If the answer to one or both questions is YES, please come along.

To Register your interest in attending, Contact Guy (Weidner) Smith. Phone (02) 47398127 email
guysmith2@bigpond.com YOU NEED TO REGISTER TO ATTEND.
RSVP – ASAP. Numbers need to be finalised by 20 August.