Welcome to the 2013 School Year!

Welcome to 2013. It is going to be an exciting year with lots of interesting learning planned. We will continue our journey toward Nicho Vision 2012+.

Classes 2013

This year we have 7 stage based classes.

Early Stage 1
- KN - Miss Lucy Norrish
- KK - Mrs Bec Kelly

Stage 1
- 1/2P - Mrs Suzanne Payne
- 1/2G - Mrs Martha Garven

Stage 2
- 3/4C - Ms Bianca Carson
- 3/4M - Ms Julie Miller

Stage 3
- 5/6H - Mr Robert Haigh

Our Learning Support Officers for 2013 are:
- Ms Sue Frances
- Ms Helen Primorano
- Ms Helen Fenton

Ms Megan Etienne will also be returning 2 days/week and will fill the role of a literacy specialist across K-6.

Focus on Reading

At the beginning of this year all Nicho teachers embarked on the Focus on Reading (FoR) journey. FoR is a professional learning program for classroom teachers that focuses explicitly on teaching reading. The outcome of this program is to equip students with the strategies needed to meet the changing demands of texts, as they move through the primary years of schooling.

It is an out of school hours intensive year long professional learning program.

Dates

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Nicho Vision 2012+

literate, creative, culturally aware and socially conscious young adults and ready global citizens
MANDARIN

Students K-6 will be participating in Mandarin language classes each week. **Mr Scott Smith** will be teaching these classes. Mr Smith is a fluent Mandarin speaker and comes to us having previously worked as a Project Officer with the Department of Education and Communities on the Expanding Horizons with Asia Project, supporting and promoting Asia Literacy in Sydney Region schools.

The introduction of these classes is extremely exciting for Nicho students. Not only will students be privy to the benefits of learning a second language but the introduction of Mandarin classes takes us a few steps closer towards our goal of preparing students as ready global citizens.


**PDHPE**

After collating parent feedback from the 2012 PDHPE survey Mr Haigh has been busy organising a rich program for students.

Students K-6 will be involved in a specialist **Gymnastics** program this term. With a half hour program for each class running each Tuesday beginning in week 4.

Students 3-6 will be able to compete in team sport through a local schools’ PSSA comp beginning week 4.

More details regarding these programs are to follow.

**DRAMA/MUSIC**

Mr Paul Cullen will be taking Drama and Music classes each week. He will be working with the Music and Drama components of the NSW Syllabus: Creative and Practical Arts. All students will be involved in these lessons each week.

**CREATIVE ARTS**

At the end of last year teachers were involved in professional learning at the Art Gallery of NSW. This will now be transferred into practice in the classroom ... so watch the walls for the outcome.

**MUSIC NEWS**

Band conductors and tutors are currently being organised. Stay tuned for more information shortly.

Choir and recorder groups will also take place this term.

LIBRARY NEWS

In library this term students will be learning about visual literacy engaging with traditional and multimodal texts. Students will then transfer this learning to their own films which will be screened at term two’s Nicho Flicko Festival.

**STAGE NEWSLETTERS**

Stage Newsletters will be making their way to parents this coming week. These newsletters outline the focus of learning for each stage for this term and detail individual class routines and timetables.

**ONLINE PRESENCE**

The School Website is continually being updated so please make sure you drop by regularly - [www.nicholson-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.nicholson-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

The principal's blog can be found at - [www.det.nsw.edu.au/blog/42316-longlivelearning](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/blog/42316-longlivelearning)

Our Vimeo station is: [http://vimeo.com/channels/385808](http://vimeo.com/channels/385808)

**P&C**

The next P&C meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th February at 7:30 in the staff room.

**NICHOLSON FICKO!**

Put May 18th 2013 in your calendars and iPhone reminders now, Nicho is hosting its first Film Festival and family movie night.

Please contact Jennifer Smart [jennifersmart10@gmail.com](mailto:jennifersmart10@gmail.com) if you want to lend a hand.

**SYDNEY REGION ARTS DANCE CAMP**

Sydney Region Arts is having their first non-residential dance camp early this term with an added element, at this camp the students can nominate to stay back and audition for the Sydney Region Dance Ensemble. The Dance Camp is aimed at students in years 4-6.

Applications are online and close next Thursday 7 February 2013. All of the information and the application form can be found at [www.sydneyregionarts.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sydneyregionarts.nsw.edu.au)
**AWESOME WEBSITE**

We Give Books is a beautiful website which contains a collection of Penguin published books which you can read online with your children. There are many fiction and non fiction texts. You need to sign up and it is free. Do it! you will be amazed.

The url is [http://www.wegivebooks.org/](http://www.wegivebooks.org/)

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**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS**

The Nicho bank is open every Friday before school (8:45-9:15) to receive deposits. Look for us outside the Library or inside if weather is bad.

The school bank has been open since September 2012, the parent volunteer school banking coordinators have taken over 300 deposits, banking over $2,000 so we are off to a strong start.

Many of our consistent bankers have made 10 or more deposits and have earned their first gold tokens. Gold tokens are exchangeable for banking prizes and can either be used to redeem prizes or saved until a coveted prize becomes available. 2013 has seen the release of some new prizes, currently gold token holders can choose between Dollarmites money boxes, a wallet, handball and a knuckle game.

We currently have 45 consistent savers with 10 others we’d love to see again soon. Nicho bankers represent over a third of the school. We expect to see numbers increase with new Kindies taking part this year too.

A big thank you to all Nicho’s bankers. By banking at the Nicho bank you earn great interest on your savings but you also raise money for the school. So far CBA has paid the school a commission of $384.55.

| Quarter | Deposit No. | Raw Deposit | No. Over $200 | Comm Deposit Value* | Deposit Comm# | Activated Accounts | Activated Account Comm# | Total Commission  
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There will be account opening days the week after next. Look out for an email reminder if you’re interested in opening an account and see the flyer attached to this newsletter for further information.

In 2012 Kindergarten Allen made the highest number of Deposits, Congratulations!! It will be interesting to see if the 1/2S can hold their title or if another class will win this award in 2013.

From the School Banking Parent Organisers
School Banking for Nicholson Street Students

Our School currently participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. It’s a great way to give your child a financial head start in life by helping them learn good money management and the importance of saving.

What is School Banking?
School Banking is a program designed to help your child develop strong financial literacy skills for the future. With the help of the School Banking Co-ordinators, children can start saving regularly through the school and best of all, the program makes saving fun with an exciting Rewards Program that encourages regular participation.

Encouraging good saving habits
School Banking gives children hands-on experience at handling money and seeing it grow. The program helps them develop the knowledge, independence and confidence they need to manage their finances successfully as they get older.

Earning fun rewards
Every time your child makes a deposit through the School Banking program, regardless of how much, they will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once they have saved 10 tokens they can swap them for fun Dollarmites rewards. There is a great range of rewards including Money Boxes, Calculators, Handballs, Torches and Wallets.

Benefits to our school
When your child completes their first deposit at school on Banking Day, our school receives $5.00 commission. A further 5% commission will be paid on all deposits made at the school. It is a great way for our school to raise funds while your child learns all the important lessons of saving money on a regular basis.

How does your child get involved?
In order to participate in the School Banking program, your child will need a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account.

- Our CBA School Banking Specialist will be at school Thursday 14th February 8.30 to 9.30 & 2.30 to 3 pm and again Friday 15th 8.30 to 9.30 am to open new accounts for you. *No identification is required for your child however if the parent/caregiver is not a Commonwealth Bank customer photo identification is required.*
- If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver/Dollarmite account, they can continue to use this account for School Banking. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

Our School Banking Day is every Friday (before school, outside the Library). Please send along your child’s “yellow deposit book” on banking day and they will receive their very first token and be on their way to their very first REWARD item.

Our School Banking Coordinator is: Jane Morgan
Join your local club and be part of the greatest game of all.

Leichhardt Wanderers Junior Rugby League Club is currently looking for players to join the Club for our 2013 season in the Balmain District, teams start from under 6's to A Grade, so if you are interested in playing Rugby league and joining this great Club then contact the club on the following details:

Contact David Foster @ david.foster1@optusnet.com.au for further information

Registration will be held on Sunday the 3rd & 10th of February 2013 at Blackmore Oval, Canal Road Leichhardt (off Darley), from 9 am till 12 noon. Registration fees include a jersey, shorts, socks and NRL game pass.

New players need to bring down proof of age (birth certificate or passport). Under 6’s - free, 7’s to 17’s - $70, 18’s to A Grade $150, family discounts available.

www.leichhardtwanderers.org.au
A place to call home
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Messages from Overseas
Marc from Switzerland: "I want to meet the famous, friendly, Australians."
Domiziana from Italy: "I have always been fascinated with Australia. It’s like love at first sight."
Louis from Belgium: "It is my dream to live at the other end of the world!"

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

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Open your home and hearts to an international exchange student!
It’s easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!