We have an amazing school and this has never been more evident than during this time of year. Congratulations to Year 6, Mr Warren and Mr Pickworth for an amazing Gala Day that was held last Wednesday. There were smiles on everyone’s faces as they enjoyed the activities offered by the enterprising Year 6 students and their Year 5 assistants. It was a fabulous, well-organised day that was certainly a highlight for a lot of the students.

Our staff have been engaging in professional learning as we get ready to implement a new English syllabus for next year. This new syllabus has a change in teaching more in line with 21st Century learning and current technologies. More information will be available early next year.

We have had reports of students riding their bikes without wearing helmets. Helmets are required to be worn by law. If your child is riding a bike it is essential that they wear a helmet on their head properly fastened. If your child is riding a bike to and from school without a helmet, they will lose that privilege.

We also had an unfortunate incident in the school car park last week with a teacher’s car damaged by another car in the car park. It appears as though another car has reversed into one of our teacher’s cars and drove away leaving no note or contacting the office. This is exceptionally disappointing. If you happened to see this incident, please contact the office.

I’d like to thank the wonderful staff from our Before and After School Care Centre. They do an amazing job caring for our students and providing safe, fun activities for them to do. They have also been helping out our school by doing some gardening around the infants courtyard. They have been
removing some plants that are becoming overgrown ready to plant some new plants early next year. Thank you to Jeanne and her staff for their assistance to our school.

It’s hard to believe that there is less than three weeks left at school for this year. As usual, we are going out with a bang. Please make sure that you have noted our end of year activities. The Year 6 farewell will be on Wednesday 11th December, Presentation Day 13th December and Luna Park Fun Day for Years 4 – 6 on Monday 16th December. Please note that the final day for payment for Luna Park is Monday 9th December.

Good luck to our leadership candidates for 2014. The voting took place today with the Captains and Vice Captains announced at our Presentation Day Ceremony. All of the nominated students have behaved impeccably throughout the campaign period and have rightfully deserved their nominations.

Our amazing Parents and Citizens Committee work tirelessly to raise money for our school to benefit all of the students. Last week raffle tickets went home along with a note asking for donations to make up prizes for the final fundraising effort for the year. Please remember to send into school a donation for the prizes and to sell your raffle tickets. More tickets are available at the front office if you would like to buy or sell more. Thank you for your support as the P and C have supported our school with additional resources, which are only available to your children through the money that they raise.

If you would like to help out in our excellent classrooms next year as a parent volunteer there will be some changes to the ‘Working with Children’ requirements. Working With Children Check is a prerequisite for anyone in child-related work. It involves a national criminal history check and review of findings of workplace misconduct and is being phased in over the next few year.

The result of a Working With Children Check is either a clearance to work with children for five years, or a bar against working with children. Cleared applicants are subject to ongoing monitoring, and relevant new records may lead to the clearance being revoked.

The Check is fully portable which means it can be used for any paid or unpaid child-related work in NSW for as long as the worker remains cleared.

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**2013 Year Book Order Form**

Please return this order form along with your payment to the office.

Childs Name: ..........................................................

Class: ..........................................................

I would like to order copies of the 2013 School Year Book at a cost of $10.00 each. Year 6 will be presented with a copy at the end of the year.

I have enclosed $ ................................................ to cover the cost.

Signed: ................................................... (Parent/Guardian)
The new working with children check is done online through the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian. Visit www.kids.nsw.gov.au for more information and to apply online. The website explains the requirements for the check in more detail. Once the check is complete, you will be provided with a clearance number. Once you obtain this number, please provide it to the office for our records. This is especially important if you are not a current volunteer. If you have any further questions, please speak with Mrs Formosa in the office.

Finally, we are looking at class numbers and classes for next year. Please advise the school if you know your child won't be returning next year or if your child will be arriving back to school later than Wednesday the 29th January 2014. This will help us as we plan classes for next year.

Thank you, Belinda Reedman

Kindergarten Transition

Congratulations to all the children and their parents who have attended our kindergarten transition sessions over the last few weeks. There was lots of confidence from the children and they showed their eagerness to participate in the activities. We look forward to seeing you all in 2014!

Kindergarten Team, Kristy Nott
Assistant Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students on receiving their awards.

Principal’s Award: Surabhi Sarah, David, Oliver, Riyala, Cody, Kana, Eli, Stephanie, Mikayla, Matilda, Thomas, Chelsea, Wayde, Julianna, Chlarence, Michael, Tyrell, Ellaison, Alfiya, Caliche, Chealse, Mayher, D’Lynda, Coby, Cornelius, Neelan, Sammy, Connor, Alex, Idiris, Miguel, Navtej, Jack

Honour Badge: David, Riyala, Cody, Mikayla, Thomas, Julianna, Chlarence, Michael.

Library News

Our fabulous school has many resources. One of our best resources is our library. At the end of each year we need to complete a stocktake to ensure that our books are available so that all children can enjoy them. Please start searching for any library books and return them to school next week. The children have been told that they can keep their books for the rest of this week. All borrowing will also stop from this week.
P&C Christmas Hamper Raffle,

It's our final fundraiser for the year, a Christmas Raffle. Could you please support this by bringing in items for our hampers. Each class has been allocated a theme for the donations.

Raffle tickets have been sent home. Tickets will be $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00. The whole book is $10.00

There are 9 hampers to be won. The raffle will be drawn on Presentation Day, Friday 13th December.

Please return your money and raffle stubs to the office with your child's name and class on them.

Thank you for your continued support.

The P&C Committee

Pancake Day

Wednesday 18 December 2013

3 for $1.00

Maple Syrup & Cream Included

I wish to order ............... pancakes @ 3 for $1.00.

Student's Name: ........................................

Class: ..................................................

I have enclosed $ ........................................

to cover the cost.

Please detach this order slip and return it to the office with your payment.

Dance Expression Studio Open Day

Saturday 11 January 2014

10:00am – 11:00am Jazz

11:00am – 12:30pm Hip Hop

12:30pm – 1:30pm Lunch

1:30pm – 3:30pm Hip Hop

3:30pm – 4:30pm Singing

Classes on this day are suitable for 5 yrs & up

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