Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Parent / teacher meetings** – Many thanks to all parents and carers who attended our parent teacher information sessions. I hope that you found them useful. Overall the attendance was very good – showing great support for our students and their learning. Further opportunities will be made available to parents and carers to speak with teachers on an individual level throughout the year. However you are always welcome to make an appointment through the office should there be something that you would like to discuss with your child’s teacher in the meantime.

**School swimming carnival** - The school swimming carnival was held today at Toukley pool – congratulations to all our students who competed on their fine efforts. This year, only students who are able to swim 50 metres were invited to attend as the purpose of the carnival is to identify competitors suitable for further competing within the Zone, Region and beyond. As great as it is for students to encourage their peers, it can also be very boring for them sitting in the grand stand all day. Therefore arrangements have been made to have a water fun day on Friday 21st March for all students.

**School improvements** – A meeting was held last week with a representative from the Department of Education and Communities regarding the condition of the fascia boards and paint on school buildings. Plans are being made for the school to be repainted before the end of June and further maintenance and beautification will occur from June to December.

Late last year, the P&C was successful in securing two NSW Government Community Building Partnership grants with a combined total worth of $20,365. This money will go towards the erection of a bus shelter/outdoor learning area and a new LED school sign as mentioned in last week’s newsletter. Tenders are currently being considered. Thank you to the P&C for their great efforts in this endeavour.

**Fixed playground equipment** – Both play areas will be reopened on Monday with one being assigned to students in K-3 classes and the other to students in Years 3-6. Each class has a scheduled time to use the play areas each week. The areas will be supervised for recess and lunch play times only. Parents are reminded that for safety reasons these areas are out of bounds to all children before and after school.

**Voluntary school contributions** – Thanks again for the prompt payments that have been receipted to date. Remember that these contributions will cover classroom items and student subscriptions to Mathletics and Reading Eggs (there will not be additional fees for these computer programs). The children will benefit directly from these contributions.

Jesmond Zammit
Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 1, 2014

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KINDERGARTEN NEWS- SUPERVISOR – KIM LANSDOWNE

Thank you to the families that have donated supplies to their child’s classroom, it is very much appreciated.

We still have a lot of lost property. Please ensure all of your child’s belongings are labelled.

Class Awards:  
KH - Jessie  
KL - Jorjah, Benjamin  
KS - Maddison, Tyronne

STAGE 1 NEWS - SUPERVISOR - CATHIE BEHRINGER

Thank you to all the parents who were able to come to our information session last week. If you had prior commitments your child should have received an information note. Please do not hesitate to talk to the teachers if you are unsure about anything.

Year 1 Sports day will be on Wednesday afternoons and Year 2 Sport will be held on a Thursday afternoon.

Please do not forget to pack some fruit or vegie sticks into your child’s bag each day as we have a set time for fruit break.

We had our first ‘Grade Gathering’ on Friday and it was lovely to see the students get together and participate in encouraging others in their learning.

It would be appreciated if you could ensure your child brings a pencil to school every day.

Awards Week 4:  
1/2T - Lachie Edwards and Maddison Wilson  
1B - Hayden, Lara  
1C - Dyrius, Mitchell  
K/1H - Megan  
1SA - Michelle, Braydon

Awards Week 3:  
2G - Tayla, Frazer  
2F - Massyn, Soph  
2V - Ezra, Sean

Awards Week 4:  
2G - Sharlotte, Zac  
2F - Tanaeyah, Scarlet  
2V - Xavier, Emma  
1/2T - Nixon, Rachelle

STAGE 2 NEWS - SUPERVISOR - BELYNDA GRUDEN

Meet & greet - Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our Meet & Greet last week. It was great to see so many people attending this session. We hope you found this session helpful and are looking forward to a great year working together.
**Text books** - Please make sure you have purchased your child’s text books from the front office. We have begun using these books in class and it makes it very hard if all students do not have them.

Year 3 students require a spelling and a maths textbook which can be purchased for $25 or $20 with Student Assistance form.

Year 4 students require a maths textbook which can be purchased for $20 or $15 with Student Assistance form.

**Sport** - Stage 2 sport will be on Mondays at 11.30am. If your child would like to do tennis this term, please return the note and payment as soon as possible.

**Headphones** - We are asking parents/carers to purchase their child a pair of headphones so they can be used during class when we are using the ipads and during computers. The headphones will remain the property of your child and will be kept safely at school. As you can imagine, 30 ipads all with the sound going can become very distracting.

**Awards:**

- **3G:** Fallon L, Christopher T
- **3M:** Anabel G, Britney P
- **3/4B:** Shianne M, Braiden C
- **4H:** Caitlin M, Chastity H
- **4C:** Mackenzie H, Brett W

**STAGE 3 NEWS- Year 5 & 6 SUPERVISOR – CHARLIE CORLETT**

Stage 3 Sports will take place every Monday afternoon. Please remind your child to wear correct sports shoes and uniform on Mondays, including a hat.

Our Stage 3 Ipads are back in use and your children are already producing high quality work by utilising this fantastic resource. If possible, could children be provided with a set of headphones to wear when working on the Ipads and computers as lots of programmes and apps used incorporate sound. Children are responsible for their headphones whilst at school so please label them.

Year 6 Expression of Interest for Placement in a NSW government school in 2015 need to be returned as soon as possible.

Please send in a box of tissues and kitchen paper towel with your child for our classroom supplies.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**CANTEEN ROSTER 2014 – Week 5 Term 1**

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**Fruit & vegie Friday** - This term’s Fruit & Vegie Day will be held on Friday 7th March, 2014. Menu for this day will be advertised outside the canteen. Lunch orders will be as normal.

**P & C NEWS**

**P&C Annual General Meeting** - This year's P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 3rd March, 2014 at 3.10pm in the SAC Centre. At this meeting all members holding executive positions step down and the positions are then up for nomination.
Anyone who is interested in holding an executive position or wish to nominate someone for an executive position nomination forms are available from the office foyer. Nomination forms should be returned to Mr Zammit (Principal) by Friday 28th February, 2014.

**Book Club** - Orders for Scholastic Issue 1 have been processed and books should be returned to the children next week.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

![Community Centre Logo]

There are still vacancies in our **Being a Dad parenting program**. This program help fathers be better parents and gain skills to build closer relationships with their children. This program makes good Dad’s great, facilitated by a trained, and local Dad.

Tuesday 11th March, 18th March, 25th March 9:30am-12:30pm.

**Playgroup** runs every Wednesday morning 10-12 noon. Come along and meet other local families, play, sing, read a story and do a painting. It’s free, and a healthy morning tea is provided. New families are always welcome.

Further information please contact Lynda on 0467 760 712 or drop into the Schools as community Centre.