2013 YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING:
As a result of last year’s Year 6 fundraising efforts, we have been able to purchase three tablets, which are to be used within the classroom. Thank you Year 6!

BADGERYS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL PHONE APP:
Our school now has a mobile phone app. Visit the Apple store and download the Badgers Creek Public School App. Once downloaded you will need to log in using the following: user name - community; password - badgersckps to be able to view important information and our calendar.

PIZZA LUNCH:
This Friday, the students will be making pizzas for lunch as part of their literacy program. The cost is $5 for ingredients etc. Please return notes and money to the Office.

WACKY WEDNESDAY HAIR DAY:
Next Wednesday our school will be raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation by holding a Wacky Wednesday Hair Day. The students can either come to school with a wacky hair design or have their hair styled at school for the cost of a gold coin. Hair styling at school will commence at 8:30.

SWIMMING LESSONS:
Recently the Yrs 2-6 students participated in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program at Warragamba Pool. The students were complimented by the swimming teachers for the enthusiasm as well as their wonderful manners, even when the weather was raining. On the first day, when the students were tested all seven students were only able to swim between 0-4 metres but by the last day four students were able to swim between 5-9 metres and 3 students

GRIP LEADERSHIP DAY:
Last week Emma Parry, Claire London and Connor Russell attended the GRIP Leadership day with Mrs Psilos at Olympic Park. The day’s program provided the students with practical ways for being a leader at school. The activities were interactive and very enjoyable. They learnt about being a Schoolyard Superhero – being a helper, encourager, role model and organiser; different types of leaders and qualities that leaders should possess.

- Claire: I enjoyed learning about being a playground superhero. I had a great time as it was my first time there. I met new friends.
- Connor: People can be different types of leaders. Watermelon leaders appear different on the outside as to who they are on the inside. A strawberry leader is the same on the inside as well as the outside.
- Emma: I enjoyed doing the games about learning to be a leader. They were fun. I learnt how to be helpful and all about playground superheroes.

EASTER RAFFLE:
Parents are asked to support the Easter Raffle which is being organised by the senior students by donating Easter eggs. The eggs can be left at the School Office. Raffle tickets will be sent home in two weeks time.

IMPORTANT TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Wednesday 12th March: Wacky Wednesday Hair Day
Wednesday 19th March: Books in Homes Assembly
Friday 28th March: Gala Day
Wednesday 9th April: Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 10th April: Combined Scripture
Friday 11th April: Last day of Term One

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LIBRARY NEWS:
Library Lessons will recommence this week. Years 1 - 6 students are reminded that they need a library bag or an old pillow case in order to be able to borrow. Kindergarten students will be able to borrow from the library at the commencement of Term 2.

BOOKS IN HOMES ASSEMBLY:
Our Term 1 Books in Homes Ambassador will be presenting students with their books at a special Book Giving Assembly on Wednesday 19th March in the school hall at 2:30pm. So come along to our assembly and support this very worthwhile program. A reminder that the Books in Homes competition ends this Friday, so students can complete their entries and give to Mrs Psilos by this Wednesday to be posted.

2014 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE:
Students will once again be registered to take part in this very worthwhile program. An information pack will be sent home with reading lists and a reading log at the beginning of March.

SURVIVING THE FIRST WEEKS BACK AT SCHOOL:
- Your child’s teacher will let you know when to pack items for activities such as sport, art or library.
- Children are often very tired in the first weeks of school. Your child will need lots of sleep.
- Start your child’s day with a healthy breakfast.
- Make sure your child always knows how they will be getting home.
- Check your child’s bag each night especially for leftover lunch or notes home.
- Try to establish regular morning routines.
- Be on time for afternoon pick-up.
- Start a home reading routine each afternoon.
- Talk to your child’s teacher about helping in the classroom.
- Chat to your child about their day at school.
- It is very important that your child has time to relax, play outside and do things they enjoy.

More information can be found at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au

INTERNET CORNER:

SCHOOL’S BACK:
Life seems to go from zero to 100 during the first few weeks of school. These parents have pooled their years of experience to bring you some suggestions to make the rest of the year run more smoothly. Good luck!

Back to school checklist:

LEARNING TO READ:
Learning to read is hard work and can be frustrating at times for parents and their kids. Watch the video to hear what these public school teachers have to say to help, with quick tips on how to make it easier.

Learning to read:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5Om77mluKU&feature=share

WHEN LUNCH COMES HOME AGAIN – UNEATEN
Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children’s resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it’s a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more:

HELP WITH ENGLISH:
Does your child need help with spelling or writing? Here are some resources that may help.
Find out more:

MATHS:
Struggling to remember everything you learnt in maths? If you need a refresher course, here are some tips and tools to help you to help your child.
Find out more:
Swimming Lessons
17.2.14 - 21.2.14
ABSENTEE EXPLANATION NOTE

Student’s Name: __________________________

Grade: (circle) K 1 2 3 4 5 6

Dates/s of Absence/s:

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Reason for Absence/s: (circle)

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Car Trouble        Injured        Speech Pathology
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Others: __________________________

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