**MONDAY 5th May, 2014**

**Term 2 Week 2:**

**NAPLAN:**
For students in Years 3 and 5, the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy testing will start next Tuesday 13th May and continue on Wednesday and Thursday. Every year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are assessed on the same days using national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results help determine if students are reaching important educational outcomes. More information: [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

Preparations for the testing have been undertaken in the classroom with tips for maintaining focus, applying strategies and staying calm being a focus. Please reassure your child that this is one test that looks at some of their learning at this particular moment in time. Information about their continual learning is collected throughout the entire year and provides a more balanced and rich view of student achievement. A healthy breakfast, a good night’s sleep and arrival before the bell will help to relax and prepare your child for each day’s testing. We know our Year 3 and 5 students will give their best effort each day.

**WELCOME:**
Our school would like to welcome Miss Stephanie Sultana, a university student, who will be working with the students and staff for the duration of this term.

**STEWART HOUSE BAGS:**
Today, the Stewart House Clothing Appeal bags will be distributed to the students. If you have any old clothes, blankets etc you please place them in these bags and return to school by Friday 23rd May.

**GALA DAY:**
District Gala Day is to be held on Friday, 16th May at Middleton Grange PS. All signed permission notes to be returned to the Office as soon as possible.

**EASTER RESULTS:**
At the end of first term the students, staff and parents participated in a variety of activities based on the Easter theme. During lunch, awards were presented to the students for their creative hats and artwork and the raffle was drawn. Below is a list of the raffle winners. A very special thank you, to all the parents and school community members who donated Easter eggs, purchased raffle tickets or attended our very special day. $300 was raised.

**Raffle winners were:** J. Moss (twice), Kirsten Vassallo, Miss ace, Gillian Tufek, London family, B.Simmons, Allison Briggs (twice) Matthew Pace, Mrs Psilos, Lucas Carr, L. Bossley, T. Morabito, Saffron Strickland, Christine Vassallo (twice) & Kathy.

**Easter Awards:**

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**IMPORTANT TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

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INTERNET CORNER:
MANAGING SCREEN-TIME:
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Common Sense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk

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LIBRARY NEWS:
Library lessons commenced last week with the Kindergarten students being able to borrow for the very first time. Students require a library bag to be able to borrow books from the library for a two week period. During last week’s library lesson the students viewed and made their book selections for the Books in Homes Program. These orders have been processed. When the books are delivered to school, the students will be presented with their labelled books at a special Book Giving Assembly on Wednesday 18th June, where all parents and caregivers are invited to attend. Entries in the Books in Homes competition need to be returned to school by Monday 26th May.

BOOKS IN HOMES CATALOGUE:
This term’s featured school in the national catalogue is our school. Have a look at the wonderful spread on page 7 of the catalogue.

NSW PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE:
The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge is up and running at BCP with several students already showing Mrs Psilos their reading logs and having their online records updated. Well done!

NSW PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE:
Our school has registered to participate in the 2014 NSW Premier’s School Sport Challenge. The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport, games and physical activity and to have more students, more active, more often! During this term and part of third term, our school will be monitoring physical activity we do during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport. What we do outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge award for our school. Each student will be issued with a Challenge log book to record their physical activity. Your support in encouraging your child to be physically active before and after school as well as on weekends will encourage him/her to develop healthy lifestyle habits. You may like to join us in this venture by organising family activities such as walking, swimming and cycling.

Each student completing the Challenge will receive a personalised certificate from the Premier of New South Wales. Physical activity is valued for its physical, social and emotional benefits. It also helps young people to develop communication skills, confidence and resilience while having fun with family and friends.

For more information on the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge please visit www.schools.nsw.edu.au/psc

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EASTER CELEBRATIONS - 9.04.14

Hat Awards:

Adam: Most colourful ‘nest’ hat.
William: Best ‘fluffliest’ hat.
Cody: Best sparkly hat.
Lucas: Best top hat at the show.
Ella: Best decorated hat.
Tyler: Best infants child made hat.
Lizzie: Tallest colourful hat.
Saffron: Grand Champion hat.
Dakota: Tallest hat.
Emma: Best Easter bonnet.
Connor: Best primary child made hat.
Claire: Best primary child made hat.
What I liked about the Show:

William: I liked buying my show bag. I bought a Batman show bag.

Cody: Feeding the animals especially the chickens.

Adam: I liked the motor bikes when he did the backflip on the jump. I also liked the piglets.

Ella: Sitting in the fire truck, feeding the animals and buying my Barbie show bag.

Lucas: I loved feeding and patting the animals as it was great. I liked my M&M show bag.

Lizzie: Seeing the motor bikes do cool tricks.

Tyler: I liked it when the precision cars went on two wheels and the motor bikes doing fantastic jumps. I liked the Clydesdale horses too.

Saffron: Buying the show bags for Mum, Dad, Ronan and me.

Dakota: I liked everything, the animals, horses, ducks and I even got to pat some of them.

Emma: I liked looking at the show bags and I wanted How to Train a Dragon but they didn’t have it. I also liked the cars and bikes because the bikes were very good on the jumps.

Connor: I liked the bikes the best especially when they did the superman backflip. I bought four show bags.

Claire: Seeing ducklings hatch, and patting them, patting the baby rabbits and dragging Adam around.