Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to all the staff involved, especially Mrs Milner and the Early Stage One team for all their hard work and organisation of the Kindergarten Orientation evening last Thursday and Year 5 assisting with the Kindergarten buddies and the performances by the senior choir, recorder group and Kindergarten on Tuesday morning. The Kindergarten speakers Zoe, Lily and Gabriel did an amazing job and are commended for their efforts and how much they have achieved in three terms of school. These were successful events with so many staff, parents and students involved and helping.

The swimming scheme has been a tremendous success with all the students and staff enjoying the lessons which have been a great benefit to all the students participating. It is surprising how many students have gone home each day without underwear and the amount of lost clothes are piling up every day. If your child has lost anything recently, please check the lost property bins near the lift area for any missing items.

Important Reminders

- The dates for the end of year concert have been changed to Tuesday 3 December and Thursday 5 December. The CAPA team will inform you when each class is performing in order to help with your family organisation, as every student in the school is expected to participate in our Kidsmatter Performances.

Regards

Leigh Rasmussen
Relieving Principal

P&C News

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held next week on Tuesday, 22 October at 7.30pm. Please come along and learn about what's happening at school in Term 4.

Important Information about Family Portrait Day – Sunday, 20 October, 2013 – it’s going ahead!

Thank you for supporting our Family Portrait fundraiser. While we haven’t had as many families book in as in previous years we have enough to go ahead with the day. There are still places available - from 4.25pm onwards. For $15 you will receive either a 10 x13” family portrait OR an A3 pencil sketch PLUS a keyring and a wallet sized portrait.

If you are interested in booking a time, please text or phone Marrianne Skinner on 0414 354990. Confirmation slips will be sent out on Thursday. If you contacted Marrianne previously and have not paid please send the payment into school before the weekend. Please send $15 in an envelope marked with your child’s name and class and also your name and contact number. Please tell your friends and family about it. All profits from this booking fee go to our school and will be used for improvement of our school site.

School Banking

A friendly reminder

Our volunteers are generally happy to respond to requests. However, recently some notes have been quite demanding and not very polite. School banking only operates because of the generosity and goodwill of our small band of volunteers. So remember - good manners are free and always appreciated!
New competition
The Dollarmites have found treasure washed ashore on Savings Adventure Island and they want to share it with your students in Term 4.

TREASURE CHEST PRIZES.
- 60 x Apple iPod Touch 16GB
- 100 x Adventure DVD Pack including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 & Hop

All our bankers need to do is make two or more deposits through your school from 21 October to 30 November and they're automatically entered into the competition.

Reward news!
Most rewards are back in stock including handballs and all Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3 rewards. The new Term 4 reward - headphones, have been very popular and unfortunately some children missed out this week. A new order has been placed and hopefully will be here in time for School Banking next week.

Remember the USB is back. For a short time you will be able to redeem a USB for 10 tokens. If you would like to claim this reward please just write your name and class and 'USB' on a piece of paper and include it with your 10 tokens in your Dollarmite wallet when you bank next time.

Don’t forget, if you would like a moneybox you need to redeem tokens for one this year – they will not be available in 2014.

Many children hold onto tokens and hope to carry them over to the next year. With the new reward system this may not be possible and if so only a maximum of 9 tokens would be able to be carried over. To ensure you don’t lose valuable rewards please redeem your rewards as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

Classroom Achievement Award
Congratulations to KJ and 4/5SP who are joint winners of the classroom achievement award for this week.

Class Awards
KM- Danny G; Adam T; Andrea S; Samuel D
KF- Fatemah A; Lawrence L; Jasmin F; Tahaan H
KS- Abigail V; Jawaad H; Milena S; Tanweer D
1S- Gianna R; George K
1D- Reanne A; Nikola V
1M- Bilal D; Deemah E
2K- Anas Y; Anis Y
2P- Matthew C; Millie J
2D- Amelia L; Christian K
3B- Stefan P; Faatimah H
3J- Angus H; Rosewyn S
4J- Grace C; Jason L
4C- Shelby K; Daniel R
4/5SP- Kristopher N; Christine C
5NH- Isaac V; Ali H
5/6F- Bryan L; Max X
6KM- Alice L; Kathryn H

KJ- Jefferson F; Natalie T; Zoe W; Kevin Y
KH- Eric Z; Lyra M; Nicholas L; Jason C
KIB- George Y; Joshua H; Chloe N; Lilly J
1C- Mahdi H; Miracle K
1K- Linda B; Peter T
1T- Zahraa A; Filip K
2J- Jackson Z; Saahil K
2J- Billie J; Michael T
2/3M- Annie D; Hussein J
3AK- Maisha A; Vincent W
3T- Faith S; Lina D S
4G- Nora E; Blake M
4A- Christine B; Alex H
5C- Shan K; Hoa P
5T- Milan H; Nicole H
6H- Tyson S; Peter G
6S- Angelika O; Jason D
Gold Awards K-2
Parents are most welcome to attend the assembly to see their child receive this very special award. Gold awards are presented to children when they have received 10 Bronze Awards = 100 tokens. A fantastic effort! The assembly will take place Monday, 14 October, 2013 at 2.00pm.

**Harrison G (2P)**

Gold Awards Y3-6
Parents are most welcome to attend the assembly to see their child receive this very special award. Gold awards are presented to children when they have received 10 Bronze Awards = 100 tokens. A fantastic effort! The assembly will take place Friday, 25 October, 2013 at 11:30am.

**Rayanne H (5/6F)**

Silver Awards
Parents are most welcome to attend the assembly to see their child receive this very special award. Silver awards are presented to children when they have received 5 Bronze Awards = 50 tokens. A fantastic effort!

K-2
Congratulations to the following students who will receive their silver awards at the K-2 assembly on Monday, 14 October, 2013 at 2.00pm.

| Dean P (KH) | Liam P (KS) | Marielle B-T (KS) | Bianka S (KS) |
| Anthony L (KIB) | George Y (KIB) | Jerry Y (KIB) | Zack G (KIB) |
| Chloe N (KIB) | Lily M (KIB) | Eugene S (1C) | Soumaya K (1C) |
| Simone J (1C) | Rayna B (1C) | Maya C (2K) | Lilee T (2K) |
| Katrina L (2K) | Rayan W (2K) | Tane W (2D) | Daria S (2D) |

Y3-6
Congratulations to the following students who will receive their silver awards at the Y3-6 assembly on Friday, 25 October, 2013 at 11.30am.

| Perry C (2/3M) | Sasha K (3AK) | Claudia K (3AK) | Gregory V (3AK) |
| Eloise C (3AK) | Maisha A (3AK) | Zakariya H (3AK) | Ben J (3AK) |
| Jeffrey W (3AK) | Sam C (4/5SP) | Garret L (5/6F) | Wilson L (5/6F) |
| Hollie C (4NH) | Nathan H (5NH) | Fatima E (6H) |

NAPLAN Information
NAPLAN test results for students in years 3 and 5 have arrived and have been distributed to parents this week. NAPLAN assesses aspects of literacy including reading, spelling, punctuation, grammar and writing, as well as numeracy.
Congratulations to all students who participated in these assessments.
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2013

Congratulations to the 113 clever readers, who completed the 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge, and well done to the 160 students who began their 2013 Student Reading Records. Those students who completed the 2013 Challenge will receive a PRC Certificate and appear in the PRC Honour Roll later this term. Those who complete the Challenge for four years receive a gold certificate and after seven years, a Platinum Certificate.

Happy reading and take up the 2014 Challenge!

Mrs McElroy (Co-ordinator), Ms Phillips (TL) & Mrs Afonso (TL)

Dragon Tag Gala Day

On Tuesday 29 November, many students from Stage 2 and 3 will be participating in an Oz Tag Gala Day run by the St George Dragons. This event is educational and fun and all children in Years 3-6 are welcome to attend as the gala day is non-competitive and first time players are welcome. All money and notes for this event need to be in to the school office by this Friday 18 October, 2013. Thank you from Mr Clark

Stage 2 Kincumber Camp
## Week 2 14 October - 18 October

| Mon 14 | Swimming Scheme  
Kindergarten Bounce program |
| Tues 15 | Swimming Scheme  
NO Fitness Program Stage 3  
Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Day  
9:30am-11:00am  
School Banking 9:00am |
| Wed 16 | Swimming Scheme |
| Thurs 17 | Swimming Scheme |
| Fri 18 | Swimming Scheme (Last day)  
PSSA |

## Term 4 Calendar

### Week 3 21 October- 25 October

| Mon 21 | K-2 Assembly 2:00pm  
2014 Kindergarten Transition workshop 1 11:30am  
Kindergarten Bounce program |
| Tues 22 | Fitness program Stage 3  
School banking 9:00am  
Dragon-tag Gala Day |
| Wed 23 | Sydney Region Public Speaking Competition |
| Thurs 24 |  |
| Fri 25 | 2014 Kindergarten transition workshop 1 repeated 9:30am  
3-6 Assembly 11:30am |

### Week 4 28 October – 1 November

| Mon 28 | Kindergarten Bounce program  
2014 Kindergarten Transition workshop 2 11:30am |
| Tues 29 | Dragon-tag Gala Day  
Fitness program Stage 3  
School banking 9:00am |
| Wed 30 |  |
| Thurs 31 | Music Count Us In |
| Fri 1 | 2104 Kindergarten Transition workshop 2 repeated 9:30am  
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**Terms and Dates**

**Term 3 - Week 5**

- Thursday 18 August 2011
- Term 3 - Week 5 4 November - 8 November

**Term 4 - Week 2**

- Thursday 17 October 2013
- Term 4 - Week 2 11 November - 15 November

**Festival of Arts**

**Thursday 17 October**

Arncliffe Community Centre

OPENING NIGHT 6.30 - 7.30pm

Workshop—‘Start a Business’

Call BCC 9545 5900 for more information and to book

**Friday 18 October**

Arncliffe Community Centre

Art Exhibition 11am - 2pm

Movie Night 6.30 - 9.30pm

**Saturday 19 October**

Arncliffe Community Centre

Art Exhibition 11am - 2pm

Coronation Hall, 23 Barden Street, Arncliffe

Art Workshop 11am - 2pm

St George Potters Open House from 2 - 4pm

Carvers and Edward Street, Arncliffe

George Gittoes’ Rockdale Yellow House from 2-5pm

Sneak peak of show ‘Afghan Book of the Dead’ will be on show for the first time in Australia. Curators walk & talk 3.30pm.

1 Edward St, Arncliffe

**Sunday 20th October**

Salmagundi Studios, Open House, 12.30pm

49 Bonar Street, Arncliffe

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**Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?**

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the ‘Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

HAVE YOU MISSED OUT ON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS?

If your child was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au to receive more information.

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Dyslexia Awareness
Speaker Night
21st October
7.30pm - 9pm 2013

Guest Speakers

How do you Identify Dyslexia in Children by Lizette Campbell
Educational and Developmental Psychologist

Lizette has many years experience in diagnosing dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

What Assistance can you give Students with Dyslexia at Home and in the Classroom by Becky Bailey Dyslexia NSW

Becky is a dyslexia specialist teacher (UK trained) and certified Irlen Screener with over 15 years experience of working with dyslexic students

Also speaking Professor Denis Burnham, MARCS Institute, UWS who will give an overview of his 5 year Dyslexia Early Indicators study “Seeds of Literacy”

Venue: Multipurpose Centre for the Disabled, 123 Flora Street Sutherland
Phone 8544 8604 or email: ssldsg@learningdifficulties.com.au
PARENTS AND TEACHERS WELCOME

Famous People With Dyslexia

We thank you for your kind donation of a suggested $5 for SSLS members and $10 for non-members to assist us with our ongoing support and advocacy.

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