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Principal: Mrs Anne Hewson

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Parent-Teacher Interviews

We will be holding Parent-Teacher Interviews in the last week of first term.

Our move to earlier in the year was prompted by parent feedback that indicated that you would like to know how your child was settling before the half-yearly reports, so that there was plenty of time to act on recommendations and set up practices to ensure a successful year.

Thus, we will be offering the opportunity to speak with your child’s class teacher at the end of first term and providing comprehensive written reports at the end of second and fourth terms. As always, teachers are available to meet with you whenever there is a concern or if you would like to “touch base”. Appointments for these meetings can be made through the office or by sending a note to your child’s teacher.

The purpose of our Term 1 Parent-Teacher Interviews is to give you insight into how your child has adjusted to his/her new class and teacher, and to set some target areas for greater attention. There will not be detailed assessments to analyse; teachers will be talking in general terms with particular emphasis on work habits, attitudes to learning, and any areas that require attention sooner rather than later. Meetings will be with class teachers only, not all of the teachers who are involved in literacy and numeracy groups, etc.

Meetings will run from 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. For classes of around 30 students, interviews will be of approximately 10 minutes per student. It is important that interviews run to schedule, as even a few minutes over-run per student builds up by the last appointments.

A note will soon be sent home asking you to nominate some preferred meeting times. Teachers will confirm a time and send home a confirmation slip. For those who are able to attend in the early afternoon, this would be appreciated as it frees appointments for working parents to attend the later meetings.

We look forward to meeting with you. As I’ve written in earlier Newsletters, building effective communication and relationships between home and school is one of the most important ways to ensure a happy and successful year for our students.

Mrs Anne Hewson

Value of the Week

Next week, our Value for discussion is Fairness, with the particular emphasis on including others in your games.

This is something we constantly talk about and encourage our students to embrace. As always, children have different ways of seeing fairness, and generally it’s about what other people should do—not themselves!

Including others in your games needs a generosity of spirit, a willingness to accept others, a capacity to forgive past hurts and differences, and to empathise with the person asking to be included.

It also requires courage on the part of others in the group. If the leader or the spokesperson is allowed to make the rules and go unchallenged, they can dominate and exclude. When this happens, group members need to speak up and advocate for the child to be included, and not let the loudest or most powerful voice dominate.

Fairness starts with considering what is right and just, not what we want or prefer.
UNSW Competitions

Children in Y3-6 are invited to take part in the 2011 Australian Schools Competitions which will be held on the following days:

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<td>Y3-6 Mathematics</td>
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The entry fee is $7.00 per student per test. Each student in Y3-6 has already received a note explaining the competitions. Please return the supplied envelope with entry fees and details of which competition/s you wish your child to enter by Friday 25 March.

Government High Schools

Expressions of Interest for Placement in Government High Schools

Parents of Year 6 students are reminded that these papers need to be submitted to the Office by Friday March 18 AT THE LATEST.

Medical Alert Wrist Bands

To help teachers identify and respond appropriately to students with significant health conditions, such as nut allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy, we are investigating the purchase of silicon wrist bands to be worn at school. The wrist bands would assist teachers, including casual teachers, to recognise students with potentially life-threatening medical conditions.

Parents and carers of students with these conditions will be contacted regarding the wrist bands, and seeking their support for the wearing of the appropriate band by their child. This is one of the ways in which we seek to improve our procedures and strategies for keeping students safe.

Oval Upgrade

We have started the process of planning improvements to our oval. Families who were with us last year will know that we received a grant of $45,000 from the Premier’s Sporting Challenge, and were waiting for completion of the building work to move on to this project. The plan is to break up the hard, compacted surface soil; install irrigation connected to our water tank (an additional tank will probably be required); and to level, turf and top dress the oval. There has been an initial site inspection and hopefully the quote will allow us to commence this work next term.

Principal's Awards

Principal's Awards have been received by:

- Gabrielle
- Sophie

Congratulations to these students for consistently displaying our Values in Action.
**Enews**

As discussed at last night’s P&C meeting, we are planning to move, as far as possible, to a paperless weekly Newsletter. We are arranging for the Newsletter to be distributed to interested families by email, to supplement the on-line availability already provided on our website.

Each year we spend thousands of dollars on paper and associated printing costs – money which could be put to very good use in other ways! Becoming “paperless” would also allow us to become more environmentally friendly and sustainable.

There will be a link on our school website where families can subscribe to our Newsletter. Families provide an email address and each week the latest Newsletter is delivered to your email account. The experience of other schools and families is that this is a very efficient and accessible way for newsletters to be distributed. Paper newsletters will only be provided to the comparatively few families who don’t have internet access at home or at work.

More information will be forthcoming about the processes involved in subscribing. We hope to move to a paperless newsletter in Term 2.

**Band News**

Congratulations to Marcus who, as a result of his musical skills and prowess, was successful in transferring from the percussion section of the Senior Band to the position of base clarinet. We look forward to his continued success with the Senior Band. Well Done Marcus.

Congratulations to Tim, a new member of our school community who, as a result of his previous skills and training, has been successful in attaining the vacant position on the percussion section of the Senior Band. Congratulations again Tim and welcome to the Senior Band.

**K-2 Easter Hat Parade**

Parents are invited to attend the K-2 Easter Hat Parade to be held on Friday, April 8, 2011. The parade will take place at 10.30am in the 3-6 assembly area.

We ask parents to assist the children to make a simple hat, or headband, to wear in the parade. All children will be parading and NO PRIZES will be awarded. Children are to bring their hat to their classroom on the morning of the parade.

Following the parade, parents are invited to have morning tea with the children. The P & C will be providing tea, coffee and hot cross buns for purchase from the hall kitchen.

J. Scally  
Assistant Principal
**SRC News**

We are now collecting Easter eggs, baskets, Easter gift bags, etc for our Easter Guessing Competition. The class that collects the most will receive a prize. There will be one prize for the infants and one prize for the primary.

Tickets will be on sale next week.

**50 cents for one ticket and three tickets for a dollar.**

The “Eggs”hibition is still on! Please fill in the form below if you intend to participate.

Stewart House bags and Stewart House envelopes were sent home last week. Please return the clothing bags by **Thursday, 7 April** and your envelopes by **13 May**.

Remember that our Easter raffle is our main fundraiser for the SRC. We need these funds in order to support our World Vision child, Habiba.

Many thanks

SRC Teachers

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**“Eggs”hibition Entry Form**

Name: ...................................................................................................................... Class: ........................................

I understand that I agree to create my “Eggs”hibition out of school hours.

I agree to transport my “Eggs”hibition to school for display on **Wednesday, 6 April** and be responsible for collecting my “Eggs”hibition to take home on **8 April, 2011**.

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Parents signature Date

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**P & C News**

**Canteen Roster**

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**Pick Up Zone Roster**

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SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE

GEORGES RIVER SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS
Congratulations to the students who placed in their respective races at the carnival. The students names in bold gained selection in the Georges River team that competed at Homebush on Monday, 14 March. Well done.

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<td>Andrew</td>
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<td>Scott</td>
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<td>Sophie</td>
<td>2nd 8 yrs Freestyle</td>
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<td>Allison</td>
<td>3rd 9 yrs freestyle</td>
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<td>Christiane</td>
<td>3rd Jnr Backstroke, 3rd Jnr Butterfly, Jnr Girls Relay – 2nd, Snr Girls Relay 4th</td>
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SYDNEY EAST CARNIVAL RESULTS
Congratulations to the students who represented Georges River at the Sydney East Carnival on Monday. What an amazing experience for these students to be able to swim at the home of the Sydney Olympics!

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<td>Junior Girls Relay</td>
<td>Anastasia, Allison, Christiane, Jasminn—15th</td>
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<td>Sophie</td>
<td>27th 8yrs Freestyle</td>
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<td>Andrew</td>
<td>29th 9 yrs Freestyle</td>
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<td>Allison</td>
<td>8th 9 yrs Freestyle</td>
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<td>8th Jnr Breaststroke, 4th Jnr Backstroke, 11th Jnr Butterfly, 3rd Jnr IM, 1st 10 yrs Freestyle</td>
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An excellent effort by Scott who will now represent Sydney East at the NSW PSSA State championships.

RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS
Congratulations to Matt, Jack and Mitchell who were selected in the combined Georges River/Botany Bay team to compete in the Sydney East Trials.
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