Parents/Carers,
We would like to invite all parents to attend a “Meet the Teacher”
evening in Week 5 this term.
This meeting will provide you with information regarding your
child’s class routines and requirements.
You will also be able to talk to the teacher and meet other parents
of children in your child’s class.

The sessions will be held from 5-6pm on the following dates:
MONDAY 20 February – 1RA, 1W, 2H, 2TC in classrooms
TUESDAY 21 February – 2/3W, 3B, 3/4M, 3/4S, 4T, 4/5K in
classrooms
THURSDAY 23 February – 5F, 5/6D, 5/6H, 6B in hall from
5-5.30pm then classrooms.
TUESDAY 28 February – KF, KM, KS, KW in hall

If you are unable to attend on these dates, please make an
appointment to see your child’s classroom teacher at your earliest
convenience to collect information sheets and discuss classroom
management and curriculum content to assist you and your child
to have a productive and successful year.

Clean Up Schools Day
We are requesting that all students K-6 bring a pair of rubber /
gardening gloves to school on Friday 2 March, for our Clean Up
Schools event. This event is held each year in conjunction with the
“Clean Up Australia” campaign, to encourage students to respect
their school and local environment. Each class will have a specific
area of the school to clean under the supervision of the teachers,
and then teachers will use the rubbish found to sort and classify as
part of their Science Unit.

Selective High School Placement Test
The Selective High School Placement Test will be conducted on the
morning of: Thursday 15 March 2012. It will be administered
statewide in designated test centres, usually established in
government high schools. All applicants in NSW at the time are required to sit for the test, unless there
are extenuating circumstances. Interested students applied to sit for this test late last year. The test
is conducted only on this day and only in designated test centres in NSW. Parents will
receive advice of the test centre their child is to attend by 5 March 2012.

Canteen News
Due to the Swimming Carnival being held next Wednesday 22 February, the Canteen will not operate
on this day. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.
Camp Quality Puppet Show
The McDonald’s Camp Quality Puppets have been invited to perform at your child’s school on:
Wednesday 29 February.
It is an educational program using life size puppets to deliver a fun and positive message about
supporting children living with cancer and other serious illnesses.
There is no charge to the school or the children.
The information shared aims to help children heighten their awareness of the need to care for and
support others who may look, or be a little ‘different’, particularly because of physical problems, such
as hair loss, because of cancer treatment.
This program links well with Community Awareness and Personal Development in the school program,
and is most certainly not limited to schools with ill children. The contents relate very much to our
children’s contribution to a more caring society.

Over 3,000,000 children have seen these puppets, and have been delighted as the characters come to
life, relating very well, the information given to the children on their own level. Puppets have for many
generations, been a fantastic communication tool. We trust that your children will benefit from the
lessons they will learn through listening to the stories.
If you need to know detail of the program, please do not hesitate to call Chandra on 02 9867 0526

Expression of Interest for Placement in Year 7 for 2013
This form should be completed by parents and carers of all Year 6 students requesting placement in
Year 7 at a NSW secondary school next year. Forms will be handed out to Year 6 students next week.
All forms must be returned to the Office by Friday 16 March 2012.
Section A All parents and carers complete this section
Section B Provides you with the name of your child’s designated local high school. If this is the school
you wish your child to attend, complete this section.
Section C If you are seeking placement at a non-local high school, please complete Section C. You
may seek placement in up to 3 non-local schools. Schools should be listed in priority order.
Section D is for Selective High Schools and specialist high schools conducting separate selection
procedures.
If you would like your child to attend a specialist secondary school that conducts separate enrolment
procedures e.g. a performing arts high school or sports high school, you should also complete the
additional enrolment form that is available from that school. If you are in doubt about whether you
need to complete any additional forms, please make direct contact with the secondary school in which
you are interested.
You should also complete Section B, Section C or Section E of the form just in case your child is
unsuccessful in gaining a place in one of these schools.
Please note that the final decision on enrolment at a selective or specialist high school will only be
made following consideration and acceptance by the school principal of an “Application to enrol in a
NSW Government school”
Section E must be completed if you intend to enrol your child in a non-government, interstate or
overseas school next year, and therefore do not require placement in a NSW public high school.
Please contact the Office if you have any concerns or difficulties filling out this form.

What is the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?
This year, our Librarians will be running the Premiers’ Reading Challenge at school to encourage a love
of books and reading across the school. Every child from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be
registered through the school, however you may wish to investigate this program yourself. The
information below may be helpful. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs
Carnohan ( Mon-Tues) or Mrs Gouros (Wed – Fri) in the Library. A permission note for parents to
sign will be sent home shortly.
The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten–Year 9, in
government, independent, Catholic and home schools. Participation by schools and students is
voluntary. The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure,
and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to
each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.
The Premier's Reading Challenge is an initiative of the NSW State government with principal support
from the Dymocks Literacy Foundation and OPSM and media partner, The Sun-Herald. All students
who enter and successfully complete the Challenge will receive a Premier's Reading Challenge
certificate for that year and their name will be published on an Honour Roll.
Each year, the Challenge runs from 1 February to 1 September. The booklists, Challenge rules, frequently asked questions and helpful tips can be accessed via the Premier’s Reading Challenge website.

**K-2 Students**

Students in K–2 who are able to read simple chapter books with little help are encouraged to attempt the 3–4 Challenge that involves reading 20 books independently. At least 15 must be selected from the 3-4 booklists or above and the other five can be personal choices or from PRC lists, including books from the K-2 booklist.

For K–2 students who are still emerging readers, the K-2 Challenge is recommended. In this Challenge, students experience 30 books by reading independently, sharing the reading or listening to someone else read the books to them. Of the 30 books, at least 25 must come from PRC booklists and a maximum of five choice books can be included.

Class teachers and school teacher-librarians can advise if you are not sure which Challenge you should be attempting.

**Can I download a booklist?**

Go to the [booklist](#) pages and select the Challenge required. You can view and download each booklist alphabetically by author or title in short or full form. A short list includes the PRC ID number, title and author only of each book. The full list also includes annotations, year of publication, publisher and ISBN. Booklists should be downloaded after the new books are added in November.

**When do I receive my certificate?**

Every student who successfully meets the Challenge receives a certificate signed by the Premier. Certificates for students who have completed their Student Reading Record and had it validated by 1 September are distributed to school principals during late November and early December. The certificates are the same for each Challenge level.

**When do I receive a gold certificate?**

After four successful years in the Challenge, students receive a gold certificate, also signed by the Premier. Gold certificates are distributed to school principals during late November and early December.

**Bexley Pool Support**

Some of you may have heard of the forthcoming upgrade of Bexley pools. The council is still deciding whether or not to go through with the upgrade. Since Bexley North Public School is the closest school to the pool, we should definitely show our support for the upgrade. To show positive support just go to the St George Leader website or the Rockdale city Council website and put in positive feedback. You can also pick up a feedback form from the pool or in at the front office. It is a great development, and with the upgrade of Bexley pools we can still continue to have our school swimming carnivals there.

The upgrade will include an indoor 25m swimming pool, indoor children’s play pool, a learn to swim and warm water exercise pool, outdoor 50m pool with seating and shade, fitness, exercise and leisure gymnasium, spa, sauna and steam room, crèche, community rooms including birthday party room and a kiosk. This upgrade won’t go ahead if council doesn’t get enough positive feedback, so please go on the websites and put in positive feedback for the upgrade. It is important that we all show our support as soon as possible, because the public response period closes on the 2nd of March 2012.

Alexandra L 5/6D
School Contributions
A note will be sent home soon in regard to payment of school contributions. This payment is vital to the school and allows us to provide art supplies, stationary, readers for home and class reading, maths resources etc. We are also hoping to purchase an interactive whiteboard for another classroom this year. Your contribution helps us to do all this and provide your children with the best education possible. Contributions are $50 per child, which equates to approx. $1 per week, a small price to pay for your child’s future!

Staff News
Mrs Angela Reiger is currently on special leave until the end of the year. Mrs Reiger has been replaced for the year by Ms Aimee Martel, and Ms Liane Sharp is relieving as Assistant Principal for Kindergarten for the year. We look forward to Mrs Reiger returning to our school in 2013.

Accident insurance
To insure your child against any medical costs of accidents arising at school you are strongly advised to take out private health insurance.
Parents are reminded that the department does not provide accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools. The only cover provided by the state government is through the Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme, which covers all students permanently injured or killed while participating in authorised school sporting or athletic activities. The scheme does not cover dental injuries, reimbursement of medical expenses, legal expenses or costs. For more information go to [http://www.sportinginjuries.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.sportinginjuries.nsw.gov.au/) or call 02 4321 5392.

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- Michael Abraham – 0413607093
- Emily Saad - 0415719126

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL 2012
Our collection date is: 20/3/2012
Bags will be sent home 2 weeks prior to collection date.
Please bring bags to office. Thank you