NOTES AND MONEY DUE:

School Contributions
Mathletics Yrs 1-6
Reading Eggs K-2
Zone Swimming Carnival

Parents/Carers,

Selective High School Test
Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2013 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.15pm on Thursday 15 March 2012. The test centre for students from our school is:
St George Girls High School
Victoria St (Hockey field at Harrow Road Gates)
KOGARAH NSW 2217
The students sitting for this test will be notified by post shortly. Students are expected to return to school after the test.

Clean Up Schools Day
We are requesting that all students K-6 bring a pair of rubber / gardening gloves to school tomorrow, Friday 2 March, for our Clean Up Schools event. In the event of rain, we will hold this event on Monday afternoon. 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.

Parent Teacher interviews are being held from Monday 2 April, through to Thursday 5 April (inclusive). This event provides an excellent opportunity to share information between the home and school in regard to your child’s educational achievements. Parents will be receiving notification of their allocated interview times by week 8. These interviews will be of 15 minutes duration.

During the period of interviews, the School timetable will be restructured to allow teachers to complete interviews and have an extended time for curriculum planning. This collaborative process ensures advanced planning for activities and resourcing, allows consistency in the delivery of the program across the year levels and enables the whole team to benefit from the skills, creativity and ideas that individual staff members possess.

Arriving on Time to School
There are times where nothing goes to plan in the morning, the wheels fall off and no matter how hard you try, arriving at school on time just won’t happen. However, when a pattern of late arrivals takes place, it is extremely disruptive for the teachers, students and administration staff. Teachers have to retrace their steps with regard to instructions, other class members are distracted by the interruptions, and administrative staff are unnecessarily diverted from other important tasks. Constant lateness can also be stressful for the student concerned and does not set a good example for being principled and reliable in the future. It is important for the students to arrive at school in...
plenty of time to ensure they are at Assembly at 8.55 am. If lateness persists on a regular basis, a meeting will be arranged with the school to jointly solve the problem. Thank you for your support on this important issue.

**Front and Back Parking**
Parents and carers, we need your assistance to be aware of parking as well as dropping off and picking up your children. The safety of our students and community is essential. Parking officers will be doing the rounds in unmarked cars.

**Morning Assemblies**
We are always happy to have parents involved in our school community, however in the mornings classes are finding it increasingly difficult to walk with their teachers to their classrooms as parents are blocking their passage. I am therefore requesting that parents please drop off their children and leave before the assembly, or move to the fenceline so that students and teachers can safely walk to their classrooms. I thank you for your support in this matter.

**Welcome BBQ**
Hi I’m Lola H-S from 5/6D I would just like to say that the welcome BBQ was a great success! Over 110 families came. We had a Cake Stall, Face Painting (my cousin Georgia and her friend Chloe), sausages and all the kids brought their scooters and bikes! I had a great time, I interviewed the P&C president (my mum Thea Butler) and Tanya Posner, “ It was a great night and we had a beautiful cake stall, thanks to all the parents.” said Tanya “My favourite part was looking out and seeing all of the children laughing and playing and having lots of fun!” said Thea. I also asked some of the kids, Stephanie K 5F and she said “I had lots of fun scooting around and the sausages were yummy!!!” Satya P 5/6H said “I had a great time and I loved selling cakes and the face painting was great!” I would just like to say thanks to all the parents who took part in making the cakes and to all the people who cooked the BBQ and served the drinks. It was a wonderful evening!!!
Thanks Lola

**Stewart House Clothing Appeal**
Stewart House School Clothing Appeal 2012 bags were sent home last week. Date of first collection is Friday 20 March. Please bring bags to the Office, Thank you.

**School Photos**
School photos for all students K-6 will be on Monday 19 March. On School Photo Day students are required to wear their summer school uniform.

**Reminder for School Contribution and School Requirement Fees.**
Thank you to all our families who have paid their school contribution and school requirement fees. Students are eager to start work with the Mathletics and Reading Eggs on line Computer Programs and to receive their passwords, as well as working with the School Magazines. Payment by instalments, if necessary, is welcomed.

**Commentary with Thomas P**

**Should Julia Gillard be our Prime Minister?**
Recently, there was an election to determine the leadership of Australia between Kevin Rudd and Julia Gillard, at the end Julia Gillard won the election with an astonishing 71 to 31 votes. There has been a lot of debate about who should be our Prime Minister, even though we have one, should she be our leader?
Votes also show that the people prefer Kevin Rudd over Julia Gillard by a lot of votes! Personally, I think that all of the politicians are the same. They lie and they all campaign the same way, however everyone has a different opinion on this controversial topic.
I interviewed Ruby M, from 5/6D about this topic and she said: “I don’t think Julia Gillard should be our Prime Minister as she went against her word in the carbon tax issue, therefore there will be many other issues. I would prefer Kevin Rudd as our Prime Minister.”
So who do you want as your Prime minister? Julia Gillard or Kevin Rudd...
EASTER FUNDRAISER

Donations of Easter Eggs, baskets, gift boxes, new soft toys, (bunnies & chickens) and clear cellophane are needed for prizes.

Please give donations to the office by Wednesday 28 March 2012

Tickets are selling at 50c each
or
10 for $5.00.

Prizes will be drawn Wednesday 4 April 2012

This year the major prizes will be drawn after the Infants Hat Parade.
Smaller prizes will be drawn in each class, so your child has a greater chance of winning.

Extra tickets available from the office.

We urgently need volunteers to assist in wrapping prizes in the Hall on Friday 30 March 2012 at 9am.
(Coffee/tea will be provided)

Thank you for your Support.
B.N.P.S. P&C Committee

★ BNPS P&C NEWS ★

We hope you enjoyed the welcome BBQ

Now we welcome you to join us for our 2nd P&C meeting for 2012

Monday 5th March - 7.30 pm

All P&C Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month in the school staffroom.

We know many people would like to come but can’t make it in the evening. If you would like to find out more and receive the P&C Newsletter please email bnspandc@gmail.com or sign up to the P&C website. http://groupsites.com/BNPSPC/
Before and After School Care is a service provided to students enrolled at Bexley North Public School. While the day to day finances and running of the centre are handled by suitable qualified staff, the overall decision on how the centre should be run are made by a group of elected parents/carers who comprise the Parent Management Committee.

It's vitally important that we get as many volunteers as possible - the centre is there for your children, so please support it in any way you can. Please make the effort to come.

National Quality Frame Work  
Effective from 1 January 2012

On the 1\textsuperscript{st} January 2012, the ‘National Quality Frame Work” came into effect. This means that all Australian children, regardless of their location, will get the best possible start in life through high quality early childhood education and care and school age care services. The Framework will help providers improve their services in the areas that impact on a child’s development and empower families to make informed choices about which service is best for their child.

The National Quality Framework includes:

* A national legislative framework that consists of the \textit{Education and Care Services National Law} and \textit{Education and Care Services National Regulations}
* A National Quality Standard
* An assessment and rating system
* A regulatory authority in each state and territory who will have primary responsibility for the approval, monitoring and quality assessment of services in their jurisdiction in accordance with the national legislative framework and in relation to the National Quality Standard.
* The Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA). ACECQA, the new national body is responsible for providing oversight of the new system and ensuring consistency of approach.

\textbf{WITHOUT A PARENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WE CAN NOT MEET ALL NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS!}