Good afternoon parents and carers,

Welcome back students and teachers to another term of quality teaching and learning. I trust you are all well rested, and ready to give your very best.

On Monday 13 July, our teachers worked hard at developing their foundational knowledge around comprehension skills. We looked at teaching and learning and the impact on guided reading and what it is we are actually guiding students to do. On Thursday 16 July, every teacher was given the opportunity to observe a sensory imaging demonstration lesson. We were able to watch the videos taken from Kinder to year 6 and professionally discuss the learning continuum and differentiation. As a staff we developed a more explicit knowledge around learning intentions and success criteria in our professional learning workshop on Thursday afternoon. I’d like to thank our staff for their dedication to their own learning, and their drive to want to be the best teachers they can, for the benefit of our students. We really are so very lucky to have so many quality teachers with our students every day.

We are fortunate to be celebrating both NAIDOC and Education Week next week (week 3). There is a wonderful line up of celebrations and activities for the whole community to get involved in. On Monday our K-2 students will take part in NAIDOC activities at school whilst our Yrs 3-6 students will be visiting the Georges River Environmental Education Centre, Lambeth Reserve and on Wednesday our students will enjoy a Snake Tails performance at school. Education week activities include our Open Day on Friday and the annual Book Fair.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Rebecca Flynn this Friday. Rebecca heads off for a three week teaching practicum
and is then investing her time into completing her Bachelor of Education. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Flynn for her dedication, hard work and commitment to our whole school community. We will miss her beautiful smile, efficient ways and the way she engages and supports our students. On behalf of our East Hills school community, I wish Miss Flynn all the best in her upcoming teaching career.

I look forward to seeing you all on open day.

Kindest regards,

Donna Casey
Principal

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION
SNAKE TAILS PERFORMANCE

As part of our Naidoc Week celebration and environmental studies East Hills Public School will be participating in activities given by Georges River Environmental Education Centre and a performance from Bob Withney’s Snake Tails. Bob will explain why we need snakes and other reptiles in the environment. Children will see close up snakes, lizards, turtles and other reptiles.

Monday 27 July - at School – Yrs K-2
               GREEC – Yrs 3-6

Wednesday 29 July - Snake Tails
                  Whole School

MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS

As of 24 July it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.
STAGE 3 FUNDRAISING
The students in stage 3 (Years 5 and 6), have been given permission to run a cake stall on Thursday 23 July, 2015. The funds raised will go towards the stage 3 end of year activities and the year 6 farewell.

There will be a variety of cakes and slices that will be available on the day. We will attempt to cater to all students including those who have particular allergies.

The price for the cake stall will range from 50c to $2.

This activity has the approval of the Principal.

TERM 3 EHPS FITNESS PROGRAM
During term 3 the students will be participating in the skipping component of the fitness program. This program will be held from Week 2 to Week 10. Payment for this fitness program is due each term as it is run by our outside educational supplier Dance Fever.

VISITING THE SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS
If you need to visit the school grounds for any reason during lesson times (9am -3pm), please ensure you come straight the office. If you are dropping off something for a student we will ensure they receive it at a time that does not interrupt their learning.

DON’T FORGET TO LABEL YOUR CHILD’S BELONGINGS
You can:
- use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels
- go through your child’s bag with them each night
- check that labels haven’t faded with washing
- if something doesn’t come home, check the lost property bin located in the staffroom building

NOTE HOME TO STUDENTS
Not getting those important notes or permission notes, are they getting lost in the bottom of school bags never to see the light of day? Don’t forget check the School Website regularly for important information like upcoming events and or excursions. If an event requires a note or permission note it is attached to the calendar date on the website for you to read or print out at home.


P&C NEWS
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 17 August at 5.30pm

The P&C would like to thank Revesby Workers Club for their generous grant of $17,000 for In School Speech Therapy for our students. This is an amazing amount of money to use for our students progress and we cannot thank them enough.

A big thankyou to all the volunteers that helped run our Disco at the end of last term. The students had an amazing night and we would not have been able to do it without the volunteers there to run the night. We are happy to announce that we raised $389 on the night.

The P&C will be holding a Morning Tea on Friday 31 July at the School Open Day from 11-11.20am on the Crystals and Rubies veranda. We will be serving tea and coffee and cakes on the day for a gold coin donation.

We hope to see you there.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Our next whole school formal assembly will be held on Friday 31 July – Open Day in our School Hall at 9.45am – 11.00am.

Your attendance at our assemblies is always welcome! Thank you for your continued support.
The following children will receive Certificates for participating in the UNSW Digital Technologies competition:

- Steven Nguy Merit
- Aaliyah El-Dehaibi Participation
- Ibrahim Hamze Participation
- Benjamin Lin Participation
- Declan Pearson Participation
- Dannis Tran Participation

The following children will receive Certificates for participating in the UNSW Science competition:

- Bettina Nguyen Credit
- Dannis Tran Credit
- Ibrahim Hamze Participation
- Benjamin Lin Participation
- Jessica Owen Participation
- Sarah Owen Participation
- Declan Pearson Participation

The following children will receive a Bronze Dollarmite Certificate:

- Jakeb Wilson

The following children will receive a Silver Dollarmite Certificate:

- Benjamin Lin

CLASS OF THE WEEK
The following class was selected for their excellent behaviour during our last whole school assembly held in Week 10 Term 2.

LIVE LIFE WELL

HEART SMART
Here are some healthy heart food tips:

- use margarine spreads instead of butter
- choose reduced-fat milk (2% fat or less) for children two years and over
- have fish at least twice a week
- snack on fresh fruit
- don’t add salt to cooking or at the table
- enjoy a variety of foods especially fruits, vegetables, breads and cereals.

ENCOURAGE FAIR PLAY
Sport and games are a great way for children to learn about teamwork, rules, winning, losing as well as providing invaluable physical activity. Parents can encourage fair play by:

- Emphasising effort and having fun, not just winning.
- Cheering and acknowledging good play by both teams.
- Talking about the game not the result.

For more information about encouraging fair play go to the NSW Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au or phone 131 302.
Topaz Class News

During term 2, Topaz completed a unit of work on The Solar System. The students worked extremely hard researching and reporting on key features of the planets and their orbital periods around the sun. As a part of their homework Topaz were given a project to create a replica of the Solar System. The students put in a huge amount of effort to create fantastic replicas. Have a look at some of them below.
St Christopher’s Cricket Club

THIS SUMMER – IT HAS TO BE CRICKET!

Playing with St Christopher’s Cricket Club is a fantastic opportunity for your child to enjoy the fun and camaraderie of playing a great sport with one of the most successful clubs in the Bankstown district – Under 9 & Reserve RDOA Premiers 2016-17.

...and we like to have as much fun off the field as we do on the field!

The club has three registration days for the 2016-17 season, and we welcome new, and returning, players.

Registration days are –

Saturday 1 August – Woolworths Revesby 9 am – 12 pm
Saturday 8 August – Panania shopping centre 9 am – 12 pm
Saturday 15 August – Woolworths Revesby 9 am – 12 pm

MINI CRICKET

- Did you know that matches only take 1.5 hrs – finish by 10.30am!
- Boys and girls welcome
- Ages: Under 5s to Under 12s
- All players get a bat and ball
- No weekly match fees

Free MINI cricket for All Girls

We are keen to see new registrations for our other junior teams from U9s to U15s, as well as for our Senior teams.

A copy of birth certificates is required for new junior players.

If you need more information, contact –

Andrew Dixon 0400 211 362
Peter Goodrick 0418 699 164
or visit our website

stchristophers.msw.cricfit.com.au

Woolworths earn & learn

It’s back!

Woolworths has returned with our Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Find out how to earn educational resources for your school or Early Learning Centre in this handy flyer.

We’re thrilled to invite you to participate in this year’s Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Find out how to earn educational resources for your school or Early Learning Centre in this handy flyer.

Families Together

HELP........ My Child is Anxious

Presented by Megan Taylor

Megan is a Clinical Psychologist with over twenty five years experience working with adolescents, young children and their families. This session aims to inform parents about the nature of anxiety and to provide practical strategies to work with their children in reducing anxious thoughts and feelings.

This session is suitable for parents with children up to the age of 12 years and the strategies presented will be general. The strategies will also be relevant for a variety of situations and settings.

Bookings are essential and places are limited.

Make sure you book your place by calling 0400 708 626.

Fairfield City

Help your 5 year old to save and learn

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Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that the popular Woolworths Earn & Learn program has returned. Students who demonstrate good saving habits will have the chance to win amazing prizes.

- Prizes worth $1,000 each
- 10 winners per week
- Eligible for students in Years 1-6
- Prizes valued at $100 each

Help your 5 year old to save and learn

To participate, students must select one or more School Banking Deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered to the competition for a randomly selected prize.

The more deposits students make in Term 3, the higher their chances of winning.

We invite you to your school library

You are invited to your school library to hear more about our School Banking program and the chance to win some great prizes.

For more information, visit woolworths.com.au/prizesportal.

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