CALENDAR

**Week 3**
Monday 4 May – 6pm P & C Meeting in the Gallery Of Learning
Friday 8 May – 11.30am 3-6 Assembly (4F); Round 1 PSSA; Stewart House Day

**Week 4**
Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May – NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)
Friday 15 May – 8am ICAS Digital Technologies; Zone Cross Country Carnival; 2pm K-2 Assembly (1M); Opportunity Class 2016 applications close

**Week 5**
Monday 18 May to Wednesday 20 May – Stage 3 Canberra excursion
Tuesday 19 May – 9.30am Kindergarten 2016 Open Morning
Friday 22 May – 9am Maths Olympiad 1 (RSPS team); 11.30am 3-6 Assembly (3G); Round 2 PSSA

**Week 6**
Monday 25 May – 3.30pm ESPSSA Softball trials at Chifley PS
Wednesday 27 May – Kindergarten excursion to Centennial Park
Friday 29 May - 2pm K-2 Assembly (KR); Round 3 PSSA

School Plan
A reminder that we will be discussing the school’s plan for 2015-2017 during Connect Time at Monday night’s P & C Meeting.

Trivia Night
We are hoping to see many many parents at the Trivia Night tonight. This is one of the P & C’s major fundraisers for the year and we need as many people to come along as possible. It is a fantastic night and a great social opportunity. Many thanks to Sally and her team of helpers who have been working very hard to ensure a fun-filled event. They have organised some fantastic prizes.

Assistant Principal Special Education – Update
The Assistant Principal Special Education position will be readvertised on 13 May 2015.

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)
Between May and July this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

During the census, teachers record information (including children’s names and dates of birth) based on their knowledge and observations of each child in their class. For your information, the questions to be used by the AEDC in the upcoming collection are available at [www.aedc.gov.au/instrument](http://www.aedc.gov.au/instrument).

This data can be very useful for a wide variety of policy, analysis, and statistical and research purposes, so it is provided to a number of bodies, including government and non-government education departments and organisations, independent school systems and researchers. Some of these organisations may also link AEDC data with information from other
organisations (such as health departments) to improve programmes and policies for young children. When the data is linked with other data, extreme care is taken to ensure individual children cannot be identified.

As so much can be learned about children’s development through the AEDC, the privacy of children participating in it is of paramount importance. To ensure that all of the information collected is handled properly, the AEDC is managed in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs). The APPs regulate the collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information by Australian government agencies, and some private sector organisations, and is part of the Privacy Act 1998 (Cth). APPs also form part of applicable state and territory privacy legislation and policies.

If you would like more information about the AEDC, please refer to the frequently asked questions section on the AEDC website at www.aedc.gov.au or phone 1800 092 548.

The AEDC is voluntary and is not a school test, so should you wish for your child/children’s information to be excluded from the census, please see Mrs Nalovski for an ‘Opt Out’ form by 8 May 2015.

Margaret Nalovski
Assistant Principal

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**Stewart House Day 2015**

Stewart House is an organisation that provides programs and opportunities for students who need a break from their everyday life. It is supported by the Department of Education and Communities and charitable donations.

This term we will be supporting Stewart House Day on Friday 8 May. Students are encouraged to wear mufti (casual clothes) to school on this day and bring a gold coin donation in the envelope provided. Students representing the school at PSSA will also need to bring their sport uniform.

*Ms Molloy*

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**Sport News**

Congratulations to Max and Becky who were selected to represent Eastern Suburbs/Sydney Coastal Married Zone in touch football at the Sydney East Carnival.

Well done to our Senior AFL team who after the first half of the competition are in equal third place – a fabulous achievement in their first year of AFL.

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**Library News**

**Book Club**

Brochures have been given to students this week. Please read the information attached to the brochure about how to order. Final orders will be accepted next Friday, 8 May 2015. If you would like to help distribute the books once they arrive please contact me via email. For any further information please contact me.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to the Year 3-6 students who have already completed the challenge! Congratulations to Ben J, Zarif, Milla, Seeya, Chloe T, Edward, Amy, Aaron B, Lily C, Anna J, Isha, Catherine, Julie and Leyla. There are a number of students who are very close as well! There is still plenty of time to keep reading. There are specific boxes in the library to help students choose appropriate books. K-2 classes are completing the challenge with their class teacher and me.

*Nicole Mayhew*
*Teacher Librarian*

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**NSW Public Schools Recorder Camp 2015**

Last weekend Anna, Gaby, Laura and Miss McNab attended the NSW Public Schools Recorder Camp. We had a fantastic weekend developing our playing, sight reading and performance skills. We learnt eight songs during two intensive days of recorder playing. On Sunday afternoon we had a wonderful concert for our very impressed parents. We hope that we will be able to perform at the Opera House in August. We enjoyed this rewarding experience.

*Miss McNab*

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**App Of The Week**

“Taronga Zoo – Wild Australia” by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is this week’s App of the week. Users can discover the diversity and uniqueness of Australia’s wildlife and be amazed by our beautiful, enchanting creatures. This educational App is free on iTunes so download now.

*Mr Svanfelds*
*Computer Coordinator*
### K-2 Student of the Week

**Term 1 Week 10**

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<td>KD</td>
<td>Miyara</td>
<td>For excellent listening and being a sensible and polite student.</td>
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<td>KH</td>
<td>Jeswin</td>
<td>A great performance of the Chicken Dance.</td>
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<td>KR</td>
<td>Hayden</td>
<td>Being a sensible and responsible learner.</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Celeste</td>
<td>Using paragraphs in her writing.</td>
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<td>1N</td>
<td>Nate</td>
<td>Always displaying an enthusiastic attitude towards learning.</td>
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<td>1/2R</td>
<td>Jason</td>
<td>Making great contributions to mathematical discussions.</td>
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<td>2M</td>
<td>Abby</td>
<td>Beautifully presented book work.</td>
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<td>2S</td>
<td>Thomas</td>
<td>Being one of the three winners of the Easter colouring competition.</td>
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<td>2/3M</td>
<td>Clarissa</td>
<td>Using her spelling list words correctly in her English writing lessons.</td>
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**Term 2 Week 1**

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<td>Matthew</td>
<td>Participating enthusiastically in all maths lessons.</td>
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<td>KH</td>
<td>Seth</td>
<td>A fantastic week of learning.</td>
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<td>KR</td>
<td>Sabina</td>
<td>A big improvement in handwriting.</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Tyson</td>
<td>Achievement in maths.</td>
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<td>1N</td>
<td>Emily</td>
<td>Always doing her best work.</td>
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<td>1/2R</td>
<td>William</td>
<td>Challenging himself in mathematics.</td>
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<td>2M</td>
<td>Giga</td>
<td>Improving his writing.</td>
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### Rainbow Awards

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<td>1</td>
<td>Aedan, Caleb and Tiffany</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Mia, Vasilii, Mark, Lucas, Benji and Kayden</td>
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I hope to see lots of you tonight at our Trivia Night. It’s not too late to come along – just turn up at 6:45pm in the school hall and we will find you a table to join. Tickets are just $20 each and dessert, tea and coffee are provided. BYO snacks and drinks. We have loads of wonderful prizes and fun games to play, along with some trivia questions of course. A huge thanks to our wonderful parents and community for their donations. A full list of these generous donors will be printed in next week’s Rambler. See you there!

**Our next P&C meeting will be on Monday, 4 May.**
Connect Time will be very informative with Miss Sayers presenting the 2015-2017 school plan. This will be a great way for you to be informed about what will be happening in our school over the next 3 years for our children. The meeting is from 6pm-8pm in the Gallery of Learning (near the front office). TRAC (The Rainbow Activity Centre – the Out of Hours Care provider) provides free childcare for children over the age of 3 during the meeting. Please contact Tanya by this evening (1/5/15) on tracrandwick@gmail.com to make a booking.

Our first **Car Boot Sale** for the year will be on Sunday 21 June 2015. If you are interested in helping out with organising or helping on the day please email me sally.notaras@optusnet.com.au Car spaces are $30 and bookings can be made through info@rainbowstpandc.org.au

*Sally Notaras*
*P & C President*

**DID YOU KNOW** - the P & C website can be translated into 65 languages!
Take a look: [www.rainbowstpandc.org.au](http://www.rainbowstpandc.org.au)