VALUABLE ITEMS and MOBILE PHONES
Students are reminded that they should not bring valuable items to school. While all effort will be made to follow up any losses, these are much more secure at home.

If these items are required at school they should be left with the class teacher - or in the case of mobile phones, at the front office.

IGA PRESTONS
Many thanks to IGA Prestons, who as part of their IGA Community Chest program, have been very generous to us over the years.

A percentage of the purchase price of products that carry the IGA Community Chest logo are donated to the Chest - which in IGA Preston’s case - go straight to our school. We thank Bill and his IGA Prestons team for their generosity.

David Eggins
Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our Year 3-6 swimming carnival is being held this Thursday, 28 February at the Whitlam Leisure Centre, Liverpool. This is always a great day and all Yr 3 to 6 students are expected to attend. Parents are also invited to attend.

Wet Weather Information
All students should come to school ready to attend the swimming carnival. In the event of extremely wet weather, only students who have been nominated as STRONG SWIMMERS will attend the carnival. Please ensure your child comes to school prepared to swim as the decision to go ahead may not be able to be made until 9.00 am.

Miss Moffat
Carnival Coordinator

HAVING RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 - have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children's education - whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions. Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

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TERM CALENDAR

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ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 5 March, 2013. Students who qualify will be given a note at the end of the day of the school swimming carnival or Friday morning. These permissions notes will need to be returned to school by Monday, 4 March. Students will need to make their own way to the Zone Carnival.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST - 14 March
The Selective High Schools test is held annually for Year 6 students wishing to enter a selective government high school. For more information for parents, see www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
Student and school achievements are recognised and classes have the opportunity to perform for their peers at our regular school assemblies. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend. Class KN will host this assembly this week.

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Students who are selected will need to ensure they wear school sport uniform and always have a school hat, water and sunscreen with them on Fridays. Team members are expected to attend training during school hours and need to pay their $7 bus fares each week to their coaches on Friday mornings. This commitment is for the entire PSSA season.

Students who play softball should wear the school socks. We have stocks of these available for purchase at the office - $7 per pair.

In the event of inclement weather on a Friday morning, please still assume that games will be played and send your child in the correct sport uniform and with the appropriate equipment and bus fare. Students will attend even if they “forget” to bring their bus fare – please pay the following week. Venues for Friday, 1 March, 2013:

The Year 3 & 4 (Stage 2) assemblies will commence Thursday, 14 March (Week 7). Dates for these assemblies will be published in next week’s newsletter.

Term 1 Week 5
SUMMER PSSA COMPETITION
The competition commences this Friday, 1 March. Our teams and their coaches are as follows:

1) Cricket (Coach - Mr Spolyarich)
2) Newcombeball (Coach - Miss Wicks)
3) Oz-Tag (Coach - Mr Mathews)
4) Boys Softball/T-Ball (Coach - Mr Brook)
5) Girls Softball/T-Ball (Coach - Miss Todhunter)

This year all students K-2 will be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge through their

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2013
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a scheme to encourage all students to read. K-2 students are required to listen to, participate in shared reading or read part or all of 25 books on the K-2 Book List and 5 personal choice books. Students in Year’s 3-6 are required to read 15 books on the 3-6 Book List and 5 personal choice books.

This year all students K-2 will be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge through their
classroom program. K-2 students will listen to and participate in shared reading of 25 Premier’s Reading Challenge Texts with their classroom teacher. The classroom teacher will keep a record of all texts read by the class.

Year 3-6 students will have access to a selection Premier’s Reading Challenge texts within their classroom and through the library. They will need to keep an individual register of all texts read.

It is our goal this year to achieve 100% participation by all of our students in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Information on the Premier’s Reading Challenge and the K-2 & 3-6 Book Lists are available on https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Privacy Information
For 2013, it is a condition of entry in the Premier’s Reading Challenge that successful students will receive a certificate signed by the Premier and appear in the Honour Roll or the Premier’s Challenge website. A successful student is one whose completed reading record has been entered online and validated by 1 September 2013.

The Department of Education and Training, as presenter of the Challenge, needs to supply:
1) The names and schools of successful students to the printers of the certificates.
2) The names of successful students for The Honour Roll. Only students’ names are listed. They are not linked to school details. Participating schools are listed separately.
3) Details of students’ past participation in the Challenge are only supplied to the Challenge organisers to ensure students completing their 4th year receive a gold certificate.

If parents or caregivers do not wish to have their child’s name on the certificate and the Honour Roll, the student cannot participate officially in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. They may access the PRC booklists and complete the Challenge for recognition within their school community but they must not submit an online entry. Please let your child’s classroom teacher know as soon as possible if you do not wish them to participate in the Challenge.

Catherine Waygood
Librarian

MULTIPLICATION TIMES TABLES
Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams. Here’s School A to Z’s help sheet:

ALL ABOUT APOSTROPHEs
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now. Find out more:

Families Together
Invites mothers, fathers and grandparents to “The Stages of Parenting after Separation”

Presented by
Petra Will–Herat
Social Psychologist, Counsellour, Parent Educator

Parenting after separation is emotionally challenging for you and the way you communicate with your ex parent can impact on your children. This seminar will help you to understand the process and effect of separation on your whole family and how to make positive choices.

This session will also include some practical tips and resources for supporting you if you find another partner who has children and want to blend two families. Bookings are essential and places are limited. Please call 0407 708 626 to book your place. There is no cost involved.

Date: Wednesday, 20 March, 2013
Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Place: The Uniting Church
219 The River Road
REVESBY
TOILETING ACCIDENTS

It is not unusual for Kindergarten students or other junior students to have a toileting accident as they settle in to the new school year. Many require a change of clothing. Unfortunately, we do not always have a change of clothes that fit or are suitable to change students in to. If your child is a junior student, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please include a change of undies, socks, school top/dress and short/pants in your child's bag daily. This will assist us to make your child comfortable quickly.

Did you know that the school newsletter is available online at the school website?
www.dalmeny-p.schools.nsw.edu.au