Dear Dads and Mums,

**Parent Teacher Interviews** – Parent / Teacher sessions took place this week. I trust that parents enjoyed the opportunity to speak with their child’s teacher and found the discussions profitable. Thank you again to our dedicated teachers for being so readily available.

**2013 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools** – A note went home to all Yr 3-6 students outlining the details of the 2013 ICAS competitions. If you would like your child to participate in any of these competitions please return the note and the relevant money to the collection box outside the office by **tomorrow Friday 5th April**. Unfortunately, late applications will not be able to be processed.

**Earn and Learn:** After an awesome response and result last year, we have once again registered for the Earn and Learn program sponsored by Woolworths. From Monday 8th April, whenever you shop at a Woolworths supermarket you will earn a point for every $10.00 spent. Points can be placed on a points sheet and deposited in a collection box in the school office. The program is due to close on the 9th June. We thank you for the massive support we received last year and encourage you to support us once again. Happy shopping!

**Mobile Phones** - Students are discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school as there is a high risk of the phone becoming lost, damaged or stolen. Of course, messages of an urgent nature can be sent through the school office. If it is imperative that a student have a phone for use on the way to school or home, then our school policy is for the phone to be handed in at the school office before 9am and collected at 3pm. It will be kept securely there. Thank you.

**Safety in Currawong Street** - Thank you to the vast majority of our parent community who use caution and obey the road rules when collecting children in the afternoon around the school, but particularly in Currawong Street. Unfortunately, it has been noticed recently, that some parents are parking in our neighbours driveways whilst others are double parking awaiting their children to arrive. This is an illegal and dangerous practice which we ask that you refrain from doing. Council rangers will be patrolling and issuing fines.

**Absence Notes** - A reminder to parents and caregivers that an explanation is required whenever your child is absent from school. The best method to do this is to provide a short note outlining your child’s name, class, date and reason for the absence. This should be placed in an envelope and put into the collection boxes at the front of the office. Thank you.

Phil Nash – Principal
Premier’s Reading Challenge - Congratulations to these students who have recently completed the P.R.C. Rayan Chowdhury (1B), Simardeep Singh Bedi (1D), Agampreet Kaur Nagra (1M), Rutika Nagarkar (3L), Jasraj Gill (3T), Adrian Dalpadado (4A), Agni Nagarkar (6M). So far we have a total of 62 students who have successfully completed the P.R.C. Well done!

Environmentally Friendly Library Bags - As from last year, we are using environmentally friendly shopping bags as spare library bags (for students who have forgotten to bring their own). If your child borrows one of these, please remind them to return it to the library. Our current supply of these bags if very low and we would greatly appreciate any donations of old shopping bags.

Mrs Jenny Scheffers - Teacher Librarian

Easter Raffle - Thank you again to everyone who donated eggs and bought tickets for our Easter raffle. Congratulations to the following winners: Brayden Micallef, Rashmi Shetty, Adele Conn, Ethan Hallinan, Alexis Rija, Emily Laing, Rupinder, Stacey, Ethan Panaligan, Mr & Mrs Waddell, Saba Wojcik, Jemma Thompson, Harneet Kaur, Thomas Bielby, Mia Graham.

Movie Vouchers - With school holidays fast approaching, we are asking that next time you go to the movies at Reading Cinemas Rouse Hill, could you please hand in one of these vouchers for each ticket you buy. In return, for every ten vouchers handed in, Reading Cinemas will donate a free movie ticket to the P & C and these will be used for future fundraising activities. The sheets can be photocopied and there is no expiry date. Just to clarify – these vouchers are not movie tickets or discount vouchers, but can be handed in when purchasing a full priced ticket to assist our fundraising efforts. They can only be used at Reading Cinemas at Rouse Hill. If you have any further questions regarding this please contact the P & C.

Entertainment Books - We will again be running this fundraiser. For those of you that haven’t come across this unique fundraiser before, the Entertainment Book is a local restaurant and activity guide which provides hundreds of 25% to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for restaurants, cafés, attractions, theatres and accommodation. You can order and pay online by using the following link https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2145y61. If you order online, books will be available for collection week 1 Term 2. We can accept cash payments, so please watch this space for details on when they will be available to purchase.

Term 2 Fundraising activities - In Term 2 the P & C will be holding both a Mother’s Day Stall and Disco. Dates for these fundraisers will be advised.

P & C Fundraising Committee

Sports News

Summer PSSA - This Friday is the last week for Term 1 Summer PSSA. In Week 11, Friday 12th April students are able to trial for Winter PSSA teams.

Congratulations to Jack Balding who has been selected to play in the Eastern Division Boys Touch team and Seven Hills/Wentworthville Opens Rugby League team; Cooper Beckhaus who has been selected to play in the Seven Hills/Wentworthville Opens Rugby League team and Kelvin Clark who has been selected in the Sydney West Boys AFL team.

M Roberts- Sports Organiser