Dear Parents/Carers

Teachers are currently conducting meetings with parents to look at the specific educational needs of students in their class. You will be contacted by your child’s teacher regarding this meeting, known as a personalised learning plan meeting. Your attendance will support your child’s teacher in addressing needs within class programs. For students with health care needs, the meeting will enable teachers to review health care plans and any other specific programs such as eating and positioning.

National Disability Insurance Scheme

The National Disability Insurance Scheme is currently before the Australian Parliament, sets out the framework for a national scheme – the first stage of which will benefit about 26,000 people with disability, their families and carers in the Hunter in NSW, the Barwon area of Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and the ACT.

If you would like to have a say in the scheme and/or receive regular updates, then you can register via the following link:

The Royal Easter Show School Day

On Thursday 28 March 2013, there will be a whole school excursion to the Easter show. You will have received a notice regarding this event from Ana Mowle, Assistant Principal. It is an educational and fun day for students. The RAS Schools Program incorporates a number of unique hands-on sessions and other informative sessions that focus on agriculture, food technology and production. The program will include a number of past favourites such as the Milking Barn and sheep shearing, along with some new and exciting initiatives.

The date is the day before the Easter weekend. On this day our drivers will drive your child directly to Homebush and transport them home directly from Homebush.

Coffee & Chat

Our next Coffee & Chat will be held on Friday 22 March from 10.00am in the staffroom. I have arranged for Anne Funke, Social Worker from Kogarah Diagnostic and Assessment Centre to be our guest speaker. Anne will speak on services available to families with disabilities.

P&C Meeting – Annual General Meeting

Please note that our P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 14 March at 11.30am.

We hope you can join us in the staffroom.
This meeting will commence with our AGM.
Assembly

We have had two entertaining and informative assemblies this year:

- The Chinese New Year – The Year of the Snake presented by Secondary 3 and Secondary 4 classes
- Celebrating Australia Day - presented by Primary 2 and primary 3

Assemblies are now held at 2.00pm on Fridays. Themed assemblies alternate with awards and birthday recognition. Families are welcome to join our assemblies.

Celebrating birthdays in March

Many happy returns to

- Gabby Nappa – turned 16 on 3 March
- Kara Crawley – turned 14 on 3 March
- Angela Zhu – turned 15 on 5 March
- Dean Parratt – turned 8 on 7 March
- Thomas McMahon – turning 14 on 10 March
- Chante Wambu – turning 10 on 10 March
- Ashleigh Kelly – turning 7 on 17 March
- Lachlan Guiotto – turning 9 on 26 March

Direct debit details for St George School

Name of account: St George School Administration

Account
BSB: 032-001
Account: 149102

For all voluntary contribution or donations:
Name of account: St George School Gift Fund

BSB: 032-001
Account: 165970

Community Notices

The family of Michaela Brown are holding a fundraising event to assist the family in purchasing a wheelchair accessible vehicle for Michaela – see flyer

From Talking Heads - private service provider – see flyer

Rotary Club of Liverpool West Inc. 11th Annual Circus Extravaganza- see flyer

Uniform Order

Narelle Minati in our office coordinates uniform orders on behalf of parents. Narelle has received a number of orders and will place an order next week.

If you would like to be included in this order, I have included an order form again in this newsletter. Please return to Narelle by Wednesday 13 March 2013.

Items for Sale

If you would like to sell any item, please send information and if possible a photo and I will include in our fortnightly newsletter. You may wish to send the information via email to the school email account or my own: stgeorge-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au or diana.murphy@det.nsw.edu.au

There are no items for sale this fortnight.
Important Dates for your diary...
Thursday 14 March    P&C Meeting
Friday 22 March      Coffee & Chat
Thursday 28 March    Royal Easter show excursion
Friday 12 April      Last day of term
Wednesday 1 May      First day term 2 for students

Lions Club Raffle
Please return all raffle tickets, sold or unsold next week.

Important Notice - Staff Development Days
At the commencement of term two, there will be two staff development days. The additional day is to support schools in preparation for the implementation of the Australian curriculum from 2014. Hence, students will return from holidays to commence second term on Wednesday, 1 May 2013.

Photos in the Newsletter
Our newsletter often includes photos from Assembly and other special events. I would like to reassure families that when the newsletter is uploaded to the website, the photos will be removed prior to uploading to respect the wishes of the families who have indicated that they do not wish to have their child’s photo on the school’s website.