Wednesday 22nd February, 2012  
Week 5 - Term 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Friday last week we had a great Swimming Awards assembly with many students receiving a ribbon. Our new Sports Leaders did a fantastic job.

Last week our students and staff had a bell recognition drill. This is so students can identify an evacuation bell and a lockdown bell. We have speakers in all classrooms to also give voice messages to support students and staff. Hopefully we will never have to use this system.

Mrs Sue Russell the Principal of Cardiff High has been kind enough to put aside an evening to talk to stage 3 parents (Years 5&6) about “What your child will experience when going to Cardiff High”. She will be at school in the Library on TUESDAY 6TH March from 6pm. Please come and enjoy Sue’s presentation and ask any questions about High School.

We wish our Zone Swimming Team all the best in their races and the weather on Thursday at Speers Point Pool. Mrs Owens and Miss McFayden will accompany students.

Don’t forget to start collecting your 10 points for our reward system

10 = a Principals lunch
20 = a You Can Do It Band
30 = a Banner of Excellence Presented on Presentation Day
40 = Lunch and another You Can Do It Band

Home Reading should also be a regular nightly routine. The books being read from K-2 are usually Home Reading Books. Years 3-6 can choose Library books and books from home. Don’t forget to fill in the diaries for some rewards from me! See your child’s teacher if support with their program is needed.

50 nights - a sticker
100 nights - a photo on our Wall of Fame and a eraser
150 nights - a pencil or bookmark
200 nights - a pick from my treasure box

Regular Home Reading makes a huge difference to childrens progress and fluency in reading and they love reading to someone.

The school has purchased a computer program called Reading eggs for students in K—2. This is a wonderful interactive program that supports children’s reading. As soon as the licence is finalised staff will issue students with passwords and usernames and you can use this program at home!

Jo Swadling
Principal
**DATES TO REMEMBER — (Please note the newsletter is on our website each week.)**

- dates are added to our calendar

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School Assemblies

- Mondays at 1:20pm in the hall.
- All Welcome

Please return contact details as soon as possible so we can keep accurate records. New emails are important for newsletters.

Canteen Roster

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The canteen will be closed on 28th March if we cannot find volunteers to help. We have filled the other days only looking for one now.

P&C would welcome donations of Easter Eggs & Mothers Day gifts for our fundraising. These can be handed in at the office. Thank you for your support.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Entertainment Books will be available through our school again this year. The price will remain the same at $60 per book with $12 of this going towards school fundraising. Cash, credit card and cheque payments will be accepted. Books will be available in early April. I will send more information home soon. Any enquiries please contact Donna 0421 286429

**BOOK PACKS**

Please remember to pay for your child’s book pack. Payments can be made at the office with cash or cheque or by direct deposit (contact office for details).

Thank you to those parents who have paid for their child’s book pack already.

Anyone who buys shoes from the “Athlete Foot” and mention Garden Suburb P.S. will earn the school $$$$$, which will be collected at the end of the year. Please let friends and relatives know.
BELMONT TAFE—INTRO COMPUTER COURSE

Offering a Certificate 1 in Information Technology. This course is for beginners. You will learn word processing, internet, e-mail, presentation package, spreadsheet, database and Windows.

The course will run for 18 weeks on Mondays from 1pm to 3.30pm and Tuesdays from 9am to 12.30pm. The course will not run during the Easter school holidays.

The cost is $231 unless you are fee exempt in which case the fee is $53.

Phone Michael on 49 796199 to register your interest.

That's Gold!!

This past Monday, Geologist, Mrs Bonnay visited Stage 3 to show off some rock samples and talk about some amazing Gold discoveries in our own backyard. She even brought along a replica of the World's biggest gold specimen (pictured). We had a great time learning about these wonderful and curious minerals. Thank you to Mrs Bonnay and the Department of Minerals and Resources for letting us see these fantastic specimens.

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