Dear Parents and Carers,

The tragic event that occurred at Pitt Town Public School has heavily impacted upon many people within and beyond our community. Our deepest sympathies are with those families and we will continue to offer our support throughout this very difficult period. We were delighted to see Mrs Minton (our vision support teacher) return to work this week. Our thoughts and prayers extend to Mrs Minton’s husband and we wish him well in his recovery.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Mrs Lavender, who worked at Pitt Town PS on the Monday following the accident. Mrs Lavender was one of a number of select teachers chosen to support the staff and students. She did a wonderful job, as did all who assisted, including Directors, Counsellors and numerous community volunteers. It is times like these that we are grateful that we live in such a strong and tightly knit community as we have here in the Hawkesbury.

A recommendation was given to our local principals for schools wanting to offer a donation to Pitt Town PS. It was suggested that we should wait until the Pitt Town school community has had more time to consider their actions from here and how we may be able to assist them. For those wishing to offer support now, you may wish to consider options such as a donation to Care Flight.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Executive Team
I am pleased to announce that the Grose View Public School Executive Team has now been finalised. With the appointment of Mrs Mackie to Kurrajong East PS as Relieving Principal, we underwent an internal expression of interest to fill her role. The new Executive Team and their portfolios are as follows:

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| Mrs James       | • Innovation & Engagement  
                  | • Arts, Culture & Heritage  
                  | • Stage 3 Teacher Performance & Wellbeing  
                  | • Stage 3 Assessment, Data & Reporting |
| Miss Graham     | • High Performance (including Learning & Support)  
                  | • Stage 1 Teacher Performance & Wellbeing  
                  | • Stage 1 Assessment, Data & Reporting |
| Mrs Wolff (3 days) | • Sport, Health & Student Wellbeing  
                    | • Stage 2 Teacher Performance & Wellbeing  
                    | • Stage 2 Assessment, Data & Reporting |
| Mrs Lavender (2 days) | • Organisational Effectiveness & Communication  
                          | • Environment & Sustainability |
| Mrs Gacka       | • Learning Management & Business Reform (LMBR)  
                  | • School Administrative Support Staff  
                  | • School Administration & Correspondence |
Parent Information Evening

A huge thanks to all the parents, staff, students and community members who pitched in and helped to deliver a great parent information evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents and kids in attendance, although the Mr Feneley “crèche” that was in operation in the hall, was a stark reminder to me of the challenges of being a parent and a teacher! I had forgotten that kids can run and yell without need or want for rest or breath.

Swimming

Congratulations to everyone who competed at the school swimming carnival. It was very pleasing to see the manner in which the students conducted themselves; the mood was positive and supportive and competitors genuinely wished the best for each other.

A special mention to our Grose View Public School District Swimming Team 2014, it is a great honour to represent your school and we are very proud of your achievements. Good luck, I am looking forward to attending the day.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Congratulations to our new SRC members. This is a very important leadership role within the school and a great opportunity to develop leadership skills. I take the role of the SRC very seriously and will commit time each term to meet with the SRC representatives. During this meeting time, SRC representatives will be expected to prepare and present a summary of the “student voice”. This process will build their capacity to listen, gather information, make sense of the information and prepare a concise and succinct summary.

DISTRICT SWIMMING TEAM:

Twenty four students have qualified for the district swimming carnival which will be held at Oasis pool, Windsor on Friday 7th March. The children attending have already received a permission note.

We wish them all well in their events.

ABSENCE NOTES

Parents are reminded that they need to forward an absence note explaining why their child was absent from school. Reminders letters for absence notes will be sent home each Monday. Teachers mark the rolls everyday so notes need to be returned to your child’s teacher.

YEARS 2 – 6 INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL’S COMPETITIONS:

Each year the University of NSW conducts competitions in the learning areas of English, mathematics, science, spelling and computer studies for children who are in Years 2-6. If you would like your child to participate in one or all of these competitions you are welcome to complete the form sent home in this newsletter. It would be appreciated if permission notes could be returned by Friday, 21st March.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

School photos will be taken on Thursday 13th March by GS Imaging Group. Order forms for photos have been sent home to all children. Please return your child’s envelope to the school office before this date.

Sibling photo envelopes are available from the school office.

ASSEMBLY:

The next School Assembly will be held tomorrow Thursday 6th March commencing at 2pm. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

P&C MEETING:

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th March commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All parents are very welcome to attend.

YEAR 6 POLO SHIRT ORDER:

If you would like your year 6 child to have a memorial school shirt, please complete the order form enclosed in this newsletter and return to the school office by Friday, 7th March.
**YEAR 5 & 6 C.A.R.E.S. EXCURSION:**

Years 5 & 6 will be attending the Community and Road Education Scheme (C.A.R.E.S) on Monday, 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April. A permission note is included with this newsletter.

Thank you

Mr Damien Feneley
Principal

**BOOK CLUB:**

The March issue of Book Club was sent home with children this week. If you would like to place an order please complete the order form with your child's name, class and correct money or credit card receipt and return to the front office by Friday, 21st March. Your orders help towards books for our library.

Mrs N. Read
Teacher/Librarian

**PROPOSED UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Another great day was had at the Huskisson Triathlon Festival on Saturday, 22nd February. Mia & Blain C, Erica & Samantha O’B and Cooper B all competed on the day, with Blain achieving first place in his event.

All competitors finished with smiles and were awarded medals by the Bondi Lifesaving crew.

Well done for all your efforts!

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**APPLICATIONS FOR THE NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2014 JUNIOR STATE DANCE WORKSHOPS ARE NOW OPEN!!**

**Who:** this is the perfect workshop for students in Years 5-6 with talent and skills in dance!!

**When:** 3 days over Wednesday 9th April, Thursday 10th April and Friday 11th April

**Where:** The Sydney Dance Company Studios, Walsh Bay Sydney.

**Cost:** $220

Further details can be found at www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au including the online application and Principal endorsement form. Applications must close by Monday 17th March. This will be an amazing dance experience!

For further enquiries please ring the Arts Unit on 8512 1176 or email dance.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au
Year 6 Polo Shirt Order 2014

Dear Parents,

It is time to place an order for our Year 6 Polo Shirts. An early order should ensure delivery this term.

The shirt will be the same style and design as last year. The left panel will be bottle green and the right hand side white. The school logo and year will feature on the front. On the back of the shirt will be the student’s names inside a number 14.

The cost of the shirt will be $50 for sizes 10 – 16 and $55 for adult sizes XS & S. To ensure the order arrives early please return the tear off section to the school office by Friday 7th March if possible. Payment can be made at the time of order or at a later date. If you have any concerns please let us know.

No late orders will be accepted as we need exact numbers for the order.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind regards,

Mrs H. Lavender, Mrs N. James and Mrs L. Noakes
Class Teachers
Mr D Feneley
Principal

Grose View Public School
Year 6 Polo Shirt Order 2014

Please circle the size of the shirt you would like in the table and indicate the amount of shirts you would like to purchase below the shirt size.

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Child’s Name: ____________________________  Class: __________

☐ Amount enclosed: $ ________________

☐ I understand that once I have agreed to order a shirt I am committed to purchase.

☐ I will send money at a later date

Signed: __________________________________________ Parent/Caregiver
2014 Arts Initiatives
Primary Boys Hip Hop Workshops

Are you a boy in Years 4–6 at a public school? Interested in Dance and Hip Hop? Then this experience is for you!!

The Arts Initiatives Primary Boys Hip Hop Workshops have been developed in response to a large demand for dance experiences for boys in Years 4 – 6 and is new for 2014.

These workshops are an excellent opportunity for primary boys with talent and skills in hip hop to develop in this art form. They can also assist in the development of social interaction, personal development and engagement in school activities.

The workshops aim to develop dance skills with industry professionals and allow students to interact with other male Hip Hop dancers from around the state. This is a highly motivational program that will build students' skills, knowledge and awareness. The activity is recommended for gifted and talented students as well as those who are at risk of disengaging at school or are disadvantaged in some way. School principals are encouraged to financially support students through their school or wider community avenues.

The workshop is open to individual students as well as student groups from schools, accompanied by teachers.

Workshop dates and venue:
Thursday 1st – Friday 2nd May
Beats 905 Studios
40 Milton Street, Ashfield, 2131
9:15am - 2:00pm each day

Cost:
$44.00 (inc G.S.T) for the two day workshop

Apply online at: https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au under Dance Initiatives.

Applications close 24 March 2014
You don’t want to miss out!

For further information please visit our website at www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au
or contact Kirsten Dickason - 8512 1190 Kirsten.dickason1@det.nsw.edu.au
Dear Parents

The children in 5/6LP, 5/6J & 5/6N will have the opportunity on one of the following dates to participate in an excursion to the C.A.R.E.S. unit at St Marys as part of their Road Safety program. Travel will be by bus.

**Dates:**
- 5LP & 5N - Monday, 7th April 2014
- 6LP & 6N - Tuesday, 8th April 2014
- 5/6J - Wednesday, 9th April 2014

The C.A.R.E.S facility runs programs that are designed to educate students in safe road behaviour and bicycle skills. The learning outcomes are directly related to the PD/H/PE Syllabus. Outcomes focus on such content strands as Sports Skills and Safe Living. Activities covered in the C.A.R.E.S program include:

- Bicycle safety
- Pedestrian safety
- Road safety
- Awareness of hazards to pedestrians and cyclists.

*** All children must bring their own bike helmet. Please ensure it is an approved helmet with the standards Australia Sticker – ASNZ2063.***

The children are to wear their sports uniform with joggers, including their school hat and sunscreen. Please provide a packed recess, lunch and 2 drinks in a labelled plastic bag. No glass bottles or money please.

**Date:** 7th, 8th and 9th April 2014
**Cost:** $13
**Departure Time:** 9am. We will return by 3pm.

Please complete the permission note below and return with the money to the office by **Monday, 31st March 2014**.

Mrs H. Lavender
Stage 3 CARES Co-ordinator

GROSE VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Year 5 & Year 6 Excursion to Community and Road Education Scheme – (C.A.R.E.S)**

☐ My child .............................................. is unable to attend this excursion. (Please return if necessary)

I give permission for my child/ward ..................................................... of class ............... to travel by bus to **The Community and Road Education Scheme at St Marys** on:

☐ 5LP & 5N - Monday, 7th April 2014
☐ 6LP & 6N - Tuesday, 8th April 2014
☐ 5/6J - Wednesday, 9th April 2014

I enclose $13

☐ I understand my child must bring their own Australian standards approved bike helmet.

Signed: ............................................. (Parent/Guardian) Date: .................

Name (please print): ..........................................................

☐ My child requires the following medication ...................... to treat the medical condition

........................... They will need to take .............. ................... times per day.

(dosage)
Let me help!!

If you list and sell either your home or a nominated home which you informed me about, I will give you $600 cash!!!

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Finland, Norway and Denmark will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
Interested in a Child Care Career?

Hawkesbury Family Day Care is a professional home-based childcare service operating for over 30 years.

IF YOU HAVE...
- a child you want to stay at home with and still contribute to family income
- a warm, secure and safe home environment
- a desire to build a successful home-based childcare business
- an interest in promoting the best outcomes for children
WE HAVE...
- a fantastic self-employed career opportunity for you

(Please note: All applicants are subject to a Working with Children Check)

Are you looking for Child care? Child Care places now available within the Hawkesbury area.
Please call for more information on Child care or a Child Care Career

Ph: 4504 7009 or 9045 8201
Fax: 4577 8910
Email: hawkfdc@psinc.com.au

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Hawkesbury Community Outreach Services Inc.

KURRAJONG PLAYGROUP
Kurrajong Community Centre, McMahons Park
Wednesdays 10 am – 12 noon.

— A Playgroup Coordinator attached — Who will, together with parents plan activities, assist with delivery of activities/games and ensure resources for the children are kept renewed, up-to-date, safe and fun.

Fee is $4.00 per week per family to cover resources and materials.

Contact: Chris 45731166
Kerrie - 45732922
Email: cd@hcos.net.au  Web: www.hcos.org.au
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

Twelve Chartered Accountants ABN 61 712 659 747
www.twelve.com.au Principal: Derek Nolan CA

Your Family Tax Specialist
Years 2 – 6

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS, 2014

Each year the University of NSW conducts competitions in a number of learning areas including science, mathematics, English, spelling and computer studies.

The Science, Maths and English competitions are open to all students in Years 2 – 6. The Spelling and Computer Skills competitions are open to all students in Years 3 – 6. These competitions are conducted at our school on the dates listed below.

The entry fee for most competitions is $8, ($12 for Spelling competition)

If you would like your child to participate in any of these competitions could you please complete the form below and return to the school office before Friday, 21st March 2014.

The competitions will be held on or around the following dates:

* Yrs 3-6 Computer Skills - Tuesday, 20 May
* Yrs 2-6 Science - Wednesday, 4 June
* Yrs 3-6 Spelling - Tuesday, 17 June
* Yrs 2-6 English - Tuesday, 29 July
* Yrs 2-6 Mathematics - Tuesday, 12 August

If you require further information you are welcome to contact the school.

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GROSE VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL
‘Healthy Mind & Body’

YEARS 2-6 UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS, 2014

My child ................................................................. of class .................. would like to participate in the following competitions:

☐ Science Competition @ $8 - for Years 2 - 6
☐ Mathematics Competition @ 8- for Years 2 - 6
☐ English Competition @ $8 - for Years 2 - 6
☐ Spelling Competition @ $12 - for Years 3 - 6
☐ Computer Studies Comp @ $8 - for Years 3 - 6

Total amount enclosed $ ............