Dear Parents and Carers,

**P&C / SPRING FAIR**

Last night I attended another very productive P&C meeting and Spring Fair planning meeting. The level of support within the school community is remarkable and I encourage anyone interested in participating to contact the school. The Spring Fair is set to be a wonderful event for the community and a terrific showcase of our school. Funds raised from the event will directly flow back into the school and enable the purchasing of essential resources to ensure Grose View Public School is a leading model of 21st century education.

**BUSINESS REGISTER/DIRECTORY**

The P&C have put forward a terrific idea to support businesses within our school community. We are going to develop a data base of businesses across our school community that will be available to all parents and community members. Shortly, we will be sending out a business registration form for interested business owners to complete and return to the school. This information will enable us to list your business details and services for those people wishing to support local businesses.

**TREE HAZARD ASSESSMENT**

On Tuesday 11 March, the school undertook a tree safety assessment from a Level 5 arborist. This was a comprehensive assessment of all trees within the vicinity of buildings, playing areas or pedestrian thoroughfares. The final report will be available in a couple of weeks and will then be lodged for assessment and approval for work to commence.

**ROAD SAFETY**

I would like to acknowledge the fine manner in which most parents and carers are conducting themselves when dropping off or picking up their children from school. I appreciate that this is a busy time and can be a difficult situation to manage, so thank you for respecting our efforts to maintain high safety standards. Please consider the following road safety reminders:

- 40km/hour or less according to the congestion outside the school
- Always use the pedestrian crossing (for safety and as a role model)
- Parent pick-up must be efficient and orderly (only leave your vehicle if absolutely necessary)
- No U-turns across double lines within proximity of the school
- Maintain clear access for buses in the bus bay area
- Reinforce road safety messages with your children

**CANTEEN**

I would like to thank and acknowledge the wonderful efforts of all of our canteen parents, and particularly the tireless efforts of Yvette. These are voluntary roles that demand a lot of time and effort, yet provide our school community with a service that saves us each a lot of time and effort each morning when preparing lunches. Love your work!
A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION
A former student of Grose View Public School, Trent Walker, gave up his time and resources to complete our block retaining wall situated outside the canteen. He has done a fine job and we are very grateful that he has completed a task that has been a long time in the making! Thanks also to Kim, for hand delivering her son to the school (just like old times) and setting him to work. Trent now runs his own landscaping business, ForeverGreen Landscaping.

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.

EASTER HAT PARADE:
Our K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Tuesday, 8th April commencing 12.45pm. Children will need to make their hat/bonnet at home. If you do not wish your child to participate in this activity please contact the school. Parents are welcome to stay and have lunch with their children on the grass.

ASSEMBLY:
The next School Assembly will be held on Thursday 20th 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, 8th April commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All parents are very welcome to attend.

LIBRARY BORROWING ~ Reminder
Library borrowing is a weekly activity for every class. The days are as follows:

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BOOK CLUB:
Book Club is due in this Friday. Please make sure you label every order clearly with your child’s name, class and include the correct money.

Thank you.

Book Club Co-ordinator

We try hard to make sure there are books that everyone will love to read and want to borrow – regular borrowing and returning is important. A couple of classes have had 100% borrowing this year so well done to them.

Please make sure books are always kept in a bag, it does help to protect them and keep them together.

Mrs N. Read
Teacher Librarian

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE:
Each family has received an envelope for the Stewart House Donation Drive, 2014. Please return donation and envelope to the school office if you are participating.
**LIBRARY BAGS FOR SALE**

There are a few of the old school library bags for sale at a cost of **$10 each**.  

*Limited numbers,  
first come first served!*

Please place money in an envelope with your child’s name and class on the front and send to the library if you would like one.

Thank you

Mrs N. Read  
Teacher Librarian
PROPOSED UPCOMING EVENTS:

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TIPS FOR PARENTS FROM THE DEC:

2014 homework planner
The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk.

Find out more:

Maths A to Z
Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.

Find out more:

Great books for tweens to read
Favourite books from the Premier's Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read!

Find out more:

Science assignment starters
Not sure where to go to help your child find out about electricity, natural disasters, the solar system or other science projects? Have a look at our project starters.

Find out more:
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

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**GROSE VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**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)
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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!!!
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

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 $ ............