**WHAT'S ON**

*(Please also refer to the School Calendar on the School Website and the Term Calendar further on in this E-Newsletter)*

**Week 8**

| **Monday 16** | Creative Arts Camp, Jnr Band 8am tbc, Pre-loved Clothing open 8.30-9.30am |
| **Tuesday 17** | Creative Arts Camp, Clothing Pool Open 8.30am-9.30am, Snr Band 8am tbc, |
| **Wednesday 18** | K-2 Assembly, Syd East Swimming Homebush 2.30-7.30pm, 2015 Resource Levy due |
| **Thursday 19** | |
| **Friday 20** | National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, Harmony Day, EoI form for high school placement to be returned to Mrs Moss, Band Polo shirts due $26, $32 due Yr 5 Excursion Minnamurra Rainforest, SSMF Year 2 Choir Fees Due |

**Week 9**

| **Monday 23** | Jnr Band 8am, Pre-loved Clothing open 8.30-9.30am, Young Leaders Day, Year 5 Rainforest Excursion, SSMF Yr 3/4 Choir rehearsal in the hall 9:30 to 12:30 |
| **Tuesday 24** | Yr 5 Rainforest Excursion, Clothing Pool Open 8.30am-9.30am, Snr Band 8am, Interrelate Parenting workshop evening tbc, Canteen AGM 2pm, Year 6 Jerseys $50 due, Commonwealth Bank at school 8.30am to open new accounts, Canteen AGM 2pm, Year 6 Jerseys $50 due |
| **Wednesday 25** | Yr 5 Rainforest Excursion Depart 8am, K-2 Assembly, $10 due Cross Country Carnival, Students return cake boxes |
| **Thursday 26** | JACK FLASH & the Jumping Beanstalk K-6 Incursion, Students return cake boxes |
| **Friday 27** | Cronulla Zone Touch Football Trials, $10 due SSMF t-shirt, Year 2 Choir - SSSMF Rehearsal at Woollooware, Students return cake boxes |
| **Saturday 28** | **NSW State General Election CAN YOU ASSIST WITH THE P&C SAUSAGE SIZZLE/CAKE STALL?** |

**Week 10**

| **Monday 30** | Jnr Band 8am, Pre-loved Clothing open 8.30-9.30am, Raffle tickets due back, SSSMF Years 5/6 Choir Rehearsal in Hall 9:30 to 12:30 |
| **Tuesday 31** | Snr Band 8am, Clothing Pool Open 8.30am-9.30am, **K-6 Pennant and Values Assembly 9.30am**, Volunteers needed to assist with Easter Raffle Prizes |

**APRIL**

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

P&C Information
The BBPS P&C Association’s Annual General Meeting was held recently and it was a very positive and uplifting meeting as we discussed the many successes and achievements our school celebrated in 2014. The minutes will be emailed to the community as a separate document. There is a comprehensive summary of these many achievements included in this newsletter. A big thank you to Jane Prosser who is standing in as President, temporarily, until the next meeting in May. Jane has volunteered to do so as the meeting could not have continued without a President. Similarly, Tracy Peters has accepted the role of Vice President, temporarily, until the next meeting in May. If you are considering nominating for the position of President of our P&C please contact the P&C (burraneerpandc@gmail.com). This important role will need to be filled substantively at the next meeting.

Thank you to the parents who accepted positions on the P&C Executive. Cassandra Hunnam accepted the position of Vice President (2), Emma Palmer accepted the position of Treasurer and Kristen Devane accepted the position of Secretary. The Canteen Coordinator position is currently vacant and so is Fundraising Coordinator.

Thank you to the parents who attended the first Spring Fair Meeting last week. Your support is really appreciated. Emma Palmer and Kristen Devane have begun many of the organizational matters associated with our Spring Fair. Can I urge every parent to offer assistance in some form as we count down the weeks until Saturday October 31, 2015.

The Easter Raffle is well underway. Thank you to the many families who have made donations of eggs or soft toys. There will be an information sheet going out as a hard copy early this week. Children need to be reminded to place eggs and soft toys in the classroom. They are then taken to the P&C boxes in the office. Students who receive a Golden Ticket need to place this in the wishing well in the office foyer. The raffle draw will occur on Thursday 2nd April. The P&C has put out a request in this newsletter for volunteers to assist at the BBPS Cake and Sausage Sizzle Stall on Saturday 28th March at the State Election. Please support this if you are able. Students will receive empty cake boxes to be returned on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the Election Day.

School Uniform – The P&C Association is seeking feedback from the community about the boys’ and girls’ Summer and Winter uniforms and the various options that are available. Surveys will be handed out from the office and parents/carers are asked to be as specific as possible in their feedback. Please return the survey to the office by Wednesday 25th March. A report will be prepared for the newsletter after Easter.

Creative Arts Camp
A large number of dancers, band players and vocalists will be heading to Stanwell Tops on Monday and Tuesday to further develop their skills under the direction of Andy Yule, Mrs Millar, Mrs Manahan, Mrs Roche, Mrs Barry and Mrs Luostarinen. My thanks go to the staff for giving up their time to offer such a worthwhile experience for the children. The camp culminates in a performance which gets better every year. Some of the children will perform and amaze you at the end of term Pennant and Values Assembly.

TERM 1 – WEEK 8

Wednesday 1 Cross Country Carnival 10.15am start,
Thursday 2 Easter Hat Parade 9.20am, Easter raffle Ticket draw 1.50pm Last day of Term 2
MAY
Monday 20 School Development Day
Tuesday 21 Students return
Parent Survey
Thank you to the many parents who have completed this survey online. BBPS is seeking feedback from parents and carers to assist us in our school planning and future directions for the next three years. All responses are valued and will be treated confidentially. The survey can be accessed online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5VT3WSL

Congratulations to all the students who represented BBPS at the recent Cronulla Zone Swimming Carnival. Our students excelled in this competition that resulted in BBPS being declared the Champion Cronulla Zone School. Particular mention must go to the following students who were champions for their respective age categories:

Junior Champions - Connor Dibben and Mackenzie Fogg, 11 Yrs
Champion - Ava Wilson and 12/13 Yrs Champion - Noah Steiner.

What an outstanding achievement. There will be a large number of competitors from our school competing at the Sydney East PSSA Swimming Championships on Wednesday. We wish them all well. Mr Fisher has prepared a comprehensive report further on in this newsletter.

In addition we have had a large number of students trial recently for many representative sports including tennis, AFL and soccer and rugby league. Congratulations to the following boys for their selection into the Cronulla Zone Rugby League teams:

Under 11’s: Lachlan Bird William Gibson Mason Dun, Jasper Appleby
Opens: Kevin Harbridge, Adam Singleton, Troy Williams

Congratulations to all the boys and girls for the difference they made in and around the playground on Schools Clean Up Australia Day. I hope we can keep our playground this tidy. Congratulations to our school prefect team for the work they did with Mrs Moss, secondary students from Woolooware High School and prefects from other local primary schools. Our prefect team learnt more about what it is to be a leader and how they can bring about positive change in our school.

Last week I attended an SRC meeting and was very impressed with the ideas and innovations our class reps come up with and the discussion that ensues. All of our SRC reps are acknowledged further on in this newsletter.

Student Attendance
There have been some changes made to the NSWDEC Attendance Policy that you need to be aware of. The new National Standards have resulted in a change in the way absences due to travel and family events outside of school holiday periods are treated. The National Standards require that these are treated as absences. Parents who will be taking their child on a vacation outside of school holidays are now required to complete an Application for Extended Leave – Travel. A form is available from the office. Parents/carers are no longer able to apply for Exemption in these circumstances. There are more details further on in this newsletter.

Thank you for your support
Greg Fitzgerald
Principal

RESOURCE LEVY due Wednesday 18th March
Thank you to the families who have paid their 2015 Resource Levy. The payment of the levy provides for essential resources that are required by each grade every year. Exercise books, photocopy paper, cardboard, technology resources and art supplies are some of the items that come under this umbrella. The following amounts apply for each grade: Year 1 $87, Year 2 $87, Year 3 $91, Year 4 $91, Year 5 $83 and Year 6 $87.
If payment cannot be made by the 18th March please put a request to the Principal in writing for a delayed payment so a suitable arrangement can be made. Cash payments in envelopes should be handed in at the Office. Please try to have the correct money as we do not hold large amounts of cash in the Office. Alternatively, parents can pay by credit card - Visa or Mastercard.

**STAFFING**
Mrs Cooper is on leave for the remainder of Term 1. In her absence Miss Axford is teaching 6C. Mrs Millar will be on leave from Wednesday 18th March and Mrs Smith will be teaching 5/6G. Miss Parson will be teaching 2B on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Maidment will be on leave from Monday March 30th and will be replaced by Miss Kidson.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
The STATE Election Day is on Saturday 28th March
The P&C is seeking volunteers to help with our Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall which is a fabulous fundraiser for our school.

We would love to see some new faces!
Please email **burraneerpandc@gmail.com** if you are able to assist or have any questions on how you can assist.

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**MERIT AWARDS Term 1 Week 6**

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**White Ribbon Awards**  Emma Smith 1L  Matias Muumonen 1L

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Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. All classes will be doing activities that reinforce this important theme, especially at the 3-6 Assembly on Monday and the K-2 Assembly on Wednesday. The school invites all students, staff and parents to wear a sprinkle of Orange on Friday - Harmony Day. The whole community is encouraged throughout the week to promote the two related school values of **RESPECT** and **FAIRNESS**

All students and staff will be making the following pledge in the lead up to Friday 20th March. “We the participants at Burraneer Bay Public School pledge our long term commitment and determination to promote healthy relationships and prevent bullying and victimization in children and youth.”

Visit the Bullying No Way website at [http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/](http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/) The students look forward to sharing with you their NO WAY posters

**COMBINED KINDERGARTEN – YEAR 6 END OF TERM ASSEMBLY**

Please join us and help us celebrate our Term 1 achievements at our Combined K-6 Assembly on **Tuesday March 31, 2015**.

Values Certificates and Pennants will be presented and some of the students who trained and polished their skills at the Creative Arts Camp will showcase their abilities. The combined assembly will be held in the school hall and will commence at 9:30am.

Parents are invited to stay and have morning tea with us at the end of the assembly.

**PRIMARY SPORTS REPORT**

Friday was the last week of Primary sport for Term 1. Season 1 PSSA sports also concluded last Friday.
Students enjoyed representing the school in basketball, girls soccer and Australian Rules Football throughout the season, many playing a new sport for the first time.

The Winter Sports Season starts first week back after the holidays. Students will be able to nominate for PSSA Netball, Soccer and Rugby League teams, with trials being conducted over the next few weeks to finalise teams before the holidays. Other sporting options will be available to those students not participating in PSSA sport.

**STAFF CAR PARKS**
Please note that the staff car parks are for staff use and delivery vehicles only. This applies at all times, both in school hours and out of school hours. The disabled car spaces are for drivers with the relevant permits or who have made a special arrangement via the office. **Drivers who park in the staff car park put the safety of students at risk.**
Please contact the Principal if you would like to discuss this further.

**BE SAFE**

**BAND NEWS**
Band rehearsals and tutorials are now well under way for 2015 – I hope everyone is enjoying learning their music and having fun!
Senior band students should be working their pieces for Creative Arts Camp – *Procession of Heroes, March Mania* and *Happy*. Students will have received *Suncatcher* to practise. Please make sure you have a copy of each piece and are practicing at home! Have a great time at CAMP!
Junior band students have now learnt their first 3 notes, or more, and should be practicing on page 6, 7 and 8 of their Tradition of Excellence book. Your tutor and conductor are there to help you, so please don’t be afraid to ask if you have any questions about your instrument or music!
Remember:
· Arrive at rehearsals and tutorials a few minutes early to get yourself prepared
· Ensure you have all the necessary equipment at each rehearsal – your instrument, music, blue diary and a pencil
· Practise your instrument 4-5 times a week at home, for 20-30 minutes

Happy practising everybody!
Miss Belinda Jones – Band Program Manager

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
3B Joel Cochran, Ava Dean 3C Savarna Miller, Max Silcock 3S Abby Bishop, Lachlan Clarke
3W Sienna Davey, Ryan Macgonical 4A Merissa Spyridis, Joel Steiner 4K Kayla Mia Brunker, Reece Petkovich
4N Louis Fisher, Tahlia Williams 4/5T Maya Lee, Jeremos Mills-Vasas 5D Alex Singleton, Jaxon Woods
5F Charlotte Liprini-Parsons, Dias Gliatis, James Bourke, Stefano Carrer 5/6G Charlize Erickson, Finn Hyland
6C Taylah Ryan, Zach Farrugia 6M Kyran Bishop, Tara Thornley
6R Kevin Harbridge, Alissa Langford, Bethany Aiton, Tegan Whitelegg, Joab Eaves

CLASS CAPTAINS
3B Will Steiner Kobe Maher 3C Bree Amesbury 3S Ellie Amesbury, Tate Nicholls
3W Natasha Gosby, Curtis Larkin 4A Max Lawrence, Miah Nicholls 4K Taj Summerhayes, Miah Bagley
4N Cameron Mackenzie, Kayla Barge 4/5T Blake Woodger, Ami Mistry 5D Charlie Winney, Audrey O’Rourke
5F Piper Bentley, William Gibson 5/6G Abbey Wallace, Adam Singleton 6C Noah Steiner, Kayley Macgonical
6M Kai Raper, Faith Ribarovski 6R Kevin Harbridge, Tegan Whitelegg

HOLIDAYS TAKEN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL VACATION PERIODS
CHANGES TO ATTENDANCE POLICY 2015.

From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School Procedures. Travel outside of vacation period is now counted as an absence from school. The changes implement the ACARA National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting.

The new Attendance Policy states that “Where a principal considers that the travel is appropriate during school term, the principal will issue the parent with an Application for Extended Leave – Travel for completion and inform the parent that if the application is accepted, the absences will be recorded as “L” – Leave.”

The DEC encourages parents to take holidays with their child during school vacation periods. If a parent wishes to travel during school term, a principal will consider if the time away from school is in the best interests of the student. Parents should specify on the application, the educational, social and participation reasons for the absence from school. Travel is considered to be domestic or international travel for the purpose of a family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons, which should be specified on the application.

Parents should provide travel documentation, such as travel itinerary or e-ticket, and ensure this is attached to the application.

On accepting a parent’s Application for Extended Leave – Travel, the school will issue a Certificate of Extended Leave - Travel. The original certificate is provided to the parent. The certificate must be carried by the parent during the period of leave.
K-2 Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat Parade is on Thursday, 2nd April, 2015 at 9:20 am in the school hall. The children are required to wear a hat. The hat needs to be made at home and brought in on the morning of the parade. We ask that it is not brought in before the day as we have limited space. The children need to start off the hat with an ice cream container and the rest of it is up to their imagination. We do advice that the hat is fastened so that it does not fall off during the parade. We also ask that chocolate eggs are not placed on the hat, this is to make sure they do not melt if it is a hot day.

We hope you enjoy making the hat with your child.

We hope you are able to join us at the Easter Hat Parade.

*** PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO K-2 ASSEMBLY ON WEDNESDAY, 1ST APRIL. ***

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Newtown High School of the Performing Arts

Entry of Students

Year 7, Year 11 2016

Dance, Drama and Music Selection Procedures

To the Principal

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2015 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2016 in Dance, Drama or Music at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, must participate in audition workshops.

Year 7 Audition Dates: Friday 19th June – Thursday 25th June 2015

Year 11 Audition Dates: Wednesday 17th June – Friday 19th June 2015

Please Note: To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

Initial registration for an audition is required online via our website

www.nhsa.nsw.edu.au

Closing date for registration is 1st May 2015

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts provides specialist education at the highest level to students having outstanding potential and/or achievement in, and commitment to, Dance, Drama or Music.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Peter Shields

Relieving Principal
Cronulla Zone Swimming Championships
Caringbah Leisure Centre – Tuesday 3rd March 2015
Congratulations – CHAMPION school in Cronulla Zone!

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Congratulations to all four relay teams. Your efforts have earned you a chance to compete at SEPSSA Championships.

Individual competitors who will be representing the Cronulla Zone at the SEPSSA Championships are:
- Connor Dibben
- Joel Steiner
- Alexandria Fogg
- Will Steiner
- Mackenzie Fogg
- Nash Thompson
- Sami Novotny
- Lang Thompson
- Ally Novotny
- Ava Wilson
- Noah Steiner

2015 Burraneer Bay Swimming Carnival

I would like to acknowledge the 5 records which were broken at our school carnival:

**Connor Dibben**
- Jnr Boys 200m IM – 3:11.81s
- Jnr Boys 50m Breaststroke
- 10yrs Boys 50m Freestyle – 33.67s

**Aly Novotny**
- 10yrs Girls 50m Freestyle – 35.09s
- Jnr Girls 50m Butterfly – 39.32

I would also like to acknowledge an error was made at our swimming carnival with the Jnr Girls 50m Breaststroke. Jade Oliver should have been 3rd – 49.76 and Lucy Alexander should have been 4th – 55.55s. Congratulations girls and apologies for the error.
SPRING FAIR 2015 MEETING

Thank you to everybody who attended Wednesday night’s Spring Fair meeting. It was great to see a mixture of old and new faces and we were very grateful for all the help you offered. For those of you who weren’t able to attend the meeting there are still plenty of aspects of the Fair, big and small, that would greatly benefit from your input.

In particular the organising committee is keen to find coordinators for Entertainment, Sponsorship, Kids Novelties and Showbags. No prior experience is necessary, just enthusiasm. It is a great way to meet other parents at the school and to get involved in the school community. If you have any questions or need any details look out for the Spring Fair newsletter or contact us direct at bbpsspringfair@gmail.com

Kids School Holidays Courses

Held at our Jannali Centre

All classes taught by professional tutors
Ages 7-10 years

- Elegant Beaded Jewellery Class for Children and Teens

For further information or to enrol visit sgssc.edu.au or call 02 9528 3344
Jannali Centre - 127 - 129 Sutherland Rd, Jannali, 2226
Ages 7-14 years
- Cake Pops for Children and Teens
- Cupcakes for Mums & Kids
- Healthy Snacks for Children & Teens
- Sushi & Rice Paper Rolls for Children & Teens

Ages 11-18 years
- Sewing Classes for Children and Teens

For more details please ring St. George & Sutherland Community College
Tel: 9528-3344 or visit our website www.sgscc.edu.au
Seasons for Growth

This is an eight-week program for children aged 6 to 12 years that have experienced grief and loss in their lives due to a significant change such as death, separation of parents or a natural disaster.

Children will learn:
- to understand and talk about the normal range of emotions experienced during major change, grief and loss
- how to build positive relationships with family and friends
- how they can participate in a caring and confidential network of peers and adults
- about resilience
- how to plan for a realistic and hope-filled future

**Wednesday afternoons, 4:00pm to 5:00pm**

**29 April – 24 June 2015**
(includes party week)

**Venue:** Interrelate, Shop 1C
383-385 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah NSW

**Cost:** $50 per child

Bookings essential - Phone 8522 4450

Relating as Stepfamilies

This one day workshop assists couples to manage the demands of life as a stepfamily.

It will assist parents to:
- examine the challenges and positives of stepfamilies
- examine personal beliefs and the effects of holding onto these
- highlight the losses stepfamilies have suffered
- recognise the importance of developing stepfamily rituals
- compare different communication styles

**Saturday 16 May 2015**
9:30am to 4:30pm

$75 per couple

**Venue:** Family Relationship Centre
383 Port Hacking Road South, Caringbah 2229

Bookings essential - Phone 8522 4450
Morning tea & afternoon included.
One hour lunch break provided.

Have you ever considered becoming a foster carer but aren’t sure what it’s all about?

Barnardos Australia Sydney Metro office is running an information session to help you understand more about becoming a short-term foster carer.

Register your place today!

**Location:**
Barnardos Sydney Metro Office
Level 1, 50-64 Bay St
Ultimo NSW 2007

**Date:** 16th April 2015
**Time:** 6:30pm

**RSVP:** 17th March 2015
**Tel:** 02 9210 1355
**E-mail:** sydneyinfo@barnardos.org.au

barnardos.org.au/we-care
P&C News

We achieved so much in 2014

A word from the president Tracy Peters

If I could sum up the past year in a single word it would have to be “AWESOME”. The past 12 months saw our school community come together in ways both inspiring and productive. Through the hard work, dedication and commitment of families, teachers, students and the wider community, we raised money, delivered major events, upgraded infrastructure that will benefit the school for years to come and best of all, had some fun!

We united the community

Christmas Movie Night
Mother’s day and Father’s day Breakfast

One of the goals we set as a P&C for 2014 was to unite our school community. Through the hard work and dedication of our fundraising and social committee the school enjoyed events that not only raised significant funds but also brought the school community together like never before. Whether you slapped on a moustache at the Fathers’ Day breakfast or slipped on your dancing shoes at the Parent Celebration Night you couldn’t escape the positive social vibe in the air! And the events kept coming: Mothers Day stall; Easter raffle; Christmas movie night; discos...

Thank you to the myriad volunteers and generous sponsors who brought these events to life.
Parents Celebration Night

Footy Night
Mothers day

Fathers day
Our fabulous new look Year Book demonstrated our vibrant school community in living colour thanks to a fabulous team and the generous sponsors and families who financially supported the project.

The uniform shop and pre loved uniforms responded swiftly and efficiently to parent needs and have developed two amazing businesses providing both a valuable service and profits to the school.

Our healthy canteen rose to even greater heights with recognition coming from far and wide in praise of what the dedicated canteen team and volunteers have achieved (we will miss you Angela!).
We’ll miss you too Treasurer extraodinaire Suzanne!

Recognising and showing our appreciation for the teachers was another goal for 2014. Surprise morning teas on Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day and making World Teachers’ Day truly an event to remember was our small way of saying to the staff they have our support and thanks.
Principal’s Wish List expenditure $122,343 included

- Compactus $12,150
- Teachers Resources $3,518
- Maths resources $5,712
- Skoolbag app $680
- Storage units $3,025
- Readers $4,851
- Double gates $9,000
- Ipad and sync dock $33,320
- Bench seating $7,711
- AirCon $13,910
- Tree removal $2,500
- Library doors $4,151
- Urinal $1,980
- Memorial book $86
- Year 6 musical $2,500
- Infants play area ~ $17,650

In addition to this approved spending this year

- Multipurpose court $30,000 (grant received)
- Laptops / ipads $25,000 (approved 2015)
- Funding a teacher 1.5 days $4,400 (approved 2015)
- New science equipment $5,000 (approved 2015)
- Wireless Access demountables $10,990 (approved 2015)
- 4N Carpet $3,731 (approved 2015)
Relocate the existing driveway gate to the emergency access gate on to the netball courts. Includes all new gates, posts and new heavy duty ball bearing hinges. Cost of $1100

Adventure playground seating  Approx. $8000
We got a $30 000 grant to build this

A hub of activity now

For the first time we established a dedicated grants program for the school resulting in generous grants and equipment from Tradies, Woolworths, Bunnings and the big one, the NSW State Government who funded the installation of our new $30,000 multipurpose sports court.
We purchased a sustainable water pump for our new ‘real’ turf

Storage Units KS, KA, K-1T $3025
We purchased 70 ipads and squishy skins for the school totalling over $30 000

We support our sporting representatives
We recognised outstanding efforts

Into the woods Musical $2500
We supported and thanked our wonderful teachers and support staff

We lobby council for improved pedestrian safety