This week we held our first whole school assembly. It was great to see so many students awarded for academic endeavour and so many parents and families in attendance. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the parent meeting on Thursday afternoon. It was wonderful to see and hear from so many parents and carers. The parent meeting was a great opportunity to discuss the school’s plans for the year.

From The Principal
Welcome to Week 6! Time certainly flies when students are busy learning and teachers are busy teaching!

Read and Feed
Read & Feed is a program that encourages students to begin their day with a healthy snack and a focus on learning.

WHO? Read & Feed teacher on the brown seats at 8:45am. If your child arrives at school after this time, they will not be able to participate in the program.

Meals
Awards Term 1 Week 5
RIBBONS

BANNERS
Jade H, Izaak K, Crystal B, Travis J

MEDALLIONS
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PDHPE Committee

Zone Swimming Carnival
On Wednesday 12th March, the following students will be representing our school at the Campbelltown Zone Swimming Carnival, which will be held at Bradbury pool. We wish them luck!

Barry Carr - 9yrs Boys 50m freestyle
Shakayla French - 11yrs girls 50m freestyle
Jazym Dobson - 11yrs girls 50m backstroke
Karissa Carr - 11yrs girls 50m freestyle & backstroke
Logan Hoskins - 11yrs boys 50m freestyle & backstroke
12yrs boys 50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke & butterfly, 200m medley

Awards Term 1 Week 6

Term 1 Dates
March
Thursday 6th: Primary assembly 2.10pm (5/6H)
Friday 7th: Infants assembly 1.10pm (2E)
Thursday 13th: Primary assembly 2.10pm (5/6H)
Friday 14th: Grandparents Day 11.00pm
Friday 21st: Gala Day #1 Years 3-6
Wednesday 26th: Books in Homes assembly 10am

April
Thursday 3rd: Whole school assembly 2.00pm
Friday 4th: Gala Day #2
Friday 11th: Last day Term 1

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I look forward to receiving many yummy recipes.

Mrs Keierleber and the HSIE committee.

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Basketball
The carpark changes have been successful and I thank all those parents who have adhered to parking outside the school grounds.

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Wearing correct black school shoes is a focus we will be taking with uniform and this is a wonderful opportunity to purchase a pair of school shoes - for a $2.00 donation to the Community Room. There are a range of sizes and styles to choose from. The Community Room will be open Wednesday afternoon from 3pm – 3.30pm and Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. A massive thank you to the Smith Family for help arranging delivery of these great school shoes.

Michael Tuffy: Transforma
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