Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the following children who received Merit Awards last week:

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**KINDERGARTEN**

Our new kinder children are settling into school life very well. Having the staggered starting times over two days certainly helped. So parents and carers can now relax and enjoy your days as much as your children are enjoying theirs.

Please note that especially in the first few weeks Kindergarten children (as well as their teacher!) may come home tired and grumpy. It is a long day for them and they spend a lot of it learning new routines and rules. Don’t be surprised if they want some quiet time or rest when they get home. Making sure that your child gets a good night’s sleep will be a great help.
**BOOK CLUB ORDERS**
Book Club orders close this Thursday 12th February – please make sure all orders are with the office by then.

**LUNCHES**
To protect the health of all students at our school we are asking for all parents to please assist by refraining from placing foods in your child’s lunch box that contains any nut products, including peanut butter, Nutella, loose nuts etc.

We would also like to ask parents to refrain from sending egg in your children’s lunches as well.

As we like to be an environmentally friendly school we also encourage parents to use recyclable drink containers, lunch boxes and storage containers (with your child’s name on them). Hopefully our children will grow into environmentally responsible people and thus minimise and reduce landfill and consumer wastage.

Please DO NOT give your child too many choices in their lunchbox, as they often think that they must eat all of it and so miss out on playing time. Just give them exactly what you want them to eat.

**MILK DAY FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY**
Thank you to Rowena who so kindly volunteered to come along to sell milk for us last week.

**MILK DAY FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**
Thank you to Cassie for coming to sell milk for us this week.

**P&C MEETING – TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY at 7.30pm**
There will be a P&C meeting on TUESDAY, 10th February to start some planning for 2015. These meetings are held in the spare room next to the Kinder room and start at 7.30pm, usually finishing by 8.30pm at the latest. It would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible at the first meeting for 2015, especially our new Kindergarten parents. This is a really important way of becoming involved in your child’s schooling. Discussion will be centred on the roles and responsibilities of office bearers of the P & C, and ideas for fundraising. The P & C will send its own newsletter on yellow paper when the need arises.

**CAKE DAY – FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY**
Thank you to Pamela Georgia and Luisa who will be baking for us on Friday 20th February.

Parents who volunteer to bake for our cake days will be asked to supply approximately two dozen small cakes (three parents are rostered) which are sold for $1.00 each. Cakes are delivered to school in the morning and stored in the staffroom. The teacher rostered on the afternoon tea break will sell the cakes. Containers may be collected from the verandah or staffroom after school.

**SYDNEY CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL EXPLORER EXCURSION YEAR 1 STUDENTS – TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**
An excursion has been arranged for Year 1 to attend the Hospital Explorer Program at Sydney Children’s Hospital, Randwick on Tuesday 24th February. The aim of the two and a quarter hour program is to take the mystery out of going to hospital, so children will be less anxious if needing hospitalisation. This visit supports topics covered in the school curriculum as well. A free healthy morning tea of fruit, cheese and water is provided by the hospital for the children. Students will be transported to the hospital by bus, which will cost $10.00 per student.
The Children’s Hospital is simply asking for a gold coin donation from our students to participate on the day. The Children’s Hospital has their own specific excursion note for parents to complete, which will be sent home soon. A permission note and payment envelope just for Year 1 is included with the newsletter today.

**BLANKET PERMISSION & PERMISSION TO PUBLISH NOTES**

Thank you to all those parents who have returned these notes so quickly. It is important that these notes be completed as soon as possible. **If we have not** received your note yet there is one attached today for you to fill in.

**FOOTSTEPS DANCE COMPANY**

In last week’s newsletter you were informed that the Footsteps Dance Program started last week. The total cost of the program is $30 for the whole term. There is a payment envelope attached today for you to include your payment.

**SPORTS UNIFORM**

In Term 1, the students will need to wear their sports uniform, so they are comfortable, when participating in the Footsteps Dance Program each Thursday.

**AFTER SCHOOL GREEK LANGUAGE CLASSES**

The Greek Orthodox Community of NSW has advised that Greek Classes will be operating on Wednesdays, from 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm in our school Library and IWB room. For more information call 9740 6022.

**MEET AND GREET, MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY AT 7.00 – 8.00pm**

It is important for all parents to read carefully the class booklets that will be distributed this week and to attend the “Meet and Greet” night each teacher will have on Monday 16th February at 7.00pm. Parents will be made aware of the specific way each class operates and how the timetables in all three classes work. A reply slip is attached to this newsletter. Could you please complete and return to the office by **Friday 13th February**. If you have also have a child in an older class you may like to come to the Kinder room at 6.30 for a quick rundown of routines.

**VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS**

The school will again be asking for a voluntary School Contribution which supplements funding given to us by the Government and enables us to provide quality resources and materials for the educational benefit of your children. This contribution remains the same this year at $40 per child.

**WORKBOOKS AND LEARNING MATERIALS – ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER**

This year all children will be using various workbooks in class. To cover the cost of these workbooks and learning materials we are asking you to pay $65.00 each for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 student. Please note that these workbooks do not attract GST.

Later in the year, Year 1 will be asked to also purchase a music book and recorder and Year 2 may also require an additional music book. Costs for these books will be advised when needed.

As always if any family is experiencing financial difficulty please do not hesitate to contact either the office or Mrs Northwood so that arrangements can be made.

**P & C ASSOCIATION VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**
Our P & C Association conducts an annual direct contribution as a major fundraising activity. This year the contribution remains at $60 per family. The funds raised are spent on teaching and learning resources and other special projects. It also helps to fund our Special Reading Program.

Although contributions are not compulsory, parental support for the school has been generously appreciated and our students have certainly benefited. It is our sincere hope that this support will continue and that the school will continue to provide well-resourced educational programs. If you have any queries regarding the financial structure of the school or the request for parental contributions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

**LIBRARY BAGS**
Library bags are now provided to our new Kindergarten classes each year. However, if you are in need of a new one the cost of the bag is $5.00 and may be purchased from the office. Only children with their school library bag will be able to borrow each Friday.

**TAKE HOME BAG**
The blue Take Home bags are now distributed to Kindergarten children on the day they start. The cost of the bag is $12 and it will be added to the Kindergarten School requirements – if you need to replace a lost bag they may be purchased from the school office.

**SCRIPTURE BOOKS – FOR UNITING CHURCH OR ROMAN CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE LESSONS**
If your child attends Roman Catholic or Uniting Church Scripture lessons in 2015, we would like to be able to reimburse the respective parishes for costs incurred to supply workbooks/sheets to your child. On the School requirements sheet we will be requesting $5.00 for a workbook.

**WALKING CONSENT FORM**
During the course of the year there will be a number of occasions when the school, as a whole, or individual classes, may use the adjoining park and equipment for games lessons, sporting activities etc. There may also be occasions when children walk around the local area. Please sign the walking permission note attached to this newsletter.

**MEDICATION**
If you require the school to administer prescribed medication to your child for any reason we will need written authority that states the exact dosage and times it needs to be administered. All medication is to be handed in to the office in the morning.

**MONEY DAY**
- There is no specific day for money collection. Money can be placed in the office classroom containers on ANY DAY. A receipt will be provided.

- On most occasions the payment envelope will be used as the permission note. Envelopes will be attached to the newsletters when any permission and/or payment are required for an excursion, etc. Please ensure that the all information is filled out on the envelope. There will be times when a specific permission note is included in the newsletter.

- Please put the CORRECT money in the provided sealed envelope, clearly labelled with the student’s name class and purpose and deposit it in the classroom containers through the office window. The office is not a bank, and does not always have change when
correct money is not provided. If you would prefer to make your payment directly to the school bank account you are welcome to see Mrs Maclean in the office.

- If you have any difficulty in paying for anything that we ask throughout the year, please let either the office or Mrs Northwood know so that we can make other appropriate arrangements. (We do receive a small grant from the Department to help out families having financial difficulties.)

**OTHER**

- Although the staff are often available to talk informally to parents, if you have a specific issue or concern please see the office to arrange a mutually convenient interview time with the appropriate staff member.

- All our students are required to wear a school hat as part of their school uniform. If your child has particularly sensitive skin you may like to apply sunscreen before sending them to school.

- School uniforms are available from Beare & Ley (Lowes) at Rockdale Plaza. The school also has a second hand pool of uniforms if required. Children are to wear their sports uniform each **THURSDAY** for Terms 1 and 2. If your daughter wears tights/bike pants under the school uniform, please make sure these are school colours to blend in with the uniform.

- Scripture lessons have commenced. Classes available are Uniting Church, Greek Orthodox and Catholic. Students who do not attend a scripture class will be supervised in the Year 1 classroom.

- Lost property is kept under the bench in the Office. Please remember to **LABEL EVERYTHING** which your child brings to school. (Please check these items periodically as names fade after frequent washing.) At the end of each term all lost property will be disposed of.

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

The Arncliffe YMCA at Coronation Hall, Barden Street, Arncliffe (phone 9567 4595, fax: 9556 3593,) offers Before and After School Care at their premises. Parents take their children to/pick up them from Coronation Hall. The YMCA then transports children to and from school. Parents interested in casual or permanent enrolments are to contact the YMCA.

Just a reminder if you are using their services to please let the school know if your child will be attending after school care on the particular day/s so we know who to dismiss your child to in the afternoon/s.

**CAKE DAYS & SAUSAGE SIZZLES – STILL SPOTS AVAILABLE**

The P & C is seeking parents to volunteer for Sausage Sizzles and Cake Days which are being held once a Term this year and special days such as Egg-a-thon and Sports Day.

Without the support of our parent community these days will be unable to continue. There are three/four parents rostered per day for the Sausage Sizzle – so please don’t feel you have to do it on your own. Sausages are $2.50 each.

Parents who volunteer to bake for our cake days will be asked to supply approximately two dozen small cakes (three parents are rostered each day) which are sold for $1.00 each.
Cakes are delivered to school in the morning and stored in the staffroom. The teacher rostered on the afternoon tea break will sell the cakes. Containers may be collected from the verandah or staffroom after school.

We will also be holding Pie and Sausage Roll days in Terms 2 and 3. The children will place an order for these and a parent will need to collect them from the local cake shop. The teachers will distribute the children who have ordered at the beginning of lunch time.

**MILK DAY – EACH FRIDAY – STILL SPOTS AVAILABLE**

Milk is sold to our children at lunchtime on **FRIDAYS** for **$1.00**. If you wish for your child to buy a carton, just give your child the correct money on Friday mornings and they can purchase the milk directly from one of our lovely parents at lunchtime. If there is still milk not sold at lunchtime, these can be purchased after school, again from one of our parents.

We are also seeking parent volunteers to sell milk on Fridays on a **Roster basis**. This means if we have quite a few parents volunteering, then ideally, you may only have to come to the school occasionally. If you are able to come up to the school between 11.20 am until 11.40 am on Fridays, to sell milk to our children could you please return the attached form.

**POLO VESTS**

Last year the school introduced a navy polo vest with the school logo. Some of our new Kindergarten parents have already placed an order. We would like to offer again the opportunity to current parents to purchase a polo vest. Please see the order form at the end of this newsletter.

**ABSENCES AND ATTENDANCE**

All absences require a note to the class teacher. If your child is due to be away more than three days please inform the school. Absentee notes are attached to this newsletter.

The Student Attendance Book will continue in 2015. This means:

**If your child arrives after school has gone in (9.15 am)** the parent/guardian **MUST REPORT to the office**. The child will be issued with a Late Pass which must be presented to their teacher on arrival to the classroom, with time of arrival and reason for lateness recorded.

**If you wish to take your child home early** the parent/guardian **MUST REPORT to the office** and collect the pass which records the time of departure and reason for early departure. This Early Departure Pass should be presented to your child’s teacher. Of course if you know in advance that you are taking your child early, letting the class teacher or office know prior to the day will help in organising your child to be ready when you arrive at the Office to collect their pass. It is important to collect a Late or Early Pass because it is a Departmental regulation that every single occasion is marked in the class roll.

If you are planning an overseas trip during term time for more than four weeks the absence needs to be authorised by the principal. There is a specific form that will need to be completed. Also please be aware that extra work will not be provided by the class teacher as this assumes that no pre teaching is needed. Newsagencies are a good source of workbooks if parents are keen to keep their children occupied. A comprehensive journal written about their travels is a great way to show your child the practical application of reading and writing. Such a journal also makes a wonderful keepsake.

**PARENT HELPERS**
Throughout the year there will be opportunities to become involved in a variety of programs and preparation of resources. We will advertise for helpers in our Weekly Newsletters so watch this space or the P & C Newsletter.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN POLICY**
The new Working With Children Policy aims to reduce the risk of abuse to children by preventing a ‘prohibited person’ from gaining or remaining in child related employment in any private and public capacity in NSW. **Therefore, parents who volunteer to help in some way with our children, (e.g., milk volunteers, sausage sizzle volunteers, parent swimming helpers, etc.) throughout their child’s schooling will need to complete this Declaration which can be obtained from the office.** Although the phase in date is December 2017 if you would like to complete the declaration you may obtain a form from the office – you will need to provide **100 points proof of identity to complete the form.**

**YEARS 1 AND 2 WET WEATHER**
Parents of Year 1 and Year 2 students please be aware that in wet weather situations your child will require a small fold-up umbrella. Large umbrellas can be dangerous on the verandah as the children get their lunches before crossing the playground. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**PARKING**
To alleviate congestion in the lane each morning and afternoon safer we are asking that NO parents park in the laneway between 8.30 – 9.30am and 2.30 – 3.30pm. When you are walking your children into the school grounds, please park either in Darley Road or across the park in Devon Road. If everyone respects this request our children will be able to walk safely in the laneway and across the street to and from the park.

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**WALKING CONSENT FORM – 2015**

I give permission for my child __________________________ in Class _____________

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1. To be taken to the park, and/or play on the park equipment and/or walk in the local area under teacher supervision.
2. In the event of accident or illness I hereby give permission to the School Principal or her nominee to seek medical/ambulance attendance on my behalf.
3. I hereby give permission for my child to climb/play on the Playground Equipment.

_________________________ __________________________
Parent/Guardian Date

**POLO FLEECE VESTS**
If you would like to order a navy blue polo vest with the school logo on it for the cooler weather, please indicate how many and what size you would like to order and when we have enough orders we will

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contact the supplier (they are not available through Lowes). The cost of the vest is $25.00. Please
return your orders before the end of February.

I would like to order ____ vests in size ____ for my child__________________. I understand the cost
of the vest is $25.00.

☐ I enclose $______ in payment
☐ I will make payment on delivery

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CAKE, SAUSAGE SIZZLE & PIE/SAUSAGE ROLL ROSTERS
Please place my name on the roster.
Child’s Name: _____________________________________________ Class: ________________
Parent’s Name: ___________________________________________ Contact Number: __________

CAKES SAUSAGE SIZZLES PIE/SAUSAGE ROLL
☐ 20th February ☐ 27th February ☐ 27th May
☐ 22nd May ☐ 2nd April (Egg-a-thon) ☐ 19th August
☐ 14th August ☐ 22nd June
☐ 23rd October ☐ 18th September (Sports Day)
☐ 20th November ***Please tick ✓ the boxes

Mrs Maclean will let you know when the roster has been drawn up in case there needs to be
any changes.

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MILK VOLUNTEERS 2015
(Please return this form as soon as possible)
Child’s Name: _____________________________ Class: ________________
I ______________________________ Phone: _______________________
(Please print your first and last name)
would like to volunteer to sell milk on Friday at the following times:

☐ 11.20 am – 11.40 am After school if necessary

Mrs Maclean will let you know when the roster has been drawn up.

MEET AND GREET EVENING – MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY
Childs Name: _____________________________ Class: ____________
☐ I / We will be attending the Meet and Greet Evening.

☐ I / We will not be able to attend the Meet and Greet Evening.

Parent/Guardian: ___________________________ Date: _______________

BARDWELL PARK INFANTS SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS – 2015

1) Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ____________

2) Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ____________

I enclose $________ to cover the costs of the following ticked ☐ items:

Kindergarten:

☐ Learning Materials (No GST) $65.00 $_______

☐ Scripture Book (Uniting Church or Roman Catholic) $5.00 $_______

☐ School Crested Take Home Carry Bag (includes GST) $12.00 $_______

☐ School Voluntary Contribution (per Child) $40.00 $_______

Year One:

☐ Learning Materials (No GST) $65.00 $_______

☐ Scripture Book (Uniting Church or Roman Catholic) $5.00 $_______

☐ School Voluntary Contribution (per Child) $40.00 $_______

Year Two:

☐ Learning Materials (No GST) $65.00 $_______

☐ Scripture Book (Uniting Church or Roman Catholic) $5.00 $_______

☐ School Voluntary Contribution (per Child) $40.00 $_______

All Years K-Yr2

Please support our very hard working P&C by making a contribution.

☐ P & C Voluntary Contribution (per family) $60.00 $_______

If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Bardwell Park Infants School.
A receipt will be issued for all payments.
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