The School Presentation Evening will be held on Tuesday 9th December. Please mark the date in your diary.

Sports Photos and Photo Catch Up
Students who have competed in a school sporting team this year, including representative swimming and athletics, will participate in group photos in each of these sports. The photos will be taken TOMORROW Wednesday 29th October. Students are to bring in their sports uniform to wear for the photos.

Catch up photos will be taken for those children who were absent on the day of school photos or are new to school. These students are required to be in full school uniform.

Selective High Schools Applications
Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 has been open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14th October until 17th November 2014. Application information booklets are available from Miss Pengilly or can be downloaded from the High Performing Students Unit’s website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. All intention to apply form should have now been returned to Miss Pengilly.

Stage Three Concert Postponed
Stage Three Concert has been postponed to Tuesday 25th November so mark the date in your diary.

From Sharon’s Desk
What a fantastic effort from our group of students who made a lantern and participated in the Lantern Parade as part of the Dream Festival on Saturday. There was a great turn out by parents and it was well organised at the school by our own Mrs Geering. A job well done to all!

Australian Principals Conference was held last week in Sydney. I attended the conference over the four days and listened to many quality speakers such as John Maclean, Geoffrey Robertson QC and Anna Bligh. There were many discussions regarding preparing our students for the 21st Digital Age and how we need to look at systemic change and education approaches! It was a very thought provoking conference.

Stage 1 Concert was held last week. The students performances were very successful. We had a wonderful turn out of parents and community members. It was mentioned to me that students and staff were taken aback when parents and community saw their own child perform and then they left the hall to collect them! Students and staff work very hard to put these performances on for the community. Stage 3 concert will be held on Tuesday 25th November, it would be appreciated if all people could stay seated throughout the whole performance, and listen. When the concert is finished, please collect your children from their allocated classrooms. We teach our students respect at all times. Let’s role model to our children.

A Wear Western Wednesday will be held tomorrow to support the Western SSA. This means that if you have represented the Western area in any sport you can wear your official gear to get in the spirit and all students can wear any red and green clothing.

Remember that if you have sport photos to bring your SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORM or school catch up photos your blue uniform polo, on the day to change into for the photos.

World Teachers Day is to be celebrated this Friday. This is a great day to acknowledge our teachers and also to say thanks for the wonderful job that your child’s teacher does. The teachers at South work hard and are committed over and above what is expected. This is relevant for all staff. Thanks to all of our teachers for making the difference!

Welcome to all of our new Kinder Transition students for 2015. Our program begins today and runs over the next four weeks. There are sessions for students to get to know the school and other new Kinder students. Parents are asked to attend information workshops which will be held in the Community Room. Please book into an afternoon. Packages are still available from the front office of the school if you are yet to enrol your child.

Exemptions for Leave: At present, Principals are allowed to sign off leave exemptions at school level each year. Please note that all children MUST attend school every day they are able. Acceptable exemptions are sickness, family commitments (which need to be explained), special circumstances and sport events. Parents can apply for exemption around these reasons and days away will therefore be explained and not affect their overall absences. I can only approve a minimum leave period per child each year for family leave. As of next year holidays will no longer be recognised as a suitable reason for leave. Please organise holidays in your allocated holiday time! Education is important and every day lost from school is an important slice of your child’s education missed!

Have a great week everyone, Sharon Murray
**Library News**

**NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to our final Year Five and Year Six Premier’s Reading Champions. Some of these students were able to complete the challenge by using their Library borrowing record. Year 5: Hannah Barker, Maggie Collins, Emily Cudmore, Maiya Fernando, Darcy Powyer, Amelia Raidaveta & Allie Sowden. Year 6: Natalino De Sousa Shaw, Holly Keizer, Alex Moy, Catelyn Noone & Nikira Rumbel. Well done to all students who completed the challenge this year. PRC Certificates will be issued with reports at the end of the term.

**Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program**

It’s that time of year again when Year 2 students participate in an Intensive Swimming Program. Notes have been issued today and need to be returned with money ASAP. The assessment day will be held next Thursday 6th November. $5.50 for this day needs to be paid prior to the assessment with the remaining $55.00 to be paid in full prior to Wednesday 19th November. Please see the note for further information. The medical information and permission note must be returned before your child can participate in the assessment day.

**Operation Christmas Child**

A huge thank you to the children, families and staff who contributed to project Operation Christmas Child over the past few weeks, whether it be a whole box or something to combine with others, it is very much appreciated. We ended up with 58 boxes that will go to children in 3rd world countries who normally wouldn’t receive anything for Christmas. Donations of soap, washers, toothbrushes, combs, hair elastics, T Shirts, hats, thongs, handballs, school supplies, teddy bears and a whole lot more were given. The children have learnt such a valuable lesson compiling these boxes. We will run this project again next year so be on the lookout for great specials during the year. Mrs Alexandra Prince

**Year 6 Farewell**

**Parent Volunteers required**

We are seeking volunteers from Year 5 parents to help organise the Year 6 Farewell. If you can help out in any way please contact Miss Matheson or leave a message with the ladies in the school office. These parents will be notified when the first meeting has been scheduled.

**Year 5 Hosts**

Each year our Year 5 students host the Farewell to Year 6 students. To help with the cost of this event Year 5 students are requested to pay $5 to their class teachers.

**State Athletics**

Last week the following students represented the Western Region School Sports Association in Athletics. Although none of our school competitors gained a place nor advanced onto the next stage, they all competed with great effort and pride. Well done to Amelia Raidaveta, Kimberley Trappitt, Will Cuthill, Jayden Blake, Will Magner-Pollard, Blake Merritt and Jayden Hyde.

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**Special of the Week**

This weeks special is: **Buy a pizza single and receive a free frozen orange or apple cup.**

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**3/4F Assembly item**

3/4F are performing an item at the whole school assembly this Friday 31st October. Students know what to wear and need to bring in their costume before Friday.

**Kinder News**

**Home reading bags:** We are looking for volunteers to sew home reader bags. Please see one of the Kindergarten teachers for a pattern if you would like to contribute. Donations of material can be given to any of the Kindergarten teachers.

**Tea towels:** Order forms have been sent home today to all Kindergarten families. If you aren’t a Kinder parent but would like to place an order, please collect an order form from the top office.

**DREAM Lantern Parade**

Thank you to all the students and families who joined us last Saturday night for the DREAM Lantern Parade. Well done to our creative students who made the lanterns at the workshops last week. It was amazing to witness the beautifully designed and decorated lanterns glowing softly in the night sky. Thank you also to the staff and parents who assisted Mrs Geering along the way! If you were carrying a lantern on behalf of another student, and have not yet returned it, could you please return to Mrs Geering as soon as possible.

**Community Connections**

Last Wednesday, our Community Connections group met to work on our wool felt mural that we are creating for the 2015 Sister City Exchange with Minakamo City, Japan. The mural revolves around the traditional cultural use of the river by the Aboriginal people and current lifestyles uses. Mr Will Robinson talked about the importance of the river to the Aboriginal people including the use of fish traps and food sources provided by the river. Parents are welcome to drop in each Wednesday from 2:00 – 3:00 pm to work on a square of their own under the guidance of local artist, Mrs Catherine Stein. Please note that Community Connections group WILL NOT be on tomorrow as Mrs Geering will be absent.

**South Enrich Classes**

South Enrich classes in Art, Writing and Science & Technology cease this week for the year as students prepare for end of year activities and assessments. Mrs Murray and Mrs Geering would like to thank all students who attended these classes. It has been a rewarding year and a privilege to have worked with students who demonstrate commitment, passion and talent in varied areas of learning. We would also like to thank our talented teachers and parents who gave up their time to run South Enrich workshops so that our students could gain access to your specific areas of expertise. We look forward to continuing our South Enrich programme in 2015.

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**PBL**

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

The PBL learning goal for week 4 is **RESPECT.** This week all students are learning to keep their hands and feet to themselves. This is a whole school focus for the playground and the classroom. Please remember to play safely and respect those around you.

Teachers will be looking for students who are playing appropriate games and keeping their hands and feet to themselves. Teachers will be handing out tokens and Ollies. Well done to those students who are always trying hard to up hold our PBL values. Great job!
Class Captains - Term 4

Stage 3 Students with Operation Christmas Child Boxes

DREAM Lantern Parade

Senior Boys Relay Team