Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those parents who have been keeping their children at home a little later each morning. To see an empty playground at 8.00am last week was very pleasing as teachers are not on duty until 8:30am. Nobody wants to see your child in an unsafe environment.

My grumble this week is not about the children. It is about the adults. We love seeing all of the parents of our community and it is wonderful that our school is such a social place where parents enjoy having a discussion with other parents. I only ask that the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) be the meeting spot of an afternoon. When large groups of parents meet outside of the classrooms and have their discussions it can be very distracting to the students in the class (and the teacher). Once again could you make your afternoon meeting spot UNDERNEATH THE COLA.

School Photos were taken today with children displaying manners and lovely smiles. Thank you for your efforts in having the correct money in your child’s envelope. The photographer promises to have the photos back at school before Mothers Day.

Last week 8 children represented our school at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival. I hear that all our students were wonderful representatives of our school but I must pass on special congratulations to Jessica Friesendorff who swam exceptionally well. Jessica will now represent Blacktown Zone at the Sydney West Swimming Carnival in freestyle and breaststroke. Good luck next Tuesday.
Many children are looking forward to the start of PSSA for 2013 this Friday. It is a late start due to trialling during the past two Fridays. Our students will be playing in the sport of Handball (Mrs Buck), AFL (Mrs Bailey) and Cricket (Mr Bragg). Parents, as always are welcome at the venues, and I know that teachers always appreciate helping hands during sport time. Venues are Handball at Bert Saunders (Beside Featherdale) AFL at Marayong Oval and Cricket at Kareela East Reserve.

Mr Bragg has also been busy preparing some teams for the Girls Soccer Gala Day. Those teams will be playing against teams from other schools next Monday at Harvey Park. As always Mr Bragg will appreciate assistance in getting the girls to the ground and helping or just cheering during the day.

It is a wonderful concept that no matter about the colour of our skin or where in the world we come from we are indeed very lucky that in Australia we all live in HARMONY. Next Thursday (21.3.2013) is Harmony Day and I am sure that we will have some special celebration on the day. We do indeed live in a lucky country!!!!

Terry Dauw
Acting Principal

MESSAGES FROM THE DEC

Succeeding in science
Encouraging your teen to ask questions and helping them find the answers is top of the list in helping them to succeed in science.

Facts about tutors
Private tutoring to give kids a helping hand in their schooling is a growing business. However, it's also an area where parents can be vulnerable to bogus offers and misleading advertising.

Public speaking
Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success.

Science starters
Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life’s mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Last week seven students travelled with their parents to Blacktown Aquatic Centre as our school representatives at Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival. Our competitors all did their best and represented Plumpton PS with pride. A special thanks to the parents and grandparents that assisted with transport to and from the venue on the day.

Our competitors were; Summer Brown, Shaneel Kumar, Jack Hancock, Ebony Hancock, Mikayla Cleasby, Ryan Wilson and Jessica Friesendorff.
All competitors swam extremely well, with all students recording faster times than they did at the school trials in their events. Special mention must go to Ebony Hancock, who recorded a time 7 seconds faster than her school qualifying time, and Jack Hancock, who swam 3 seconds faster than his school trial.
Our school's most outstanding results were recorded by Jessica Friesendorff in the 12yr Girls age group. She qualified with the fastest time in the Blacktown Zone for Freestyle, and second fastest in Breaststroke. Good luck at the regional carnival Jessica and we know you will do well.

Mr Bragg

BLACKTOWN ZONE REPRESENTATIVES
Our students have been achieving some outstanding results in trialling for selection in teams to represent Blacktown Zone in various sports over the past few weeks. A big thank you must go to parents who have assisted in transporting students to and from Harvey Park for the trials.

A number of students have been selected to trial for Blacktown representative teams in AFL, Touch Football, Soccer and Rugby League.

Blake Stone and Dion Camilleri were successful in being selected to represent Blacktown Zone in AFL, with the selector reporting that he was impressed with Blake's agility, kicking accuracy and handpassing and Dion's powerful long boot.

Praneet Singh has been selected in the Blacktown Zone Boys Soccer team, a magnificent feat for a student still in Year 4!

Our school always produces talented Rugby League players, and this year is no exception. Aunese Aunese, Memphis Tai and Luke Harrison were all selected in the Blacktown Zone Rugby League team, and will be continuing to train with their new team mates to get ready to take on other zones across Western Sydney in Week 11 this term.

Well done boys, we are proud of you.

Mr Bragg

HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2013

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### The SRC Snail Trail 2013!

The Snail Trail is the first SRC fundraiser for 2013!

**When:** Tuesday, 9th April - Week 11  
**What to do:** START COLLECTING SILVER COINS!! Collect as many silver coins as you can AT HOME! On the day of the Snail trail you can bring them in and give them to your teacher!  
**How it works:** At the Snail Trail your SRC representatives will line up all your coins and measure them to see how long your trail is!  
**Prize:** The class with the longest snail trail will win a Pizza Party! The winner will be announced on Wednesday after Recess!

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**So Start Collecting Coins And Good Luck!!**  
**The SRC**

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**THANK YOU**  
A big thank you to Mrs George for covering books for 1P children.  
Mrs Popovic
SCHOOL PROCEDURES & REMINDERS

SCHOOL CAR PARK
Parents are reminded that the school car park is for STAFF PARKING ONLY. Parents are asked not to drop children off in the car park, park in or walk through the car park. The car park is out of bounds for students. This is for their safety.

EARLY LEAVERS
When signing children out early of an afternoon, for appointments etc, parents are asked to do so before 2.45pm. Students will not be signed out after this time.

MESSAGES REGARDING LATE COLLECTION OF STUDENT
Please phone before 2.30pm with any messages for your child. We do our best to get messages to children but it would be appreciated if you could ensure there are alternative procedures in place.

PAYMENTS
All payments for excursions, camp, activities etc must be paid by the advised closing date and given to the class teacher. Please ensure you have enclosed the correct money (no change will be given) in an envelope clearly marked with child’s name, class, activity and amount. Sorry we do not supply envelopes.

Have you changed any of your contact details? If yes, please contact the office immediately. It is very distressing for students and staff when parents cannot be contacted when needed. Thank you.

P&C NEWS
Our next meeting is our AGM where a new committee will be voted in (if there are enough people to fill positions) 18th March at 6pm in the staff room, new members always welcome.

Uniform shop
The uniform shop hours are Monday and Thursday 8.30-9am and 2.30-2.55pm.
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