STUDENT SAFETY
If your child is involved in an issue with another child please report it to a teacher. The teacher will follow up the incident. It is not appropriate to speak to any child, other than your own, regarding issues at school.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our annual swimming carnival is on this Thursday at Ashfield Swimming Centre. It is for students Years 2-6. This is always a fun day for staff and students. Parents often attend to cheer their children. Everyone is welcome.

P&C MEETING
The first P&C meeting of the year will be held on Friday in the staffroom at 9 o’clock. All parents are invited. Come along and hear what’s happening at the school and find out about the fundraising being planned for the year.

NEW TEACHERS
We have two teacher vacancies at our school. One is a classroom teacher position and one is the teacher librarian position.

A panel has been formed to advertise and fill the classroom teacher position through the merit selection process. I am convening the panel and Mrs Jenny Vajdevski is representing the staff. Parents representing the community on this panel are Mrs Bassima Kowaider and Mrs Kelly Pulevaka. All the panel members have been trained in merit selection procedures. We hope to complete the process and fill the position by the end of the term.

Another panel will be formed to advertise the teacher librarian position. This is a four day position, Monday to Thursday. I hope to have this completed by the end of term, as well.

Meanwhile both positions are being filled with highly competent temporary staff.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME
The Federal government provides schools with limited funds through the Student Assistance Scheme. If you are experiencing serious financial difficulties due to an emergency situation or misfortune you can apply for assistance for textbooks, uniforms and excursions. You would need to see Mrs Antaky in the office for an application form. The Student Assistance Scheme committee considers all applications and provides assistance when possible. All information provided in the application is kept confidential.

Cheryl Glover
Principal
PSSA Sport will be held at Beaman Park this week.

It was great to meet the new families at our school at the morning tea held last Friday. We are looking forward to a fabulous and exciting year.

The next P&C meeting is on **February 22nd @ 9am** in the staffroom. This year we will be holding a fete and would love everyone’s help. This meeting will also plan this terms activities.

One of the fundraising activities which was enjoyed by all last year was the Walkathon which raised over $3000. This year it will be held on **Monday March 18**. Sponsorship forms will be coming home soon. Enjoy a walk with your friends.

Our school has for the last 5 years been collecting **5 cent coins** to raise funds to beautify our school. Soon a coin bag will be sent home to make collecting these coins and easier, so keep an eye out for this. The donated coins will be counted monthly and future meetings will decide how they are spent.

Every Monday is school banking day. Our students bank with the Commonwealth bank which rewards and encourages their savings. The bank books are collected every Monday and then returned to the students. Every deposit is rewarded with a token and once 10 tokens have been collected the student will receive a prize.
We will be conducting a Walk-a-thon as a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. The event will be held on 18 March 2013. Family support is most appreciated.

Funds raised will go towards providing air conditioners for all classrooms.

Students have received a sponsorship form with a selection of over 75 prizes to choose from such as Barbie, Nerf, Hot Wheels, Razor, Pillow Pets and much, much, more.

We ask you to seek donations of $2 or $4 or $5 or $10 per sponsor. Students who raise a minimum $10 will be entitled to choose a prize of their choice from the prize categories listed. You will also receive a family discount voucher for Baskin Robbins, Stefan Salon and Pixie Foto valued at $140.

Also on offer is a 2GB MP3 player for the highest fundraising student and a free surprise party for the highest fundraising class. Each student will also receive a Berri Quelch frozen juice stick on the day of the event.

WIN AN IPAD – each student has the chance to win an iPad. At the end of each term a winner will be selected. If one of our students wins the prize, our school will also win two (2) iPads. So don’t forget to enter. For more details on this promotion and how to enter, please view the back page of the sponsorship form or visit www.myschoolathon.com.au

Once the fundraiser is complete, please cut out the 'how to claim your prize section' on the sponsorship form and return along with your monies to the school office on or before the 12 April. Please be sure to fill out your prize request. The individual prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Happy fundraising, and we look forward to seeing you at our walk-a-thon to cheer on the students.
Julianne Spillane
Vice President
P&C Association
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Good vision is important for your child’s educational, physical and social development and to help them reach their full learning potential. Many children continue to experience undetected and unnecessary vision problems and often they assume that how they see is normal.

It is up to us, their teachers and parents, to be able to recognise the signs of a vision problem, and to help children look after their eyes.

As part of the 2013 Optometrists Association Australia Children’s Vision campaign, we hope to help parents to detect potential vision problems in children early, and to teach children about their eyes and the importance of good vision.

Recognising eye problems in children

Symptoms of eye problems include:

- complaints of blurred vision, headaches, or sore eyes
- delayed progress in reading ability
- a turned eye, red or watery eyes, and frequent blinking
- poor hand-eye coordination in sports
- losing their place or omitting words and skipping lines when reading

Contact us or your local optometrist for a copy of the Children’s Vision Parent Guide or visit the website: www.optometrists.asn.au/childrensvision

Optometrists Association Australia recommends that children’s eyes be checked regularly throughout their school life, and immediately on observing any problems with their eyes or vision.

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A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.
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