Dear Parents and Caregivers,

YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT – 2015
A limited number of enrolment forms are available at school for current year five students who would like to apply for selective high school placement in 2015. The application forms are available at the office. However, the preferred method of applying for the positions is through the internet. The applications are currently open, and both the paper version and online versions close on 18th November 2013. Detailed instructions are available at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. The applications will be processed by the school in the same way whether they are submitted in paper or online.

2014 SCHOOL LEADERS
We have had a very eager group of girls and boys apply to be school leaders in 2014. These boys and girls have been volunteering around the school and have been interviewed about their ability to be school leaders. Voting by the students will take place later this week.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING
This week children in year two and year three will be learning to swim or improving their swimming ability. Mr Lobston and Miss Foley will be accompanying the children.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL POSITION
The vacancy left by Mrs Yeo’s appointment has been advertised. The position closes next week and interviews will be held soon after. The replacement for Mrs Yeo should be finalised before the end of the term.

STAGE THREE EXCURSION
Our stage three excursion to the Blue Mountains is on Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd November. We are looking forward to better conditions to make this a memorable trip.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
Session Three of the Early Bird program takes place this Wednesday. Parents will attend a literacy session where one of the teachers will show how they teach reading and writing in kindergarten and how you can help your child.
SAILING FOR SPORT
Attached to this newsletter is an expression of interest for sailing for Term 1 2014. The spaces for this term’s sailing experience filled quickly so return the expression of interest as soon as possible to secure your place. The cost is $100 per student. Students must be a junior sailing member of the 16ft sailing club and a parent or guardian of each student must be a full member of the club. Accredited instructors, boats and safety gear are provided. Children should be good swimmers. Parent volunteers will be needed to help with transport to and from the sailing venue.

Thomas Kelly
Principal

Vegetable Patch News:
November Update

The recent rain has given the garden a boost but the silver beet (spinach) is not of the juicy, succulent quality we had growing last year. You can water all you like with a hose but if there isn’t much rain most vegetables struggle. Most of the broccoli has been harvested and we have planted sunflowers, corn, beans, cucumbers, strawberries, squash, zucchinis and tomatoes. We are gardening organically and not using any chemicals so if your child comes home with some produce, all you need to do is wash it, cook it and enjoy it. Green caterpillars and snails, as annoying as they are, are a sign crops have not been treated with chemicals.

The gardening team changes all the time. Gardeners come and go but gardens remain. Quite often the children who take home produce are just the lucky ones who turn up on the day and ‘cash in’ on the hard work of others’. That’s life!

John Carey – Gardening Team Coordinator

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TERM 1 2014 SAILING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please detach and return to the School Office asap.

My child/children ____________________________________________________________ of class________

are interested in participating in the proposed sailing program for sport in Term 1, 2014.
I understand parent volunteers will be needed to transport children to and from the venue.

Parent/Caregiver Signature __________________________________________________________
Work samples are from 2R this week. They went for a visit to the Taronga Zoo

The Zoo - Ty-James 2R
Year 2, at Belmont Public School went to Taronga zoo in Sydney. 
First we had some recess it was yummy and then we went to the reptiles. We saw the snakes and lizards. Some snakes were big and fat. Also some lizards were very colourful. I thought the lizards and snakes were cool. The biggest snake there was the anaconda snake. The most colourful lizard was the Geckko, it was green and red. 
After that we watched the sea lions swim around in the water. They were swimming upside down and blowing bubbles. They were awesome to watch. 
Then we saw the chimpanzee and they were swinging around on their ropes and getting sticks and sticking them in rock to catch bugs. 
We found the koalas. Most of them were asleep. We spotted three and one woke up. They were very cute awake or asleep, high up in the trees. 
The big cats were in their enclosures. First we saw the snow leopards that were asleep high in the rocks. They were the cutest ones. The tigers and lions were asleep on wooden decks. One tiger woke up we could see his whole orange and black striped body. 
I love the whole day it was an amazing experience.

Polar Bears - By Jessica 2R
Habitat Polar bears live at the North Pole.
Feeding Habits Polar Bears eat seals and fish.
Movement Polar bears swim and walk on land.
Classification Polar bears are mammals.
Breeding Girl polar bears mate with boy polar bears. The babies are born live young.
Appearance Polar bears have a black nose, four legs, white fur and black underneath the fur.
Canteen Roster:
Wed 6th Nov:
Thu 7th Nov:
Fri 8th Nov:
Mon 11th Nov:
Tue 12th Nov:
Wed 13th Nov:
Thu 14th Nov:
Fri 15th Nov:
Mon 18th Nov:
Tue 19th Nov:

If you are able to help in the Canteen on any day please contact Janelle the Canteen Supervisor by telephoning 49454858.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students. These students arrive in February 2014 for 3, 5 or 10 month programs in Australia. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Finland, Canada, U.S.A, Colombia, Mexico and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au or email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 to request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!