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**Diary Dates**

With the end of the 2009 school year sure to rush by, I will list some important dates for your calendar/diary:

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| Wednesday 11/11 | **Remembrance Day Ceremony** | 11.ooam |
| Friday 4/12 | **KLA Assembly**, | 9.15am |
| Monday 7/12 | **Presentation Day Assemblies** | **K/2**  9.30am-11am  **Years 3/6**  1pm-2.55pm |
| Wednesday 9/12 | **Parent and Scripture Helpers Morning Tea** | 11.15am |
| Friday 11/12 | **Student Reports** sent home |  |
| Monday 14/12 | **Year 6 Farewell evening** |  |
| Tuesday 15/12 | **Movie Day and Beaut Behaviour BBQ** |  |
| Wednesday 16/12 | **Year 6 Graduation Ceremony** (afternoon) | Time TBC |
| Thursday 17/12 and Friday 18/12 | **Pupil Free Days** due to staff development. |  |

**Thank you to our School Administration Support Staff (SASS)**

Our terrific **Support Staff** (SASS) work in the office, the library, the school grounds and in the classrooms. They make a huge difference to our students, teachers and our school. We celebrated their work last week during SASS Week with a morning tea. It’s never too late to say “**Thank You**” to these wonderful people!

**Stage 2 Excursion**

Stage 2 students enjoyed their excursion to Rumbalara last Thursday, even managing to persevere through some unwelcome rain showers. Luckily, they avoided the dreaded leech invasions. I am sure students appreciated the work of organising teacher, **Miss Whitty, Mrs Murray, Mrs Oosten and Mrs Webb.** The day finished with local bush tucker expert and performer Jake Cassar entertaining the students. Again, I received excellent reports about the manners displayed by our students. Well done everyone!

**Building the Education Revolution (BER) News**

Initial work to clear the site for our three new classrooms was completed last week. Obstructing trees were cut and mulched for our school gardens and the top demountable was removed. We are expecting work to start soon**.** Our official ‘**Sod-Turning Ceremony’** will take place at **10.30am on the 20th November.**

Please be aware that during the building process work can occur during the hours of **7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 4pm Saturdays. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays.** Should there be a variation to this immediate neighbours should be informed.Bovis Lend Lease is the Managing Contractor and they have a 24 hour information line on **1800 739 748.** Should more information be required please contact the school and we can pass on your request/s personally**. It would be greatly appreciated if neighbours can be extremely vigilant and report any safety concerns or trespassing onto the school site.**

**2010 selective High School Applications Now Available(Repeat)**

I imagine many parents know that **Gosford High School** is the local Selective High School but did you know that there are 17 fully selective, 23 partially selective and 4 selective agricultural schools in NSW offering places in Year 7.

**Application forms are now available from the school office for parents of students currently in YEAR 5 to apply for any of the Selective High Schools** within NSW. Please return the slip in this newsletter or phone the school office (43253963) to have an application forwarded home.

My thanks to Assistant Principals, **Mr Francis, Mrs Auinger and Mrs Vaughan** for relieving in the Principal’s role whilst I am on leave this week.

**John Anderson**

**Saturday 14 and 28 November**

**9.30am – 12.30pm 2009**

**Chertsey Cottage, Willow Rd, Springfield**

Hands on practical Organic Garden Workshops presented by Vicki Gear – Founder of Permaculture Central Coast and one of the Coast’s leading Environmental Educators.

**Workshop 1** – understanding organic gardening, rewards of organic gardening, creating healthy soil, make a liquid fertilizer, make your own worm farm.

**Workshop 2** – Companion planting, mulching,

No dig gardening.

The gardening practices will be demonstrated and implemented in the new

Springfield Community Garden behind the Cottage.

Participants please bring – gardening gloves, folder for notes, pen and pad, hat, practical gardening shoes, and gardening clothes.

For Bookings call Chertsey Cottage – 4323 7158 or email [susant@bensoc.org.au](mailto:susant@bensoc.org.au) – *TIES Community Worker*

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**Summer Uniforms**

Girl’s uniforms are now available at both Lowes Erina Fair and The Surf shop Fountain Plaza.

**School Photos**

Photos of our recorder group, District Reps swimming, District Reps Athletics, Debating Team, District Reps Cross Country, Girls Netball, Girls Soccer, SRC Semester 1+2, Rugby League, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, AFL Team are now available to be viewed at our front office. Prices for the photos start at $15. Please pick up an order envelope and return it to the school by 13/11/09.

**Gifted and Talented News**

GERRIC will be running free seminars during the January school holudays on the following topics:

1. Every Gifted Child Should Learn Something New Every Day: Tips for Working Effectively with Your Child’s School – Monday 28 January 2010.
2. Secondary Focus: Developing Skills through Adolescence – Thursday 21 January 2010.

Both seminars will be held at the University of New South Wales, Kensington. Bookings are essential, Ph 02 9385 1972.

**Joan Stuckey**

**GATS Coordinator**

**Springfield Community Sports Day**

Saturday 21st, 2pm-6pm on the school Oval. Everybody is welcome – Children and adults to join in the activities, meet friends new and old and have lots of fun. Best of all its free. We will end with a sausage sizzle (gold coin donation). Love to see you all there!

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**HOLIDAY READING IS RAD**

Holyday Reading is Rad has proven to be a highly successful strategy for maintaining reading skills of students from Kindergarten to Year 6 in Priority Schools over the long holiday break.

In 2008 – 2009, more than 20,00 students participated. Of these students 96% either maintained or improved their reading levels over the summer holidays.

The aim of the ‘Holiday Reading is Rad program’ is to encourage adults to read with children each day of the holidays to prevent summer fall-off in reading skills.

Each participating student will receive a reading kit which includes:

. Reading Bag (NEW) .bookmark

. magazines . pencil

. student diary . parent pamphlet

. stickers . K-7 reading list

Notes have already been distributed and need to be returned to your child’s teacher by Wednesday 11 November (tomorrow). There is no cost involved, just a commitment to have fun reading each day.

**Please see Mrs Auinger for any further information**