instance that there is a family emergency or illness the absence needs to be explained the very next day.

The Home School Liaison Officer checks our rolls regularly and she will be asking classroom teachers to follow up on unexplained absences and students whose attendance drops below 90%.

Swimming scheme
Students in Years 2-6 have been attending learn to swim classes at Macquarie Fields this week and will continue next week too. Thank you to Mrs Lynch for her organisation of swimming scheme and a big thank you to the assisting teachers for giving up their breaks to help the students of our school access such an important scheme.

Life Education
In weeks 9, 10 and 11 the Life Education van and teaching team will be visiting to provide lessons about Health and Personal Development. These are an added cost to families but they are very valuable and worthwhile. The Life Education teachers are specialised with interactive equipment to deliver engaging lessons.

Mrs Kristy Hill
Rel Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
New Principal
On Friday February 8 we received confirmation that a new Principal had been appointed to our school. Janet Chan will begin on April 29 (the first day of Term 2). Janet joins us with a number of years of experience as a Principal at schools similar in size to Sackville Street PS, in the Western Sydney region.

Meet the teacher
Thank you to all the families who attended our Meet the teacher evening. We hope that you are well equipped with information to see you through the year. Please ensure that if you have any questions or queries with regards to your child that you speak to the class teacher.

Disruptions to afternoon learning
Some parents are arriving at school very early in the afternoon. The chatting of these parents is quite noisy, disrupting special programs and classes. All parents and caregivers arriving to school to pick-up before 2.45pm will be asked to wait on the silver seats outside the office, minimising the risk of interrupting the learning of our students.

We will be reminding waiting families of the new rule as of next Monday.

Additional technology
Miss Daniels worked hard last week to prepare new netbook computers for use in classrooms in Stage 2. These additional netbook computers were purchased with the funds raised by the P&C and Day Club.

New desktop computers are due to arrive soon to update our lab. We also have new Interactive Whiteboards on order. Now all students will have access to interactive learning in their classroom.

The staff and students are very grateful for the extra technology in our school.

Attendance
It is only the fourth week of school and a number of students already have unexplained absences. Students should be attending school every day. In the unfortunate
CANTEEN NEWS
ROSTER
Friday 22nd - Charmaine Dragojevic & Louisa Moore
Monday 25th - Vanessa Osbourne
Tuesday 26th - Andra Duckworth
Wednesday 27th - Goldy
Thursday 28th - Leilani Rachman
Friday 1st - Sarah Lee & Louisa Moore
Monday 4th - Jackie Burnett
Tuesday 5th - Andra Duckworth
Wednesday 6th - Kellie McKenzie
Thursday 28th - Serena Young

TUESDAY MEAL DEALS
26th February - 5 nuggets (any) Veggie sticks, flavoured milk strawberry or chocolate. $5
5th March - Ham, cheese, toasted sandwich, Popcorn, Water $5

NEW PRICE LIST OUT NOW.
Paddle pops now $1.50

NEW FOOD ITEMS
Veggie nuggets (all vegetable) 55c each
Chicken & cheese toasted sandwich $3.30
Fridays orders refer to bottom of price list for food availability.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The 3-6 Swimming Carnival was held last Wednesday 13th February. Fortunately the weather was kind to us and all events were completed on the day.

Swimming Champions will be announced on Thursday 7th March at 3-6 Assembly. Individual swimming ribbons will also be presented.
Mrs Lynch & Mrs Urquhart, Carnival Organisers

BAND UPDATE
Try outs for new band members continues next week. If you are still interested, please collect a green letter from Mrs Petersen.
Mrs Petersen, Band Co-ordinator

DAY CLUB NEWS
Our first meeting of the year was held this Wednesday. At this meeting the positions for this year were declared vacant and the committee was elected as follows:
Convener - Sharon De Silva
Secretary - Jen Alton
Book Keeper - Christine Johnston

CUP CAKE AND COOKIE DAY
There will be a Cup Day and Cookie Day on the 20th of March. We are asking Year 2 and Year 5 to please donate Cupcakes or Cookies this time. Please leave the Cupcakes or Cookies in the School Hall on that morning and they then will be sold for 50c at recess in both the Infants and Primary area. We ask for cupcakes or cookies and not large cakes as they are easier for the kids to handle and to be served. If anyone has some free time please come along and join us.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
We will be holding our next second hand uniform stall on the 27th March 8.45am until 9.15am under the COLA.
As always if you have any good quality uniforms items that you no longer need please consider donating them to the school. They will then be sold in the second hand uniform stall. All donations are greatly appreciated and proceeds from these sales go back into the school.

EASTER MUFTI AND RAFFLE DAY
On Wednesday the 20th March students are allowed to wear mufti to school. As a fine, each student is asked to bring in an Easter item no smaller than a Hen’s egg for our hampers. Raffle tickets and notes have gone out. They cost $1 each or you can be 3 tickets for $2. Please write student’s name and class on sold tickets and return money and tickets to the office.
If you did not receive tickets or would like to sell more, extra tickets are available at the office. All tickets and money are due back by Monday 25th March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27th March.

DAY CLUB MEETING
Our next meeting is on the 20th March in the band room from 9.15am. These meetings are a great way to find out what is happening in your school. Everybody is welcome including babies and toddlers. We will be organising the Easter hampers on the 20th March after our meeting so if you could assist it would be appreciated.
Day Club Committee

EAST HILLS GIRLS TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL
Enrolments for Year 7 2014.
INFORMATION SESSION
An invitation is extended to parents of Year 6 girls to meet staff, students and parents on Wednesday 27th February at 1.00pm or 6.00pm. School can be contacted on 9773 9160