What a wonderful week we have had. Wednesday was Grandparents’ / Families Day where we had many visitors to our school to attend our special assembly, attend morning tea, tour the school and visit the classrooms. The students were excited to have their special family members come and see what they do at school. This was followed on Thursday by our Book Week Parade where we again had many parents / carers come and watch. Thank you to all who made the effort to do so.

Here are some of our characters. Can you guess which book they are from?

**Public Speaking**

The Public Speaking Zone Finals will be held at Mannering Park Public School on August 14. Our school will be represented by:

- Charlotte Harris
- Nicholas Swift
- Luke Burton
- Ciara Oxley
- Sarah Castledine
- Nicole Young

**Good luck to them all!**

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**Sport Shirt**

A new sport shirt has been introduced into the Primary for students to wear as part of their Sport uniform each Friday. This shirt is navy in colour and is the same as the PE/Sport shirt that is worn in the High School. It is not compulsory that you purchase this shirt for your child. They can still wear the current polo for the remainder of this year. The shirts are available for purchase through the High School canteen for a cost of $25.
Sport News

Field Events
Next Thursday, August 7 (weather permitting) we will hold our field events to select students to represent at the Zone Athletics. This will be for students aged 8 and up. Students who will be participating may wear their sports uniform on Thursday.

LMG Sport
The competition for Term 3 commencement on Friday, August 1. The selected sports for this term are touch football and T-ball. The touch teams looked very smart in the new shirts which we have just received.

Canberra Excursion
The major excursion for Stage 3 students this year is a three day visit to Canberra on August 18 – 20. While there, they will visit the War Memorial, Mount Ainslie Lookout, Electoral Education Centre, the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, Parliament House, the Institute of Sport, the Royal Australian Mint and Questacon.

Awards
A reminder of how our award system works:

- 5 Commendations / Community Spirit Awards or a combination of both = Bronze Award
- 3 Bronze awards = Silver Award
- 3 Silver Awards + involvement in an extra-curricular activity at school + participation in a community event = Gold Award

Students need to give their awards to Ms Furey in the playground before school. Awards are presented at assembly each week.

Responsible Pet Program
Kindergarten and Stage 1 students will participate in the ‘Responsible Pet’ Program on Tuesday, August 12. This is a free program which aims to teach children about caring for, and safety around animals.

Head Lice
There have been some cases of students with head lice recently. Please check your child’s hair for nits / lice using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp)

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.


Your assistance in this regard is much appreciated.

P & C Happenings
Cake Day
This term’s cake day will be held on Wednesday, August 13. Students in K/1S and 3G (changed from 3/4A) are asked to supply the cakes.

The next P & C meeting is on August 13 at 6.00pm in the staff common room. Everyone is welcome at these meetings and it is an opportunity to learn more about our school and to have input into decision making.

Road safety around the school
Drop off and pick up by car
- Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.
- Adhere to the 40km/h speed limit in the school zone as children are about.
- Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing lights.
- Always park and turn legally around schools.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It is safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Your child’s safety depends on you!

Once again parents/carers are asked not to drive into the staff car park to drop off or pick up students. There have been a number of incidents recently where students have been placed in dangerous situations in the car park because parents/carers are doing the wrong thing.