**School Photos**
Our school photo day is Tuesday, 26th February, 2013 (Week 5). On school photo day there will be **no** DanceSport and children are asked to come to school in **summer uniform**.

Our Annual Enrolment Return will be completed this week and we expect to retain our sixth class for 2013. There is currently a lovely feeling in the playground, the children seem to be very engaged and they are no doubt enjoying the smaller class sizes in the upper primary.

Mrs Ellison and Miss Phillips have been administering the **Best Start** program to the new Kindergarten students. It is expected that these assessments will be completed by the end of this week. The information from the **Best Start** assessments, along with other data, factors and observations will be used in forming and formalising the K/1E composite. Parents of nominated students will be contacted to discuss the placement of their kindergarten students in the K/1E composite.

Please watch the newsletter for information about the upcoming “**Meet the Teacher**” evenings which will be held after all the class cohorts have been finalised.

Thank you to parents and carers who have been more diligent about collecting and dropping off children at the Clare Street gate and not using the staff car park at the Ellis Street gate.

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Catherine Leslie  
Principal

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~ **Dates to Remember 2013** ~

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“What we want is to see the child in pursuit of knowledge, and not knowledge in pursuit of the child.”

- George Bernard Shaw
Thank you to all our new volunteers – and with the assistance of last year’s helpers we are starting to put together a roster but still have lots of gaps on a Tuesday and Wednesday. If you can offer to help it would be greatly appreciated and once again we will be able to keep the Canteen open from Monday to Thursday. Thanks again for your support.

Jo Taylor

P & C Meeting –
The first P & C Meeting was well attended and Chris Roche was re-elected unopposed as President for 2013. We are still looking for a Secretary. Join us at the next meeting on Tuesday, 5th March. All Welcome!

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AUDITION FOR SYDNEY REGION CHOIR 2013
Sydney Region Choir is an auditioned choir for public school students from Year 5 to year 12. If you are interested in finding out more, please enquire about an audition and choir membership. The choir has performed in prestigious events and places including the Sydney Opera House, the Sydney Town Hall, the City Recital Hall, local and state music festivals, China, Hobart, Port Macquarie (national choral conference), Christmas Day television and charity concerts to support community projects.

Singers in the choir are mentored by experienced musicians to develop music skills and confident vocal performances. The choir rehearses at two venues weekly, and comes together for rehearsals before major performances. For the southern area, weekly rehearsals are held on Tuesdays at Sutherland Public School from 4.00pm to 5.30pm. For the inner Sydney area, rehearsals are held on Thursdays from 4.30pm – 6.00pm at Darlington Public School.

Auditions will be held early in Term 1.
Sutherland Public School Tuesday 12th and 19th February 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Darlington Public School Thursday 14th and 21st February 4.30pm – 6.00pm

Regular Weekly rehearsals will commence in the last week in February.
The choir is a self funding organisation, and members must pay fees for rehearsals, uniform and music scores.

For an audition, please email: sydneyregionchoir@gmail.com
Jargon buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.

Avoiding injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy

Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.
We value the quality writing of our students. The wonderful weekend recounts were written by Year 1 students, Christian Mar. and Balin. In 3/4M students produced quality written work both individually, and as jointly produced pieces working collaboratively. Wonderful!