"Mac News" is full of interesting information this week. Make sure that you check out the DET web site for parents. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine

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Restructure
There will be reorganisation of classes from 28 to 29 classes at our school as we now have 727 children enrolled. It is not ideal to change children now but it will mean smaller class sizes as many classes are over the recommended size. It is better to do it now rather than later in the year. This restructure will mean changes for quite a few students across all grades. Assistant Principals will be phoning you or talking to you if this involves your child. Changes will include a K/1 class that will be taught by Miss Korman, Ms Miller will be teaching a 1/2 class, Mr Hudson will be taking a 2/3 class in the Library until the new classroom arrives and there will no longer be a 4/5 class as it will become a 5/6. We will aim to make the changes with minimal stress. Parents and children will be told this week and will start in their new class next Monday. Our children are very resilient and will cope with the change with ease.

P&C 2013
Yesterday was the annual general meeting. We said a sad goodbye to Sue Roberts who finished as President after 10 years. Please read the P&C news that is with this newsletter. We thank her and her family for the amazing work she has put into making this school a great school!! We welcome the new committee-
President- Kristy Colville
Vice Presidents- Melissa Tallar and Kass Desfosses
Treasurer- Ellie Logan
Secretary-Cheryl Dale- Papierski
Fundraising Coordinators- Karen Winter and Merv Gabel

Harmony Day
Harmony Day is this Thursday. Ms Van der Ree and Ms Dutta still need more items for the display they are organising with articles from other countries. Thank you to people who have already sent something in. Don’t forget to come dressed up or wearing orange.

The Fields Cup
Good luck to the students representing our school as they compete against other schools in the area tomorrow.

Safety
I regularly speak to the students about travelling home safely and crossing the road safely. Recently a student from the high school was hit by a car while crossing the road. We always think it will not happen to us but this was a wakeup call that it does happen if children do not cross safely at the crossing or with an adult. Please talk to your children about road safety. Also we still have children waiting for parents outside the safety of the school gates. This puts your child at risk especially if for some reason you are late. If they wait with the teacher in Area E and you are late they come to the office so a phone call can be made.

Kerrie Hayman
WOOLWOTHS EARN AND LEARN HAS ARRIVED.
This week our school has received all the resources we had chosen, using the 96000 points we collected last year. Students will soon have the opportunity to use new musical equipment in their classrooms. There are bongo drums, hand drums, cymbals, tambourines and a class set of metallophones. That is not all, we have also received literacy and numeracy resources to support learning in the kindergarten classes and sporting equipment, enabling more borrowing during the breaks. A big “THANK YOU” to all parents, family members and students who supported this program last year we could not have done this alone.

AREA SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to Samiha Obeido, Joshua Obeido, Jordan Maddick, Stephanie Ng, Ben, Luck, Amos Watson, and Thomas Setter for qualifying to compete at the Sydney South West Area Swimming Carnival. These students have demonstrated great talent and represented themselves and our school with pride and dignity. Congratulations to the parents as well!

HOMEWORK CLUB
This takes place every Thursday afternoon at 1.05pm in 5/6 Simba classroom. It is only for stage 3 students, as it was evident that there were a number of students, who required help and consequently the homework was not being completed at home. The teachers have volunteered to do this to assist the students and cultivate good working habits to hold them in good stead when they go to high school.

MUSIC BUS.
The Music Bus comes to our school on Tuesday afternoons to teach Keyboard, Guitar and Drums. They are offering one free trial lesson to new students. Please note the Keyboard is available to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6, Drums to Year 1 to Year 6 and guitar to students in Year 2 and older. Lessons are subject to availability. Please give their office a call on 1300 168 742 to book or get more information. Payment and bookings for lessons are all processed by the head office. Please contact them if you are interested. The lessons cost $15 for Keyboard and Guitar and $17 for drums. Credit cards or cheques can be used. There are no facilities for cash and all lessons must be paid in advance for the term or part thereof. Lessons cannot be paid by the week and all students require a text book which costs $30. This needs to be bought when students enrol.

LUNCHBOX SHOPPING MADE EASY.
Putting a lunchbox together for your child can be hard work. There are a lot of questions that can leave you confused like - Is it nutritious? Will they like it? Will it fill them up?
Aldi Australia has united with the Healthy Kids Association to create a new campaign for “healthy lunchbox shopping” This initiative includes a dedicated website, iPhone app and printed brochures designed to help educate parents on what makes a balanced lunchbox for kids. Look out for the ALDI LUNCHBOX logo to identify products for a balanced school lunchbox that meets student needs.

OFFICE INFORMATION.
Attention Parents and Caregivers, when sending money to the school for any reason, please make sure that the given name and the family name for whom the payment is intended, is on the envelope. It is very hard for the ladies to work out, if there is only one name and there are other students with the exact same first name, in the school. So please make sure that the correct full name and class is on the envelope. Thank you.