"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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**Message from the Principal**

**School Photos**

Tomorrow is photo day. Please ensure students are dressed in full summer uniform including black school shoes. No yellow sport shirts! If you have not returned payment in an envelope do not forget to bring the envelope and money tomorrow.

**NAPLAN- Years 3 and 5**

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be doing their national assessments in Reading, Language, spelling, Writing and Numeracy next week. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and a good breakfast to help them concentrate and do the best they can do. Please encourage them so that they do not become stressed or anxious.

**New Canteen**

Wow everyone is keen to try the new menu! The ladies in the canteen are working out new routines to help make things run smoothly. Please be patient while we get these routines going. Some new things you can remind your child about-

* if they want food or a drink before school line up in Area D side
* to order your lunch line up on Area C side- there is a table outside to write orders on your bag, but it would be easier to this on a paperbag at home
* if the order includes a slushee take your lunch order bag to the window on Area C side during eating time-11am
* slushees can only be purchased at recess if you have not ordered one with your lunch as children do not have time to eat them in the short break

**Attendance**

If your child is sick please send a note to school on the day they return as our Home School Liaison officer is concerned about the number of unexplained absences. If your child has too many you will receive a letter from her or you may have to attend an official meeting. This can also happen if your child is late to school on too many occasions.

**Autism**

In this newsletter we have included resources and websites for parents of children with Autism.

**Coming Up**

NAPLAN 14,15,16th May
Stage 1 Excursion- various dates
Anti Bullying Puppet Show- 27th May
3-6 Athletics carnival- 28th may

Check the calendar on the school website for other dates.

Kerrie Hayman
NEW CANTEEN.  Yes we were sad to see Sarah leave us, but we do welcome our new ladies and the wonderful array of food that is being offered to us. Please take notice of a few changes that have occurred. There are different windows for primary and infants when purchasing items, there is a special window for breakfast and the other window for ordering, slushies are ordered with lunches but are only sold from the canteen at recess and the writing of orders has to take place at the little table strategically placed near the canteen. Please familiarise yourselves with what the canteen has to offer, as students who buy, need to know exactly what they want, as this saves time at the breaks and all students are then able to be attended. OUT OF BOUNDS The concrete area outside both windows and the walkway in between, is now out of bounds. There is no sitting or loitering in these areas. This has been done to facilitate movement as the handing out of sports equipment is also taking place in the vicinity. Please make sure you adhere to these requests as it makes our breaks a little more pleasant

SPORTS EQUIPMENT
There has also been a change to the distribution of sports equipment. There again, is a side for Years 3-6 and a side for K-2. From week three sports equipment will only be given to students who have a borrowing card, which will be given to the prefects when the equipment is borrowed and returned when the equipment is given back. Parents please go through these changes with you children so they know the procedure.

END OF SCHOOL PICK UP
Parents, when you are walking through the school, at the end of the day to meet your children, please be aware that there are still students who could be engaged in outdoor activities. Please make sure that you do not walk through any of these activities, but around or keep a fair distance away, especially if you are pushing a pram or a stroller. The students have their full attention on the game, consequently a serious incident could occur and someone could get hurt. Be mindful of this at all times.

It is extremely congested in the area outside the sixth grade classrooms at this time as well, so be extremely vigilant when leaving or entering the school. Where possible keep to your left.

MONEY TO THE OFFICE
When sending in money to the office would you please make sure that you use only ONE envelope, even if there maybe more than one activity being paid for. This makes it easier for the office ladies, especially if it is a busy week such as this week has been. As long as all the money and all the notes are together, they can be put in one envelope.

Mini Fete
Our school’s mini fete will not be held until 13 September but already we have had a wonderful donation of a framed and autographed picture of an Australian Cricket legend thanks to the generosity of Bob Mills, the Manager of Services and Sales at the Commonwealth Bank in Ingleburn.
If you work in a business that would be prepared to donate goods or vouchers – no matter how large or small - please see Karen Miller or any of the members of the P&C. The more that we can gather before the Mini Fete, the more successful our major fund raiser will be! Thank you for your continued support.

IMPORTANT DATE

Stop what you’re doing and put the 13 DECEMBER in your diary straight away. ‘Why?’ you may ask…..because this is the date for our Annual Carols by Candlelight Evening. Please advise any organisations that you belong to so that we can avoid any clashes on this wonderful community evening.
Fields Public school