Dear Parents / Caregivers,

**ANZAC Service**
Last Wednesday, the school held our commemoration service for Anzac Day. Mr Gordon Costello a Vietnam veteran and member of Ingleburn RSL, spoke at our ANZAC Service about some of his wartime experiences. Congratulations to our school captains, Johnathan Helene and Faith Mariri and Vice Captains Emily Kent and Maddison Delaney for their clear and respectful presentation of the service.

**Before and After School Care**
Friendly Frogs will cease operations as our provider on Friday, May 23 because of breaches to the Licence Agreement which necessitates the termination of service. An interim provider, Camp Australia will begin operations on Monday, May 26. This will ensure a seamless transition for our families. We are anticipating that Mel and Brooke will continue in the wonderful job they do in caring for the children.
A meeting will be held in the school library with the new providers on Thursday, May 15 at 6pm. All interested parents are invited to attend.

**OPPORTUNITY**
**Canberra Excursion**
Year 5 & 6 will travel to Canberra on May 19 for a two day excursion. Our sincere thanks to Channel 9 for once again meeting the total cost of the excursion for The Grange.

**Laurie Ferguson Visit**
Tomorrow, Tuesday May 6, Mr Laurie Ferguson, Federal Member for the seat of Werriwa will visit our school in preparation for the Year 5/6 Canberra excursion.

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**Calendar**

**WEEK 2**
- **Monday 5th May**
  - Active After School
  - Activites begin K-2
  - Science Incursion Yr 3-6

- **Tuesday 6th May**
  - Mr Laurie Ferguson MP Werriwa for visit
  - **Wednesday 7th May**
  - Active After School
  - Activites begin Yrs 3-6
  - **Friday 9th May**
  - Whole School Assembly 9.15am

**WEEK 3**
- **Tuesday 13th May**
  - NAPLAN

- **Wednesday 14th May**
  - NAPLAN

- **Thursday 15th May**
  - NAPLAN

- **Friday 16th May**
  - Parent Workshop – Study Ladder
  - Cross Country at school

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High Quality Education for Future Success
NAPLAN

Next week all students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the NAPLAN tests.

The purpose of NAPLAN is to assess student strengths and to diagnose learning difficulties and areas for improvement.

NAPLAN needs to be kept in perspective as it is only one measure of student progress. Student reports will be sent home this term on Wednesday, June 18 and parents will be invited to parent teacher interviews which will take place on Tuesday, June 24.

Timeline for NAPLAN
Tuesday, May 13: Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday, May 14: Reading
Thursday, May 15: Numeracy
Friday, May 16: make up day for any students away

Parent Workshop
Included on the back page of this Informer, is a Parent Workshop note. Workshops will be held on Friday, 16th May and Friday 30th May. See back page for full details.

Best wishes
Lynne Wilson
Principal

Principal’s Awards
Rose Michael  Scarlet Reberger
Rabaab Chowdhury
Chloe Wright  Ashlin Prasad

P&C Award
Litia Brown

Stewart House

Clothing bags are being sent home today. Please support Stewart House by donating good, clean, wearable clothing, shoes, manchester and blankets. Donations must be returned to the school office by Monday 19th May

Stewart House envelopes are also being sent home today. If you wish to donate $2 you will go in the draw for a chance to win a Family Holiday valued at $4000. Envelopes must be returned by Thursday 15th May to be eligible.

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2015

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2014.

Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Late applications will not be accepted after closing date of 16 May 2014 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates.
EnviroMentors

Catchment Action
School Workshop
During Week 2 this term, students at The Grange Public School are participating in an exciting environmental education workshop, free of charge. The workshop is fun and interactive, relevant to our local community, facilitated by trained teachers, suitable for all classes and linked to the curriculum. The fascinating 3D interactive catchment modules help students to understand the effects of inappropriate behaviours in a catchment. The connection is made between the actions of individuals and the resulting impact on water quality and biodiversity. Students brainstorm environmentally friendly practices to protect our fragile waterways.

We are excited to see your child participate in such a great learning opportunity.

Ms M Brown

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Mother’s Day Raffle

PSC will be selling Mother’s Day Raffle tickets each morning this week between 8.30 to 9am.

Cost: 50c each or 3 for $1.

Beautiful prizes for mum!

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Peer Tutor to Tuition for You!

I am a tutor who can help your kids with Grammar, Spelling and Reading to help them in School.

A Literacy Volunteer Tutor Certified from TAFE Campbeltown
Call Shweta Arun on 0468 744 013
Rates - $15 an hour

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GKR Karate

Registration day: Tuesday 6th May
From 3pm – 3.30pm
Parent Workshops

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are pleased to have received positive feedback in relation to the workshops The Grange Public School held in Term One. The workshops will continue this term and will be held on a Friday.

The first parent workshop scheduled for this term is on Friday, 16th May, 2014, in the library at 9:00am. The focus will be on Studyladder. Parents will have the opportunity to explore the site and learn how to use this fantastic resource to maximise your child’s learning. The Studyladder site makes up a large component of your child’s homework, so come along and find out what it is all about.

The second workshop will be held on Friday, 30th May, 2014. The focus of this workshop will be supporting independent readers. Parents will have the opportunity to learn about comprehension strategies used to assist independent readers. This workshop aims to provide practical strategies and resources to assist parents to support their child’s comprehension.

The third workshop will be held in Term 3. The focus of this workshop will be public speaking (writing and delivering speeches). Parents will be given strategies to assist students when writing formal speeches in preparation for our annual public speaking competition.

We hope the topics we cover will help to assist parents to support their child’s learning and gain a better understanding of the 21st Century Classroom. If you have any further suggestions your feedback is always welcome.

Thank you

Mrs Whittles
Assistant Principal
Teaching and Learning

Mrs Lynne Wilson
Principal