Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Mrs Wilson this week. She has been greatly missed and we are all pleased to see her doing so well.

**Great News from the Endicott Cup News**

For those parents and families new to the school, the Endicott Cup is a competition organised by and hosted at Sarah Redfern High School once a term between the four local primary schools. Each term there is a different curriculum focus.

Stage 3 (years 5 and 6) competed in Public Speaking and Spelling last Wednesday afternoon. We were overall winners of the Public Speaking section and Mahima Mohiuddin won her team’s round in the Spelling Competition.

Congratulations to the students and their teachers for an excellent effort. It’s great to see our children go outside their comfort zones and strive for their personal best. It was also gratifying to have teachers, parents and other students and their parents there to support our competitors. We will all look forward to Stage 2 and 3 competing in Week 5 of next term.

Team members were: Ayana Rahman, Samira Sadi, Mahima Mohiuddin, Sarraa Islam, Georgia Shanahan, Jessica Gannan, Riana Ahmed, Alisha Rahman and Reserve, Rachel Hamilton.

**Student Awards**

As a reminder….Student Awards need to be handed in to the front office no later than the Wednesday of Assembly week (even weeks) so they can be presented the following Friday.

If you are not sure what level your child is on please see Mrs Raynham or Mrs Wilson.

The Grange Public School Award System is listed on the next page.
5 Grange Grinners=1 Merit Certificate
5 Merit Certificates=1 Principal’s Award
2 Principal’s Awards= Grange Achievement Award
3 Principal’s Awards= P & C Badge Award
4 Principal’s Awards= Bronze Ribbon
6 Principal’s Awards= Silver Ribbon
8 Principal’s Awards= Gold Ribbon
10 Principal’s Awards= Bronze Medallion
12 Principal’s Awards= Silver Medallion
14 Principal’s Awards = Gold Medallion
16 Principal’s Awards=Grange Cup

Safety in the Carpark
I had a question asked this week about why parents can’t use the car park as there are so many spaces available and there is very little street parking available when collecting students at 3 o’clock.
The car park is OUT OF BOUNDS for children. We cannot guarantee the safety of children as parents drive in or reverse out. There have been too many near misses in the past to chance a student being hit. So, even if you are with your child, please do not come into the Staff Car Park. The only exceptions are if you are collecting a sick child during school hours or coming to the office during school hours.

Gala Day
Good luck to our Gala Day teams this Friday- “Look after the good name of The Grange”!

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY NETBALL
From 5 years to adult
Winter competition starts 2 April 2016
at Coronation Park
Minto.
www.cdna.com.au

ANZAC Ceremony
ANZAC day dawn service will be held in the Memorial Gardens Complex at 70 Chester Rd, Ingleburn commencing at 5am on Monday 25th April 2016.

“Clean-up The Grange”
When: Friday 4th March
Time: 2.30 – 3pm
To help support Clean-up Australia Day 2016, The Grange Public will be hosting its own clean-up day. All classes will be designated an area of our school to clean.
We ask that student bring gloves to wear and a plastic bag to collect rubbish in.
Campbelltown City Challenge Walk
13th March
8am start
At The Australian Botanical Gardens, Mt Annan

Macarthur Family Youth Services
Family Connections

The family Connections group is for parents, Carers Youth and children who may experience challenging behaviours.

When: Tuesdays during school terms
Time: 10am – 12noon
Where: Macarthur Family and Youth Services
16 King St, Campbelltown
Children are welcome. For more information please call: Minto office 9603 7011

MUFTI DAY
On Friday the 11th of March, 2016, our school parliament is holding a fundraiser for the Year 6 farewell. We are holding a mufti sport themed day. It will be a gold coin donation. You can wear your favourite sports clothing, such as a footy jersey, soccer jersey or the colours of your favourite sports team (NO SINGLETs ALLOWED OR OPENED TOE SHOES). It is a whole school mufti day (K-6). If you do not wish to participate you can come to school in your normal school uniform.

Thankyou for your support

Sporting Schools Program

Sporting Schools program will finish for Term 1 on:
K-2 Monday 14th March
3-6 Wednesday 16th March
We will start Term 2 program on:
K-2 Monday 2nd May
3-6 Wednesday 4th May
We will run this program for 5 weeks.
Thank you for your support in this program.
Mrs Whittles Mrs Butler

School Student Transport Scheme
All students who use a school Opal card are reminded that as from 1st March, they will be asked to tap on and off when riding on the bus.

Mater Dei Early Intervention Program
The Mater Dei Early Intervention Program invites you to a Transition to School Workshop presented by Pamela Templeton, Director of Services.

You have a choice as the workshop will be presented on the following days:
Monday 07 March 2016
Tuesday 08 March 2016
Wednesday 09 March 2016
Thursday 10 March 2016
Friday 11 March 2016
from 9.15am – 2pm

How do families navigate to the most appropriate Kindergarten placements for their children?

RSVP Friday 26 February 2016 on 4644 8726 or by email: MDEIAdmin@materdei.org.au as limited places are available.
P&C

School Banking

School banking day is Thursday. Information about the program is being sent home today.

School Crossing

Last year we had a group of dedicated volunteer parents who supervised the crossing from 8.30am each day. If you are able to help out with morning supervision, please contact Alicia Ryan on 0474 821 506 or leave your name and best contact number at the office.

Easter Raffle

Donations for this year’s Easter Raffle are now being accepted. Any donations to make up Easter baskets would be greatly appreciated e.g. Easter eggs, baskets, ribbon, cellophane etc. Please send all donations to the office marked with your child’s name and class. All those generously donating will go into the draw to receive a prize.

P&C AGM – Friday, March 18 at 10.30am

Nominations are currently being called for the P&C Committee for 2016.

If you would like to support our school by nominating for a position, or nominating another person, please complete the slip and return to the office. Nominations must be received by 9am, Thursday 17th March 2016.

Absentee votes will be counted if you are a Financial Member of P&C ($2)

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**P&C COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM**

1. President _____________________________________________
2. Vice President__________________________________________
3. Secretary______________________________________________
4. Treasurer______________________________________________

(Nominations can be for 1 or more positions)

Nominated by_______________________________ Child’s class______