Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Thanks for getting the bikes and children here and picked up safely last Thursday – our Wheelathon/Bike Safety Day was, I believe very successful – the children learnt about bike safety, road safety, following rules and directions. This year Mr Murgatroyd added some new courses and activities and again, Year 6 provided bike inspections and licences for safe riders.

The other good news about the Wheelathon/Bike Safety day is that we made a profit of just over $5000. That’s great! Thanks for your support. And that’s on top of your very generous support ($1000 was raised) for the Socks for Saige Day where our school community again showed real care for Saige and her family.

This week we are again hosting Kindergarten Orientation sessions for pre-schoolers ahead of their start in Kindergarten 2015. At this stage we have 45 enrolments and so we are unable to accept any new applications from out of our enrolment zone.

Our students and teachers in K-2 are keenly preparing for their musical The Penguin’s Christmas Journey later in the year and the excitement is building while Year 6 are excursing around our nation’s capital with all reports positive. They are due back at around 8.30pm on Thursday night.

After school tomorrow I will be attending a workshop at Southern Cross University to consider our school’s involvement in a Teaching Improvement Project based on Coaching, Mentoring and Feedback. As you know, our draft School Plan 2015-2017 has three directions: Great Learning, Great Teaching and Great Systems. That’s why I am always looking at best practice from around the world to ensure that your children get the best quality education delivered by the best teachers in the world.

We sometimes hear about the superior educational performance of Asian students and assume that because they are doing well in international PISA tests that their teachers must somehow be better than ours. However, recent research has shown that Chinese students taught in Australia in fact do better than Chinese students in China! Australia’s teachers, our teachers, are genuinely world class. You should be grateful and proud. I am certainly grateful and proud … of our teachers and of our students!

Ray Rincheval
Proud Principal
The SBPS annual Book Fair is coming! All students will have the opportunity to view the Book Fair books on Monday 24th or Tuesday 25th of November and may bring home a wish list of purchases they would like to make. Parents may then be able to help their children make some decisions on what they may be able to buy. There are limited amounts of each title so it’s best to have a few favourites to choose from to avoid disappointment.

The Book Character Parade and Book Fair sale day will be held on Wednesday 26th November. Please check the newsletters in coming weeks for your invitation containing more details to join us on this day. Purchases can be made in the Library from 8am to 4.30pm (closed during parade) on that day only. If you are unable to visit the book fair on Wednesday with your child, they will be given the opportunity to make a purchase with their class during the day. We encourage all students to come dressed as a character from a favourite book and bring that book along to the parade. Students are encouraged to create a costume from things they already have at home or could make at little or no cost.

Students are also invited to enter a competition to create a 2 or 3D bug, ‘Catch the reading bug’. Please ensure the students’ name and class is printed on the bug. Please bring all entries to the Library by Thursday the 20th November.

Edwina Reynolds
Teacher Librarian

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**SPECIAL AWARDS**

**EMERALD**
Fern Albrow, Amber Albrow, Paige Holder, 
Taj Waters

**RUBY**
Cruz Versfeld, Adele Williams, Tom Couper, 
Billy Franz, Emely Groening

**SAPPHIRE**
Amy Potter

**JADE**
Tahlia Lonsdale, Kyle Morley

**TOPAZ**
Gemma Ettles, Vai Gravino, Ally Mullan 
Casey Jones

**OPAL**
Thia Gravino, Erin Buckler, Shannon Cave

**DIAMOND**
Joel Garrett, Stephanie Bailey

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**SNACK SHACK NEWS**

A big thank you to all our volunteers for the week with special thanks to my Aboriginal Awards Ceremony Day helpers, Cheryle, Phil and our Principal Ray. A lot of work goes into these days and cannot go ahead without the support of others.

We welcome Kirri to our Canteen on Mondays and Kristin on Fridays, thanks ladies.

Congratulations to Jackson Cheyney who won 4th place in our Fruit & Veg Promotion, he collected a $25 Birch, Carroll and Coyle Voucher.

Please support our Canteen Raffle tickets cost $1.00 each. Please place money in an envelope with child’s name and class on it, place it in the Canteen Order Box located outside the office or hand it in directly to the canteen.

Tickets that have already been sold will be sent home next week.

1st Canteen Vouchers to the value of $80
2nd Canteen Vouchers to the value of $40
3rd Canteen Vouchers to the value of $20

This will be drawn on 5/12/14

Jody Phillis—Canteen Supervisor

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**300 SUPER READERS—FINAL REMINDER that all 300 night reader sheets need to be returned to Mrs. Acason by no later than Thursday 4th December in preparation for our Annual Presentation Day Assembly.**

Unfortunately NO LATE reader sheets can be accepted.

Susan Acason—Organising Teacher