There was no 3 – 6 assembly held this week.

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with Bronze Awards

AWARDS
KL  Neave S  Ali T
KP  Georgia D  Haydar H
KM  Mohammed K  Youmna D
1M  Tiana L  Bilal A
1R  Evelyn Sanders  Moussa H
1/2C  Amaal H  Olivia D
2K  Sebastian N  Stefanie K
2S  Sophia R  Kylan X

HIGH SCHOOL 2013
Moving into Year 7 in 2013? Shortly an information booklet about Government secondary schooling, including an Expression of Interest form for placement in Year 7 2013 in a NSW Government school will be sent home. This is the form that Year 6 parents complete to indicate their preference for the school in which they would like their son or daughter to be enrolled for Year 7. The completed form MUST be returned to school NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 9TH MARCH 2012. Ms Junee will be holding a parent workshop on Tuesday 6th March (time to be advised) to help parents to complete the application form. In the meantime here are some upcoming Open Nights at our local high schools.

Dulwich Hill High School for Visual Arts open night: Wednesday 22nd February 6:00pm – 7:00pm
James Cook High School Open Night: Tuesday 28th February
Endeavour Sports High School Open Night: Monday 5th March 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Kogarah High Open Night: Tuesday 6th March 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Kingsgrove High School Open Night: Tuesday 6th March 4:00pm – 6:30pm

GYMNASTICS
The new Gymnastics Program begins tomorrow, Friday 10th February.

NEWSLETTER - EMAILED
Kindergarten parents would have received their newsletter by email today!! If you are unable to access the newsletter by email, a paper copy can be collected at the Office.
Parents of children in Years 1-6 will be asked to provide their email address at the Parent Information Afternoon. It is anticipated that your newsletter will be emailed in the very near future. A copy of the newsletter is also available on our website which is www.arncliffe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

GARDEN CLUB
The Garden Club is open and you are invited to join. A meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th February at 9.15am in the Staffroom. On the agenda will be a tour of the school grounds, planning activities for 2012 and scheduling a much needed working bee. If you are interested in joining please come along on the 14th or please call Susan Arentz on 0403 044 247 if you have any questions.
PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOON

Our Parent Information Afternoon will be held during Week 4 under a new, trial format. Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten), 1R and Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) parents are invited to join the teachers on Monday 13th February between 3:30pm and 4:00pm. Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) parents are invited to join the teachers on Tuesday 14th February between 3:30pm and 4:00pm and Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) parents are invited to join the teachers on Thursday 16th February between 3:30pm and 4:00pm. This meeting is an opportunity to hear what is happening in your child’s class this year. Permission notes, calendars and overviews will be handed out at this meeting. At the conclusion you will be invited to complete an evaluation form commenting on the new format and information covered. If you are unable to attend this meeting all information that is distributed will be sent home with your child on the following day.

PLAYGROUP

Mrs Raadik, with support from Ms Moussa and Ms Ladd will be opening “Playgroup” each Friday commencing Friday 17th February 2012 between 9:15am and 10:45am. Playgroup is available for children who are 4 and 5 years old only. Parents are expected to accompany their child for the entirety of each session. The playgroup will have play, construction, games, singing, stories, interactive activities, art, craft, sport and many more fun activities. A communal morning tea of fruit and vegetables will be served. Parents will be asked to bring fruit and vegetables and make a gold coin donation which will go towards to cost of resources and an excursion. We are very excited about this new event and would like to invite all our parents who have 4 and 5 year old children to join us on Friday 17th February with Mrs Raddik under the COLA.

Please pick up an expression of interest application form from the Office and return as soon as possible.

SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ETHICS

Ethics classes are due to start next week on Friday the 17th February, as an alternative to 'private study' for those in non-scripture. The philosophical ethics classes that make up the ethics curriculum are inquiry based. Children use dialogue and discussion, learning how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument.

If you have a child in years 5 or 6 and are interested in them participating in this class, please return the note you received last week, or contact Greta Werner on 0402 035 069.

For further information about the content of the philosophical ethics curriculum or to see a short video, What Happens In Ethics Classes, please go to www.primaryethics.com.au

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The teachers have noticed that some children are beginning to wear coloured items of clothing to school. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could adhere to the school uniform dress code including black school shoes. Thank you.

COMING EVENTS

Week 4
- 13th Parent Information afternoon Kindergarten, 1R and Stage 3 (Years 5&6)
- 14th Garden Club Meeting 9.15am
- 14th Prefects Afternoon Tea 2.30pm – 3.15pm with their parents.
- 14th Parent Information afternoon Stage 1 (Years 1&2)
- 16th Parent Information afternoon Stage 2 (Years 3&4)
- 17th Scripture and Ethics classes commence
- 17th Gymnastics continues
- 17th Tennis Commences
- 17th Summer PSSA commences
- 17th PLAYGROUP COMMENCES

Week 5
- 22nd Eyesight Screening (StEPS) for Kindergarten