WELCOME
Welcome back to all members of our school community. We have started another busy term with many happenings and variations to routine. This week 60 children from Years 2, 3 and 4 are attending swim school, the CARES excursion for Years 4, 5 and 6 have also commenced. As well, next week all staff members will be available for parent/teacher interviews. Please contact your child’s class teacher, or a specialist teacher, if you wish to arrange a meeting. We look forward to seeing you at school next week.

SCHOOL SERVICE UPDATE
- Are you aware that the school now has an on-line banking facility, as well as EFTPOS? Attached with this newsletter is information on how to use the on-line banking service.
- Additionally, the school has opened a School Facebook account as another way to access information about what is happening at school. Please visit our Facebook page “St Marys North Public School” and let us know your thoughts on how we can improve our use of this social media platform.
- A reminder that from the commencement of Term 2, the school changed the time of day our students are eating. There has been no change to the actual amount of play time the children have in their two play breaks, nor any change to the actual amount of time the children are allocated to eat their food. The only change was to the time of day when the more substantial lunch food is eaten. The children are very positive about the change in time. Almost all children have identified they prefer to eat earlier and feel they now have greater freedom to play.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to both our dance groups as both of our junior and Senior dance groups have been highly successful this year. Added to their participation in the Sydney West Dance Festival, both the Junior and Senior dance groups will now participate in the Blue Mountains Festival. As well, the junior dance group are participating on the Minchinbury/ Mt Druitt Public Education Concert and have been invited to perform at State level. This is an outstanding achievement! It is a credit to the hard work of our student dancers and the wonderful expertise of our creative dance teachers, Mrs Romiti and Mrs Cassone. Both teachers have made arrangements so that all students can participate in these wonderful experiences. We sincerely thank both Mrs Romiti and Mrs Cassone who are working around their maternity leaves and upcoming births of their babies to ensure our dancers do not miss out. A huge thank you!
STAFF CHANGES
Already this term, we have had a couple of changes to staff. Miss Nicole Clarke and Mrs Du Ross-Smith have both been permanently appointed by the Department to the staff of St Marys North. Together, with a number of staff commencing maternity leave has required a few more changes to class teaching arrangements. RFF (Science) will now be taught by a different range of staff members commencing from next week. Ms Pagan is teaching Year 3 and there will be further staff changes when Mrs Romiti leaves 1RW in week 4 of this term. Further information will provided to the parents of 1RW once details are finalised.

DISABILITY DATA COLLECTION
We wish to remind families about the letter sent home at the end of last term concerning the collection information about children with disabilities. All teachers are required to make adjustments and accommodations in their learning program for identified students. This nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability will provide a wealth of information to Australian schools about the adjustments provided to students. If you have any concerns about this data collection process or do not want your child’s specific disability to be recorded please advise the school in writing as soon as possible.

CAMP REMINDER
Just a reminder all money for camp must be finalised by Friday 5 September. Full payment is required by this date to ensure your child’s participation in this year’s camp.

LIFE EDUCATION
In weeks 5 and 6 all students at St Marys North have the opportunity to go to Life Education. The cost of the excursion is $7.00 per student. If you would like your child to attend please return the permission note and money to the office, in an envelope clearly labelled with your child’s name.

LIBRARY NEWS
This week over 300 students have received overdue notices for outstanding library books. Please help your child to locate these books and return them to the library as soon as possible. Books that are not returned will need to be paid for.

A huge thank you to the P&C for their recent donation to the library. The new built in computer desks look fantastic. Please feel free to come and have a look at this great library update.

An exciting new competition starts next week. Students who borrow every week will have a chance to win a signed copy of an Aleesah Darlison book. K-2 students could win “Little Meerkat” and 3-6 could win “Ash Rover”. Remember K-4 students need to bring a bag to borrow.

BOOKCLUB
Please return all book club orders and money to the office by Monday 28 July. Remember if you have a gift voucher from the disco, you can use this voucher to purchase books from book club.

3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
This year our Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held at Blair Oval, St Marys on Thursday 7 August. All Year 3 -6 students will be expected to attend on the day.

PEER SUPPORT
During Peer Support this week the children will be looking at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities children will discover the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout a game. This week help your child practise these skills by encouraging them to play games with siblings, family or friends.
## K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The K-2 Athletics carnival will be held on Tuesday 5 August at St Marys North PS.

### P&C NEWS
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 July, 2014 at 1:30pm. The meeting will be held in the Connected Classroom.

We are seeking volunteers for the Spring Festival on 6 September 2014 and donations for our upcoming Father’s Day Stall. Please call Lynda on 0448 260 681.

The P&C would like to advise the community that the position of Treasurer of our school P&C is vacant. We encourage any financial members to consider standing for this important position or nominate another member of the community. We wish to thank Debbie Melide for doing her role of Treasurer.

### PLAYGROUND AWARDS - Week 1
**Follow teachers instructions.**

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### VALUE AWARDS - Week 1
**Honesty**

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### Principal’s Awards

Annie Faalogo  
Taylor Faapo
Junior Indoor Soccer

THE BEST COMPETITION IN THE WEST!

STARTING MONDAY 1st September 2014

ST MARY'S NSW 2760
20 Portlairge Place
Where to Find Us:

0406 237 779
Ph: 9623-5523

Call Recreation
Indoor Sports

Accepting Registrations: Weekdays 4pm-6pm from 30th June 2014

- $65 per child
- $5 per game per child
- U6-U16 Boys and Girls
- 5 a side
- 4:30-5:30pm

$5 per game per child

Individuals and teams welcome!

St Mary's North PS

When: Education Week
Tuesday 29th July 2014

You're invited to Education Week Open Day
at St Mary's North PS

Open Day and celebration assembly in the school hall at 10:30am.

A morning tea for community, parents and careers will be available
underneath the hall area at 11:00am and Open Classrooms from
11:30am - 12:10pm.

At 12:15pm come and watch all classes participating in outdoor
games and activities until 1pm.

We hope you are able to come along and
célébrate this day with your children.
HOW DO I ACCESS QUICKWEB?

A $Make a payment link will be placed on the front page of the school's Website. By selecting the $Make a payment link you will be taken to a secure Westpac QuickWeb payment page. You will no longer be in the school's website.

There are no passwords or PINs to remember.

The payment process is intuitive and follows the format of many other online payments that you may use every day.

HOW DO I MAKE A PAYMENT?

From the initial Westpac QuickWeb page payers will complete the necessary details, some of which are mandatory (marked with an *), before confirming the payment details and completing the payment. A receipt can be printed from the payment page and/or be emailed to the payer.

The Westpac QuickWeb payment screens are:

1. Entering payment details
2. Entering credit card details
3. Confirmation of payment details and
4. Online Payment Receipt.

1. Entering payment details

The first Payment Details screen captures the student and payment details. This is in order for the payer and the school to identify the student that the payment applies to and what the payment is for. This is critical to ensure that the right student is credited for the right items.

Where Class or Year AND Invoice number are entered, Date of Birth is not required.
If only Class or Year OR Invoice number is entered a Date of Birth is required.

The payment details should come from the school invoice or listing that the school issues. There can be more than one payment line for all items except voluntary school contributions, the items are:

- **Voluntary school contributions** (1 payment line), use this for general contributions or donations;
- **Subject contributions** (up to 10 payment lines), use this for contributions for specific subjects e.g. Visual Arts, Industrial Technology, etc;
- **Excursions** (up to 5 payment lines), use this for specific excursions e.g. Zoo; Opera House, etc.;
- **Sport** (up to 5 payment lines), use this for any sporting activities e.g. carnivals and weekly sport activities, etc;
- **Creative & Practical Arts** (up to 6 payment lines), use this for drama, dance, craft levies, etc;
- **Sales to Students** (up to 6 payment line) use this for anything purchased by a student that becomes the property of the student;
- **Other** (up to 5 payment lines) this may be used for paying total amounts owed by a student e.g. complete student invoice/statement of account.

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHICH BOX TO CHOOSE PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL AND ASK FOR CLARIFICATION.**

When any option is chosen by selecting the tick box, it is mandatory to include both a payment description and payment amount. Deselect an option by checking the tick box again.
Frequently Asked Questions

Why do I need to enter Date of Birth?
In some schools there are students with the same name in the same class or year. The date of birth assists the school in distinguishing which student the payment relates to.
Note: date of birth is not required if class or year AND an invoice number are entered for a student. Some schools choose to issue invoices, others do not.

Why do I have to enter the student's details each time I make a payment, isn't it stored in the system?
When you make a payment you are in a secure Westpac website, for privacy and security of data no student details are maintained within the Westpac site. You must enter the details with each payment.

The screen keeps displaying the data I have just completed, it is not moving on?
Scroll through the whole screen, any errors will be shown in RED, you cannot progress until you resolve the error.

I don't know the student registration number, what is it?
The student registration number is optional, if the school issues Invoices the number may appear on the invoice. Some schools use this on advice to parents, but not all schools.

What is the Ref or Invoice number, I don't know it?
The ref or invoice number is optional. Some schools use this on advice to parents, but not all schools.

Why can't I deposit directly to the school's bank account?
A direct deposit does not give the school any detail as to what you are paying for. The description space varies from bank to bank and is limited so the students name and class may not fit. Schools can have students with the same name and it is difficult to distinguish which student the payment relates to.

Why can't I use BPay?
BPay only allows a total amount to be paid, payers are not able to select particular items to pay.

I don't want the school to see my credit card details
The credit card details are masked on any reports to the school. e.g. 411111xxxxx4111

Can I use a debit card or PayPal for payments?
Payments can only be made using Visa or MasterCard credit or debit cards. American Express, Diners Club or EFTPOS cards are not accepted. PayPal is not a payment option using this process.
If a payer only has an EFTPOS debit card then the schools EFTPOS terminal, cash or cheque are alternate methods of payment.

I have made a payment in error, how can I cancel it?
Contact the school and request that they cancel the transaction. This can be the same day that the transaction was processed or at a later date.

If I select $ Make a payment on the school's website and the screen does not change who should I contact?
Contact the school office and request to speak to the School Administration Manager.

I haven't used online payments before, is it difficult?
The payment process has been developed to be very user friendly. It follows the format of many other online payment services that you may have used.
The following pages show the screens you will see as you progress through the payments process with explanations of what to enter. Samples of emails and receipts are shown for your information.