DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The District Athletics Carnival will now be held on Monday 1 September at Blacktown International Sports Park Athletics Centre. All events will be held on this day. Transport must be provided by parents.

SCHOOL DANCE
Congratulations and best wishes to our two school dance groups who are performing today and on Monday. This is the first year we have been successful at audition for the Nepean Dance Festival. The Senior dancers will perform at the evening performance tonight, and again at the matinee performance on Monday morning from 9:00 to 11:00am. The Junior Dance group will also perform at the same Matinee performance on Monday morning and again on Monday evening. We are extremely proud of their efforts to achieve such a high level of dance performance. Due to the clash with the re-scheduled District Athletics, junior and senior dancers can go to the Blacktown International Sports Park Athletics Centre after 11:00am, once they have finished performing their scheduled dance.

RU OK? and KIDSMATTER
On Thursday 11 September (Week 9) we will be holding the next fundraising activity for our KIDSMATTER program. We will be having another Cake Stall. Our last cake stall in 2013 was so very successful and was enjoyed by all the parents, carers, staff and children involved. The donations of cakes were overwhelming! Again, donations of cakes, slices, biscuits etc. will be gratefully accepted. As the theme for the stall will be based on the R U OK? concept we suggest that the cakes, cupcakes, cake pops, iced biscuits could be baked with this theme in mind and decorated accordingly. The R U OK? concept has the colour yellow for its recognition. All donations will be sold at 50c a piece during recess and lunchtime. The cakes can be sent to the Learning and Support area next to Miss Bishop’s (6B) room on the day, please. Happy baking!

K-2 ASSEMBLY
Assemblies are held on Tuesdays in the hall, starting at 12:40pm.

Term 3
Week 8 – KT
Week 10 - KH

Term 4
Week 2 - KB
**CAMP REMINDER**
Just a reminder all money for camp must be finalised by next Friday 5 September. Full payment is required by this date to ensure your child’s participation in this year’s camp.

**TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?**
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

**MENTAL MATHS STRATEGIES**
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

**P&C NEWS**
The P&C will be holding a Father’s Day Stall on Friday 5 September. Tables will be arranged for $2.00, $4.00 and $6.00. If you wish your child to purchase a gift from the stall they will need to bring their money on the day.

We are seeking donations for the Father’s Day Stall. Please drop any donations at the school office. We are unable to accept any alcohol, knives, razors or anything sharp so please do not send any of these items.

**FUNDRAISER**
The P&C are holding a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. $16.00 for a box of 12 Glazed Donuts and $20.00 for a box of 12 mixed Donuts. All orders and money need to be returned to school by Friday 5 September. Orders are due back to school on Tuesday 16 September. All orders need to be picked up on this day by an adult.

**PLAYGROUND AWARDS – Week 7**
**Walk quickly to assembly**

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**Acceptance of Difference**

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**Try Baseball and Teeball**

Learn how much fun it is to play Baseball & Teeball. Come and have a turn at batting, throwing, fielding and running the bases. We may even find a Major League player of the Future or someone who like to have some fun on a Saturday and making new friends. There is no cost or obligation with Try Baseball at Boomers.

We will be accepting registration for players on Our Try Baseball. With a one off fee and No Weekly Match Fees. All Try Baseball participants will receive a Free Sausage Sandwich and drink.

West Sydney Boomers Baseball Club Try Baseball and Registration Day is

**Sunday 31st August 2014 Between 10.00 and Noon**

For any Information Contact David 0412435686

Boomer’s Home Diamonds are at Tregear Reserve
Cnr Wilkes Cres & Debricate Ave Tregear
Website: www.westsydney.baseball.com.au
Email: wsboomersbaseball@gmail.com
Phone Enquiries 0412435686
Kindergarten had a fantastic day at the farm.
This week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week and the week represents a collaborative approach by the Australian Government and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children. At St Marys North PS we will be celebrating by participating in various Literacy and Numeracy activities in our classrooms.

During the week all classes participated in the Read for Australia activity. The activity involved students at schools across Australia joining in, and reading this year’s book Sunday Chutney by Aaron Blabey aloud.

Students in 4D enjoyed the story and have drawn a character profile of Sunday Chutney.

Sunday Chutney
By Justice

Sunday Chutney
By Cordelia
Sunday Chutney By Brock

Sunday Chutney

Is a very happy person
Loves soccer
Loves drumming
Resilient

By Cheyanne

National Literacy & Numeracy Week
Cake Stall

Thursday 11 September
50 cents each

*Parents could you please support our cake stall by making donations of cakes, slices and biscuits*

Thank you for your support.

 Asking R U OK?
You've got what it takes

If your gut says something’s not quite right with someone, chances are that they might need a bit of extra support from the people around them. They might be acting a bit differently, seem to have a lot on their plate, or simply aren’t themselves. Don’t ignore those signs but instead take some time to start a conversation.

Asking this question doesn't mean you have to have all the answers if the person you’re worried about says “no”. It’s not about being an expert. It’s about following some simple, caring steps.

Read more on the RU OK? website.
Road safety around your child’s school
Your child’s safety depends on you

**Drop off and pick up by car**
Make sure your children are in an appropriate child care seat that is fitted and used correctly.
Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.
Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.
Always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

**Walking together to and from school**
Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.
Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.
STOP! one step back from the kerb.
LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.
LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK! whether it is safe to cross.
Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.
Key points to remember around schools

1. In and out of the car

To comply with national child restraint laws, your child should be restrained in the car as follows:

- **0 – 6 months**
  Approved rearward-facing child car seat

- **6 months – 4 years**
  Approved rearward-facing or forward-facing child car seat

- **4 – 7+ years**
  Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.

A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.

Reward your child with lots of praise for good road safety behaviour.

Assist your young child to buckle up – always check the buckle and make sure the belt is not twisted.

Ensure your children always get in and out of the car through the ‘safety door’. This is the rear kerb side door of the car.

Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.

When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the ‘safety door’. This helps ensure that children get out of the car safely.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

A child that is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a car crash than one who is not.

NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to danger.

For more information visit
roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

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