Dear Parents,

Swimming Trials
We conducted our annual swimming trials last week with several children attaining times close enough to the qualifying times to move on to Zone level.

Mr Piggott will be issuing permission notes in the very near future and ribbons will be presented at the next whole school assembly on Wednesday 18th February at 2.40pm in the hall.

“Thank you” to the parents and carers who came along to assist with transport and especially timing. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Zone Carnival will be held at Speers Point pool on Thursday 19th February.

Year 6-7 Transition
An information package for year 6 students and expression of interest in nominated high schools has gone out today and should be returned to Mrs Westwood or the office no later than Wednesday 18th March.

Meet the Teacher meetings
It was great that so many of our parents and carers could come along on Monday evening to hear about the plans and routines for your child’s class in 2015.

If you were unable to make it, each teacher has prepared a brochure giving an overview of their talk and if you didn’t get one, don’t hesitate to ask.

Please also don’t forget that teachers are always willing to meet with you to discuss any issues relating to your child’s progress etc.

3-Way Conferences
During the week starting Monday 2nd March, teachers will be making themselves available to discuss your child’s progress in great detail and to plan with you what can be done to assist. Your child is most welcome to attend to witness teachers and parents working together for their benefit.

Keep an eye out for an opportunity to nominate a time suitable to have a short summary of progress so far and opportunities to help at home.

Major Excursions
It is always our practice to give parents and carers as much notice as possible about major excursions and the costs involved.
This is to alert parents that you are very welcome to start paying off these excursions in term one so that there is not a large expense at the last minute before the excursion leaves.

At this stage, we give parents of Stage 2 and Stage 3 children, whose excursions are of the highest cost due to distance and time on a coach and the number of days with meals and accommodation, a rough figure to work on while we finalise numbers.

Be assured that if we didn’t believe in the educational and social benefits of these excursions we wouldn’t organise them. We attempt to give parents, carers and children maximum benefit for their dollars that we can.

Our belief is that no child should miss the experience due to money. Therefore, please contact me confidentially if you are encountering genuine difficulties and we can work out a plan. We want to see every child attend.

**Ethics Classes**

We have a very large number of children who have nominated for Ethics Classes this year.

Unfortunately, we haven’t had enough parent volunteers to undertake the training.

Therefore, Ethics classes will not be starting this term and we hope to gain more trained volunteers for a term two start.

If you think you can assist, please contact the school and we will pass on your details to Mrs Chevonne Parker, who is our volunteer parent Ethics Program Coordinator.

For this term, children who were to start in Ethics classes will be placed into the SRE, (scripture) group they were previously in until we can begin lessons.

Please contact us if you do not want this to occur and tell us of your wishes.

**AECG Meeting, (Aboriginal Educational and Consultative Group)**

Great news! We now have a local AECG just for our area, called the Kumaridha AECG.

**Car Park Safety**

A reminder that the staff car park is not to be used for picking up or dropping off children. This is a major safety concern for us as children may cross the car park from time-to-time.

**P&C Fundraising**

At last night’s P&C meeting, it was decided to survey our parents and carers to establish a priority list of items that you would like us to set as targets for our fundraising activities during the year.

A separate note allowing you to list what things you think we need to purchase to make our school an even better place will be sent home in the coming days. Please give it some thought, (if you can, a rough idea of cost could be helpful), and return it before Friday 6th March for discussion at the following P&C meeting.

Thank you.

Colin Firth and Cardiff North PS P&C.

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**Uniform Shop**

Zip jackets have arrived.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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On behalf of the students and staff at Cardiff North Public School.
Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Colin Firth - Principal

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

OPEN

**MONDAY** and **TUESDAY**

8.45 - 10am

Order forms available from the office if you are unable to make it on these days