

# WARRIMOO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 3 – Week 5  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
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## REMINDER PAGE

### CALENDAR – Term 3 - 2019



#### Term 3

##### Week 5

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September...BHS Transition #1 – Year 6

##### Week 6

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August... BHS Transition #2 – Year 6

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August... 6/5H Class Assembly /  
Mrs Cuzners Farewell 1:45pm

##### Week 7

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September... Blue Mountains Dance Festival  
Matinee Performance –  
10am Joan Sutherland Performance

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September... Blue Mountains Dance Festival  
Evening Performance –  
7:30pm Joan Sutherland Centre

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September...BHS Transition #3 – Year 6

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September... Zone Athletics Carnival  
Blacktown International Sports Park

#### Term 3 continued

##### Week 8

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September...BHS Transition #4 – Year 6

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September... 4/3D Class Assembly – 2pm

##### Week 9

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September... ICAS English -Selected Students

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September... ICAS Maths -Selected Students

##### Week 10

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September... 3/2W Class Assembly – 2pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September... Last day of Term 3



## PAYMENTS

**\* CASH PAYMENTS COLLECTED ON WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS \*  
\* BEFORE 10AM ONLY \***

ALTERNATIVELY PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE VIA EFTPOS AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR ONLINE 24HRS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK VIA THE ONLINE PARENT PAYMENT 'POP' FOUND ON THE HOMEPAGE OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are unable to receive monies after the stated final payment dates, as listed below.

*If there are any difficult circumstances in regard to any payments by the due date, for excursions / incursions please do not hesitate to contact the school.*

### EXCURSION / INCURSION

### AMOUNT

### FINAL DUE DATE

Swimming Scheme  
Zone Athletics (Qualifiers)

\$93.00  
\$5.00

limited to 60 places  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **Mrs Cuzner's Retirement**

I have previously mentioned that Mrs Cuzner officially retired from teaching within the Department of Education at the conclusion of Term 2 2019. On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August Mrs Cuzner will be attending the 6/5H assembly so we can farewell her and wish her well in the new stage of her life. In accordance with her wishes for a modest farewell, we will acknowledge her magnificent contribution to our school and say our goodbyes. The SRC have requested a gold coin donation so the students can present Mrs Cuzner with a gift from the students. You are more than welcome to attend the assembly which will commence at **1.45pm** on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival**

Many students, Mrs Santoro and Mrs Templeman have been working extremely hard in preparation for their performances at the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival. The students will be performing at a matinee on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and an evening event on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Please see further details inside this newsletter.

### **P&C School Disco**

Our fantastic P&C will be running a school disco in the hall on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The infants (K-2) will be invited to attend the 5-6pm session and the Primary (3-6) the 6.15-7.30pm session. Please keep an eye out for more information from the P&C team.

### **Education Week, Grandparents Day, Book Character Parade and Book Fair**

In Week 3 of Term 3 we celebrated our annual Education Week, Grandparents Day, Book Character Parade and Book Fair. It was absolutely amazing to see so many engaged and enthusiastic visitors to our school to help celebrate the students and staff of Warrimoo Public School. I would like to thank in particular the efforts from our parents for supplying a delicious morning tea fundraiser and the dedicated and supportive people who worked on the morning tea services. It is clear to see that great things happen inside and outside the engaged community of Warrimoo Public School.



### **Class Clay Tiles**

Moving towards the Rural Fire Service 'Get Ready Weekend' in September, our students at Warrimoo Public School were engaged in creating clay tiles that depict the partnership between our school and the Warrimoo RFS. Over the next several weeks the clay tiles will be fired in the kiln then glazed by the students. The aim for this project is to represent the ongoing commitment between the two organisations and share collaborative artworks between the RFS and school. We look forward to completing this project and displaying the results within the community.



**Rural Fire Service – Class Lessons on Preparation**

Throughout Term 3 thus far, Mr Randall from the Warrimoo RFS has been working with all classes across our school to support the education related to being fire wise and prepared. The students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have been involved in problem solving activities that emphasise the importance of preparing our homes, community and school leading up to the warmer months of the year. We truly do value the support and partnership demonstrated by the Warrimoo Rural Fire Service.



### **Book Week Performance**

In Week 3, the students were treated with a Book Week performance titled 'Big Dreams'. This was an enjoyable play that linked in with several award winning books that the children had been reading in the Library. The message of working hard and silencing those inner self-doubt thoughts was powerful in reminding us all that through hard work and perseverance we can truly achieve great things.



### **2020 School Enrolments**

Kindergarten enrolments and all other enrolments for 2020 are currently being taken. In order for us to prepare our classes and ensure that equitable class numbers are maintained it is essential that we have all the information needed leading into 2020. If you know of someone who is enrolling at Warrimoo Public School and has not yet done so, could you please pass on our school details? Additionally, if you have children in Kindergarten to Year 5 and are planning on moving at the end of the year, that information is important also.

### **September AECG Meeting Changes**

The September AECG meeting will be held at Warrimoo Public School. Due to a conflict of dates the AECG has moved the meeting to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 4.00pm. All families of the community are welcome to attend in sharing the decision making process regarding Aboriginal Education across the Blue Mountains.

I wish you a very happy and safe fortnight ahead.

Kind regards,

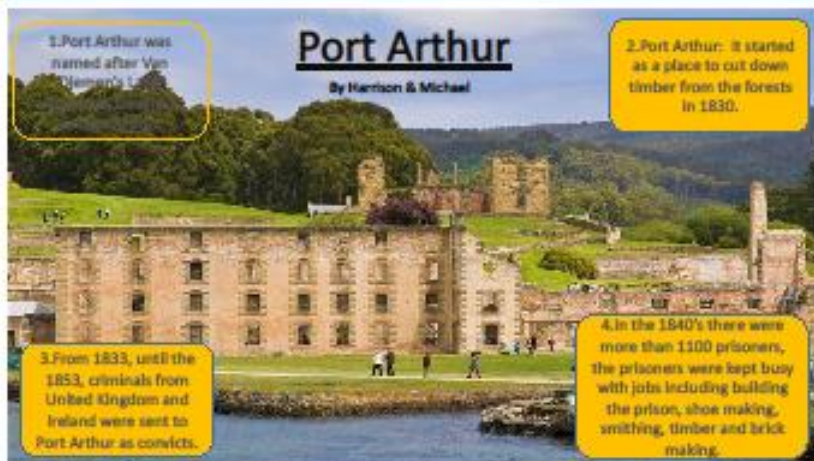
Mr Tony Jeff  
Principal

# 4/3D – Famous Australian Landmarks

As part of our current Geography unit, 'Places Are Similar & Different', we have been looking at some of the features that make Australia unique. As an independent inquiry, groups of 2 classmates were asked to choose a famous Australian landmark and find facts about it. This also tied to our current writing unit, 'Information Texts'. Adding to this, the kids were then asked to use their developing technology skills to create an effective PowerPoint poster that identified their chosen landmark and the facts they found out about it.

## Port Arthur

By Harrison & Michael



1. Port Arthur was named after Van Diemen's Land.

2. Port Arthur: It started as a place to cut down timber from the forests in 1830.

3. From 1833, until the 1853, criminals from United Kingdom and Ireland were sent to Port Arthur as convicts.

4. In the 1840's there were more than 1100 prisoners, the prisoners were kept busy with jobs including building the prison, shoe making, smithing, timber and brick making.



## Sydney Harbour Bridge

By Phoenix and Eric



It is located in Sydney, NSW, Australia.

The Sydney harbour bridge is a famous landmark of Australia which is among the most photographed landmarks in the world.

John Bradfield, Ralph Freeman and Thomas S. Telford are the creators. 16 men died during its construction.

Construction started on July 28, 1923 and ended on 19<sup>th</sup> of January, 1932. The bridge was inaugurated and opened on March, 1932.

It is the largest steel arch bridge in the world but not the longest. 134m tall and 1,149m long.

The idea of building a bridge in Sydney Harbour was first thought of in as early as 1815.

## Shark Bay

By Sam & Kyojo



Shark Bay was Discovered by Dirk Hartog in 1616.

The area has a population of fewer than 1,000 people.

Shark Bay has nearly 150 species of reptiles.

The bay itself covers an area of 10,000 km.

It has a coastline of over 1,500 kilometres.

Shark Bay has the largest seagrass in the world.





## Q1 QUEENSLAND

By Naomi and Mia

The Q1 building is taller than the Chrysler building in New York City.

Q1 is one of the tallest residential buildings in the world.

Q1 is 322.5 metres high.

It has Australia's only beachside observation desk.

Skypoint has one of the world's fastest elevators taking you from the ground to level 77 in 42.7 seconds.

It offers stunning 360 degree views of the entire Gold Coast, from the surf to the hinterland and beyond.

## Uluru

By Kai and Josh

Uluru is the tallest rock in the world, standing at a whopping 853m tall.

Uluru stands 1,141 feet tall. That's as tall as the Empire State Building. It stretches over 3.2kms long and 1.6kms wide.

Amazingly, most of the rock sits underground, although no one knows how far it goes down.

Uluru is a monolith which means one really big rock.

It's also called Ayers Rock, after Sir Henry Ayers. The rock was originally at the bottom of the large ocean.



## The Pinnacles

By Kyle and Izzy

The height of the Pinnacles range from 10 centimetres to five metres.

The Pinnacles desert was not named until the late 1960s.

The nickname for The Pinnacles is 'Rock Star' in the outback.

The Pinnacles formed 25,000 to 30,000 years ago after the Indian ocean's coastal winds swept the surrounding sand leaving the lone stone pillars exposed to the elements.

The Pinnacles cover an area of 17,487 hectares.

## Sydney Opera House

By Berna and Jackson

It is officially located in Sydney.

The design idea came from a mandarin.

It was officially opened in 1973.

The final cost was \$102 million.





## The Great Barrier Reef

*By Ella and Eve*

The Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef system in the world.

The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest living structure in the world.

It is found in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Queensland.

Warmer ocean temperatures put stress on coral and lead to coral bleaching.

The Great Barrier Reef is home to a range of life including, fish, sea turtles and many more!

## THE DAINTREE RAINFOREST

*By Max and Bastian*

It is estimated to be 180 million years old.

There is about 430 species of birds.

The Daintree rainforest is a tropical rainforest in Queensland Australia.

This forest is very special for several reasons. It is the largest rainforest in the continent of Australia.

In the protected forest there are many types of animals and over 12,000 sorts of insects.

The Daintree rainforest takes up 0.2% of Australia.



## Wave Rock

*By Ella & Eve*

Height: 15 metres & 49 ft high.

Length: About 110 metres & 360 feet long.

Where: Hyden, Western Australia.

It is made out of Granite.

How it got its colour: Red, grey & brown colours have been caused by water carrying minerals such as iron.

## Q1 FACTS

IT IS AUSTRALIA'S TALLEST BUILDING  
*By Zach & Bo*

Q1 is 322.5 metres high (1,058 feet).

There are 1331 steps from ground level to level 77.

The Q1 is bigger than the Chrysler building in NYC.

Construction went on for 3 years.

Q1 means [Queensland number 1] it is a skyscraper in the Gold Coast.

In Q1 there is 78 floors.





### Q1 FACTS

By Ben & Tyler

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Q1 is 322.5 metres high.

Skypoint is 230 metres above sea level.

Australia's only beachside observation deck.



## Quiz Time – Were You Paying Attention?

1. Who discovered Shark Bay?
2. What is the nickname for The Pinnacles?
3. How many types of animals and insects live in the Daintree?
4. How many steps do you have to climb to get to level 77 on Q1?
5. How many prisoners were at Port Arthur in the 1840's?
6. When was the Sydney Harbour Bridge opened?
7. What is the total length of Uluru?
8. Where would you find the Great Barrier Reef?
9. How did Wave Rock get its colours?
10. How long did it take to build Q1?
11. How high is Q1?
12. Where did the idea for the Sydney Opera House come from?
13. What is Australia's 1<sup>st</sup> 'big attraction'?



# Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival

## Ticket Sales

Warrimoo dance students will be performing at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre for the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival.

We strongly advise you to book early as tickets sell out quickly. Seats for evening performances are limited and numbered. Seats for matinees are not numbered.

Matinee performance: 10:00am – 12.30pm Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Evening performance: 7:30pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

There are three options for purchasing tickets:

- In person from the Joan Sutherland box office (booking fee applies)
- By telephone 4723 7600 (booking fee applies)
- Online [www.jspac.com.au](http://www.jspac.com.au) (booking fee applies, limits apply).

To purchase tickets, you will need to provide the Joan Sutherland Centre box office with the name of the dance, which is **Catch the Magic**.

The Joan Sutherland box office staff will have lists of schools, dances and their performance dates but they will not have the actual programs.

### Ticket Prices

Evening performances: All seats \$25

Matinees: All seats \$10

### Additional information from the Festival Committee:

- There are no intervals in either the matinee or evening performances.
- Please avoid leaving the auditorium during performances and stay for the entire program so that the children performing at the end of the concert have a supportive audience to appreciate their performances.
- Flash photography and video recording are not permitted during rehearsals or performances at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre. This is in line with the child protection and copyright laws.

Thank you for your support!

Michelle Santoro and Sarah Templeman  
(Dance Co-ordinators)

# Attention Years 2 -6



The swimming season approaches. Can your child confidently swim the length of an Olympic Pool?

Our school has been offered 60 places in the Learn to Swim Program. This is available for all students from Year 2 to Year 6 during Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The progress made in two weeks by the students attending makes the scheme very worthwhile.

**We can only take 60 children** and would like all Year 2 students to attend as well as students in the primary who would benefit from this program.

Glenbrook Pool is heated and this is a great opportunity for students to learn to swim or build stamina and learn water safety skills. The cost to parents is the bus fare and pool entry which total **\$93.00**. *There is no cost for swimming instruction.*

You can reserve your child a place in this valuable scheme by sending in the permission note and money **as soon as possible**.

**All notes and money need to be taken to the school office.**

Please read the accompanying information for details.

# SCHOOL SWIMMING and WATER SAFETY PROGRAM



Education & Communities

Parents and Caregivers

Arrangements have been made to include a learn to swim program in our Warrimoo Public School curriculum.

The Department of Education and Communities School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Program is conducted over ten days. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes.

**Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. The Program focuses on weak swimmers in Year 2 to 6 as well as students with special needs such as new arrivals in Australia and students with disabilities.**

Instruction will take place at Glenbrook Swim Centre.

The Program will continue **daily for two weeks** from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. There will be no charge for instruction.

**The total cost for the 10 day scheme is \$93.00 (\$52 for bus hire and \$41 for pool entry. Swim instruction is free).**

Each child should bring a; swimming costume, towel, blouse/shirt, hat and warm clothing on a cool day. Where instruction takes place in an outdoor pool, it is recommended that students use adequate sun protection, eg. SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water-resistant sun screen reapplied regularly a rash shirt is also recommended (pool facility permitting). Students will be assessed during the School Swimming and Water Safety Program for all water safety skills without wearing goggles.

If your child is eligible for the Program, please complete and sign the form below and return it to the school office with payment.

Miss Withers – Organising Teacher **Date:** 30th July 2019

Return ASAP to the School Office as positions in the course are limited.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM CONSENT FORM

I hereby consent to the attendance of my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the School Swimming and Water Safety Program classes to be held at Glenbrook Swim Centre from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. Travel will be by bus. **Total cost for 10 day program is \$93.00**

In the event of injury or illness, I also authorise (on my behalf) the seeking of such medical assistance that my child may require. Special needs of my child of which you should be aware (eg. allergies, sensory impairment, etc):

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

TO BE RETAINED AT THE SCHOOL

### Privacy Notice

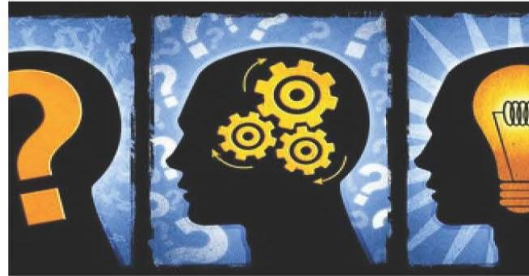
The personal information provided on this permission note, will be used by the Department of Education and Communities for general administration and communication and other matters of welfare relating to your child at this event. While the provision of this information is voluntary, it is strongly recommended that all details are completed. Failure to do so, may impede the resolution of welfare issues should you not be able to be contacted. This information will be stored securely.

Please be aware that the media exposure at this event may result in your child's name, school details and/or photograph appearing in a Newspaper, on Television or on the School Sport Unit: Website



# BLAXLAND HIGH SCHOOL

## 2020 Year 7 Extension Class Applications



Blaxland High School will be testing Year 6 students for possible inclusion in the 2020 Year 7 Extension class. If you would like your Year 6 son or daughter to be considered for the Year 7 extension class please contact Sharon Laurence, Teacher Librarian, or the School Administration Officer, Mrs Rachel Pope via email to register. When registering please provide the following:

1. your child's name,
2. gender,
3. primary school,
4. parent/guardian contact details,
5. email and
6. preferred session.

Testing for inclusion for the 2020 Extension class will be held on Thursday 5th September 2019. There will be two testing sessions:

| Session 1                                       | Session 2                                       |
|---|---|
| <b>Arrive</b> at 9:10 for a prompt 9:30am start | <b>Arrive</b> at 11:20 for a prompt 11:40 start |
| <b>Finish:</b> 10:30                            | <b>Finish</b> 12:40pm                           |

The test is the Middle Year Ability Test (MYAT) which is set and marked by the Australian Council for Education (ACER), Melbourne.

Please forward inquiries to

Sharon Laurence at [sharon.laurence@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sharon.laurence@det.nsw.edu.au) or  
Rachel Pope at [Rachael.Pope1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Rachael.Pope1@det.nsw.edu.au)

Blaxland High School  
3-9 Coughlan Road Blaxland NSW 2774 Tel. 4739 4655  
email [blaxland-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:blaxland-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



# Kindergarten 2020



Well It's that time again! If you have a child or know of a child who will turn 5 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020, they are eligible to start school in 2020.

We need to know these numbers early so that we have correct staff and accommodation. Please fill in the form below (or give it to a friend or neighbour to complete if they have a child eligible to start school in 2020) and return it to school as early as possible.

Thank you for your support

Office Staff



**Attention: Office Staff**

(Please return to the school office)

## Kindergarten Enrolments 2020

Child's Name (in full): \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female   
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings at School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like any correspondence addressed to:  
Miss / Ms / Mrs / Mr / Mr & Mrs (please circle): \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_



# ***P & C News***

**Facebook: Warrimoo Public School P&C**

**Email: warrimoopandc@gmail.com**

## **Next P&C Meeting –**

**Wednesday 4 September 2019, 7.30 – 9.30 pm, in the Library**

All parents and citizens welcome! See behind the scenes; Have your say; Help out

Please join the **Warrimoo Public School P&C Group** on Facebook to receive messages about how you can help to support all the children of Warrimoo Public School.

## **Fundraising/Events**

**School Disco** – Friday 30 August

Kindy, Years 1 and 2: 5 – 6pm

Years 3 – 6: 6.15 – 7.30 pm

Gold coin donation

**DUGS Day Stall – Friday 30 August**

**DUGS Day, 2019**

**Fathers' Day is getting renovated!**

Warrimoo is a vibrant and varied community and the children at Warrimoo Public School come from a diverse range of family backgrounds. Acknowledging diverse school communities is central to a respectful and inclusive curriculum, and, ultimately, supports children's wellbeing and sense of belonging. As such, this year we will give Fathers' Day a renovation (as we did with Mothers' Day) to honour the range of families and carers at Warrimoo Public School, aaaand (drum roll please), so, DUGS Day is born!

**DUGS = D (ads) U (ncles) G (randpas) S (pecial carer/parent)**

As usual, students will have access to a range of DUGS Day presents to purchase for \$5 each, catering to dads, pops, and any variation on a special person to thank and celebrate!

**The stall will be held on Friday 30 August**

We look forward to sharing this special time with you and supporting the Department's aims for an inclusive learning environment for all children and their families.

*"The department is committed to building a diverse and inclusive learning environment that benefits all students .... Recognising the cultural diversity of school communities helps meet the educational and welfare needs of students and their families. It aids in the planning of teaching and learning activities"* (NSW Government, 2018)

**Spring Fair - Reimagined** – Saturday 2 November

Afternoon Markets/Games, picnic dinner followed by an Outdoor Cinema event!

## ***P&C News continued***

It's our biggest fundraising effort, held every two years.  
Save the date and think about what you can contribute!

### **Canteen**

**Tuesday** – over the counter sales, so please send your children with some money to spend.  
**Help needed**, even just an hour. The kids love seeing their parents in the canteen!  
Please contact Kirsty on 0414 337 967 to volunteer on Tuesdays.

**Friday** – My School Lunchbox orders <https://myschoollunchbox.com.au/>  
Volunteers needed to help sort the orders for 45 minutes (12.30 – 1.15 pm) on Fridays this term.  
Please contact Emma on 0418 476 093 to volunteer on Fridays.

### **Uniform Shop**

**Open Thursdays of School Assemblies, 2.30 - 3.15 pm**

Uniform Order Form and details: Contact: [warrimoopsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:warrimoopsuniformshop@gmail.com)  
<https://warrimoo-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/what-we-offer.html>

**Girls Winter Pinafore** – Despite numerous attempts by our uniform shop volunteers, supply issues for this item of uniform continue and it won't be available from the Uniform Shop this year. The uniform shop volunteers and P&C apologise for this disruption and trust you'll understand that all efforts have been made.

If you have unused winter pinafores at home – please consider donating them to the uniform shop, or selling them through the P&C Facebook page, so that those girls that want to wear them can.

### **School Banking**

Drop deposit books into the box at the Office on **Tuesday Mornings**