ANZAC Visit
Last Wednesday we welcomed Mr Denner and Mr Walker to our school to talk to us about ANZAC Day. They brought a variety of wartime hats with them for us to look at and try on. They also showed us their collection of photos from the war and their medals. We learnt how to salute while we were wearing the hats, some of us found this difficult.
SAKG Gardening & Cooking
Gardening was cut short due to the rain, but we still managed to prepare garden beds, plant lettuce seeds, kale and silverbeet seedlings and start trimming the grevillea encroaching on the bottom field. We harvested rhubarb, leeks, herbs, lettuce, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, basil, chillies, radishes and used some of our potatoes and frozen beans from storage.

In the kitchen we cooked homemade fettuccine with sorrel pesto, oven baked vegetable samosas, garden salad with Jack’s special garlic dressing and quick rhubarb cake. Thank you to Colleen Chambeyron, Julie Connor and Gail who volunteered this week.

District Cross Country–Bowraville–this Friday 9th May
The District Cross Country will be held at Bowraville Rec Grounds this Friday 10th May, starting at 10am for a walk of the course for the runners. Races start at 11am. If your child is 8 years old and above and interested in participating, please talk to Mrs Keough for more information. Parents will need to provide supervision and transport at this event as no teachers will be attending.

Stewart House Donation Drive – 2014
This is a very worthwhile charity that supports 1800 public school children a year. Attached is an envelope for donations and a chance to win a $4,000 family holiday. Please return it by this Friday 9th May to go in the draw.

P&C Catering – Push Bikes – Thursday 15th May
On Thursday 15th May, our P&C will be catering for approximately 30 cyclists travelling through Dundurrabin. They plan on arriving at our school at 10:30am in time for morning tea. Please contact the school if you can come in at about 9-9:30am and help us get morning tea organised.

We also kindly ask all families to send in biscuits and slices for the cyclists to take with them when they leave.

World Children’s Colouring Day – tomorrow Tuesday 6th May
Tomorrow all students will participate in World Kids Colouring Day. This year’s theme is “Picture Stories: Colourful trip around the World”. Children are encouraged to express what this means to them through drawing and colouring from their own family holiday experiences or destinations they dream of exploring.

NAPLAN 2014 – Yr 3 and 5 – Tuesday 13th to Thursday 15th May
NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) testing for students in Years 3 and 5 will be on Tuesday 14th May (Language/writing), Wednesday 15th May (Reading) and Thursday 16th May (Numeracy).

National Simultaneous Storytime – Wednesday 21st May – 11am
National Simultaneous Storytime is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 14th
successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades K to 6 and the pre-school Early Learning Years Framework. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. The chosen book for 2014 is “Too Many Elephants in this House” written by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Andrew Joyner.

Biggest Morning Tea – Thursday 22nd May
We will be holding a Biggest Morning Tea at school on Thursday 22nd May at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa and morning tea. Please bring a plate to share and a donation for the Cancer Council.

National Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 23rd May
Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Jim will be transporting students to the Community Centre where we will all walk safely back to school accompanied by a teacher. We will then have breakfast provided by the P&C. Parents/carers are welcome to join us to walk and enjoy breakfast, if they wish. Thank you to Charlene McKevitt who has volunteered to cook pancakes for the students, we could still use another couple of volunteers to help out on the morning.

Preschoolers Morning – Monday 26th May
Join us for our pre-schoolers visit on Monday 26th May here at school from 10am to 11.30am. There will be educational activities that help develop gross and fine motor skills as well as art and craft. All preschool children aged 1-5 are welcome.

School Website
Our school website is regularly updated with weekly newsletters and photos of the highlights for each term. You will also find our Annual School Report for 2013. Be sure to check it out at http://www.dundurrabi-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Attendance
Student attendance remains one of our school targets this year. Please be reminded that your child/ren needs to arrive at school before 9:20am each morning. A short note of explanation or a phone call to the school is required if your child is absent from school.

Jump Rope for Heart
The Heart Foundation has a new and exciting Health Program that our school is participating in. It is a version of Jump Rope for Heart but with a twist. It is FREE for our school and involves NO fundraising commitment! It is called Heart Foundation Outreach and is designed to give all schools and students in NSW the opportunity to access and be involved in a health and exercise program to learn the benefits of keeping your heart healthy. Our students are enjoying skipping sessions each morning and are already developing very clever techniques. In Term 3, we hope to attend a Heart Day at Ebor Public School to share what we’ve learnt.

Rewarding Good Values
Late last term our teachers implemented a values reward system where all students can be rewarded for displaying good values. In particular teachers are looking for confidence, honesty, co-operation, patience, thoughtfulness, courteousness, kindness, generosity and self-discipline.
Each student has a sticker chart including the stickers rewarded for displaying these values. Sticker charts will be included in student portfolios at the end of the term.

Reading Club – Rocket Readers
Last week all students will brought home a reading log book to keep a record of home reading. Students will be rewarded for their reading efforts every 20 nights in an effort to encourage reading at home. This is a school-based challenge separate to the Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) although reading time for the PRC can be recorded in reading logs. It only takes 5-10 mins each night.

Term 2 SAKG Weekly Contributions - Due Now
If you have a payment slip attached for Term 1, please pay the amount before the end of term.

2014 Workbook Fees
Workbook fees for 2014 remain the same - $30.00 per student. These fees help towards the costs of student
items provided by our school e.g. exercise books, pens, pencils, glue etc... Thank you those families that have paid already.

**Make an Offer – LAST CHANCE**

We have a number of used student desks, printers, laminators and photocopiers in storage at school. If you would like any of these items, come in and make an offer. It all has to go!

**P&C News & Community Notices**

**BookClub Issue 3 – Due back Monday 12th May**

Bookclub Issue#3 was attached last newsletter. If you wish to place an order from this issue, please have your order forms and money (cash/cheque made to Scholastic) back at school by Monday 12th May. Sorry about the incorrect date last week.

**P&C Wood Raffle Tickets**

First Prize: Trailer of split Firewood (Delivered locally) Drawn: Thursday 22nd May at our Biggest Morning Tea.

Tickets: $1.00 each (book attached)

Please have all tickets sold/unsold and money returned to school by Tuesday 20th May.

**Host an Overseas Exchange Student**

Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills by hosting an overseas exchange student. “An Experience for Life” Student Exchange is looking for host families across New Zealand to welcome overseas students into their home. Call 1300 135 331 for more information or Visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

**Live Life Well @ School**

Children and adults need physical activity every day. Activity helps build better bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight. Being physically active can also reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Get active anyway you can - walking, riding, swimming, and playing active games such as ‘Tip’, Bull Rush or Simon Says.