Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are now mid-way through the final term and there is no sign of slowing down. Many people ask, “Are you counting down to the holidays?” but the curriculum is so demanding nowadays that we are all very focused on ensuring that learning continues right up until the last day. We are very dedicated to ensuring that all students finish the year achieving the highest results possible. Our Australian Curriculum units, reading groups, spelling program, etc. will continue right through the last week of school. It is therefore important that students are at school and working hard every day. Please help us to keep high standards of attitude and effort towards all school work and behaviour by reminding your children of your expectations for their learning. Together, we will continue to ensure learning is optimised, as we prepare students for their next year level in 2015!

D. Broadfoot  
13th November 2014

**REMEMBRANCE PARADE**

On Tuesday 11th November, we held a Remembrance Day parade. At 11am we paused to remember the sacrifice of those men and women who have died or suffered in wars and conflicts and all those who have served in our armed forces. The students were exceptionally attentive and respectful during this important event.

**STRANGER DANGER**

The Daniel Morecombe Health Curriculum unit that we teach at school teaches our students how to ‘Recognise, React and Report’ unsafe situations. These messages also need to be constantly reinforced at home. Please continue to remind children of the importance of not talking to, or approaching strangers. Encourage your children to walk with another student to and from school.

**HALLOWEEN DISCO**

Thanks to all the students and families that attended our Halloween Disco. It was great to see so many children and adults dressed up. Thanks also to the P&C and all the people that assisted in the preparation and running of the disco. The night ran very well and further developments have already been planned for 2015.

**REWARDS DAY**

Last week a Rewards Day newsletter was sent home. This term the student council and the school have worked hard to try and cater for a range of students by having two events – a Launch Zone excursion and a Movie Session at school. If you wish for your children to go to Launch Zone please ensure that the permission form is read carefully and signed, and that money is sent in by next Thursday.

**PREP INFORMATION NIGHT**

We will be having another information session for 2015 Prep parents that were not able to attend our first information session. This will be held in the Prep room on Tuesday 2nd December at 5:30pm.

**IMPORTANT 2015 PLANNING**

Please ensure that you inform the school if your children will not be back at school on the first day (Tuesday 27th January) or if you may be moving. This information is essential for planning classes and for staff planning for 2015.

We also need to enrol all Prep students immediately to ensure we can adequately prepare for 2015. If you have children eligible for Prep in 2015, please call the office to arrange enrolment.

**Railway’s definitely got talent!**

Congratulations to ‘Those Guys’ (Arie Blom, Robert Epati, Osmund Kairae, Jaquin Taumafai and Rhys Lappin), who won the 2014 ‘Railway’s Got Talent’ competition. Congratulations also to ‘Before the British’ (Byron Mansfield and Aiden Ross-Edwards) who also made the semi-finals and performed outstandingly in the final. We had another year of very talented performers throughout the rounds, as well as nearly all students being part of the audience at some stage. We are very proud of all the students and thank Miss Weir, our Head of Curriculum, once more for all her dedication to this event. We look forward to showcasing this again in 2015!

**Graduation and Awards Night**

The following information was sent home to parents of year 5/6/7 students last week. It has been included in case parents did not receive the letter sent home.

Our annual Awards Night will take place on Friday 5th December at Pimlico State High School Performing Arts Hall. The evening will begin at 5:00pm. Year 6 and 7 graduation presentations will be a highlight of the evening. Year level awards in English, Mathematics and Science will be presented along with sports, music and LOTE awards. The 2015 school captains and student council positions will also be announced. These presentations should conclude around 7:00pm.

Following the presentations the Year 6 and 7 students and families are invited to stay for a short disco and supper that will be held at the same venue. We are asking all Year 7 families to please
bring a plate of food to share on a disposable plate/platter. This will be a nice time for the Year 6s and 7s to celebrate their years together. This should conclude by 8:00pm.

We look forward to seeing many families there.

School Leaders for 2014
This week, a meeting was held for all Year 5 students to discuss school leader positions (school captains and house captains). All interested students were provided with a 2015 School Leaders Policy and Procedures booklet. If your child did not receive one of these and you would like them to consider leadership positions, please encourage them to see their teacher or Mr B for a copy of the booklet.

Citizen of the Week

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Parking on Ninth Avenue. Friday is bin collection day for the residence of Ninth Avenue. Please be considerate by not parking in front of the bins if they have not been emptied.

LOST PROPERTY
Please remember to check lost property if your children have lost something. All items not collected by the end of November will go to charity.

The Uniform Shop
We are open for business and new and second hand uniforms are available. New uniforms are $28 and second hand just $5. The best days to catch us are Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings before school but if you need a uniform outside these times please let us know at The Railway Café.

Angel-Paws Inc. Christmas Tree Appeal
Angel-Paws Inc. is a non-profit organisation of volunteers specialising in offering many rejected animals a second chance at life and happiness.

THEY NEED YOUR HELP!
Tin or dry food is our biggest priority, however we also need feed bowls, toys, collars, leads, kitty litter and training pads – and anything else you may be able to think of.

Running from the 3rd to 28th November look out for our Christmas Tree on the Prep room veranda where you can drop off anything you are able to donate.

Every little bit helps. Thank you