A Message from Mrs Bonello
The P&C is a valued and respected part of our school community and last month it was most pleasing to see over 20 parents attend the meeting. Our next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 13 March. This is a chance for parents to express queries and concerns and learn more about the life of the school. In particular we will be discussing sport at the next meeting. It is always a friendly environment, and our community language teachers (Vietnamese and Arabic) attend so they can help with translation as required. Please try to attend. Research shows us that the greater the involvement of parents in the school, the greater the success of their children. Simply turning up will give your children the message you are interested in, and supportive of, our school.

Kindergarten
KG and KN have been having a great time in Kindergarten. Our learning is going full steam ahead. We would like to thank parents and caregivers for their cooperation and support with getting the Kindergarten children so settled. It will be a busy term filled with new learning and experiences that we are sure the children are looking forward to.
Mrs Griffin & Miss Kay (Kindergarten teachers)

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July. The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR). You no longer need to collect receipts, payments are made automatically. You can choose how to support your children’s education – uniforms, school books, stationery, school fees, or excursions. Check at australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Early this term our Earn and Learn educational resources delivery brought smiles to our faces. Thanks to all those shopping dockets you brought in last year we acquired a tremendous amount of new literacy and numeracy resources. Very special thanks to Mrs Alabadla who coordinated the processing of the dockets, and also to Mrs Benson who finalised the order. It would certainly be worth participating in this program again this year if the opportunity is made available.

Back Up!
An opportunity for fathers and sons to participate in fun activities for free has become available through Creating Links. Details are on the back of this newsletter. A third activity – Taronga Zoo on Saturday 16 March – is also available using the same contact.

Calendar – The weeks ahead
Term 1 Week 6
Tuesday 5 March Water Carnival for Years 2-6: all to attend

Term 1 Week 7
Wednesday 13 March P&C meeting at 9am

Term 1 Week 8
Monday 18 March Swim Scheme starts