**Zone Swimming Carnival:** Thanks to the teachers and students for such a successful Zone Carnival held yesterday at North Sydney Pool. Like most of Sydney yesterday, the carnival was affected by huge traffic delays but was successful. Results of this carnival and photos will be included in next week’s Chatters. Thanks to the parents who assisted in the supervision of our students who swam their best at all times.

**GoodGuys and GirlPower Parent Information Evening:** This internationally recognised friendship program empowers tweens with the skills, language, and self-confidence to be better friends and develop healthier relationships. Our school is utilising a community grant to cover the cost for students in Years 1-6. This program is costing the school approximately $10,000. We strongly encourage parents to register and attend the parent information session at Thursday 17th March 6.30pm-7.45pm for $25. Helping Hands has once again offered to provide free child minding on this evening.

**Clean-up Australia and Ride Safely to School:** Thanks to all classes who participated in the Schools Clean Up Australia Day last Friday. We now have a very clean school. Let’s all keep it that way.

**Ride to School Safely Day** – Mrs McNamara handed out wrist bands and prizes to the Year 5 and 6 students who rode their bikes safely to school last Friday. Just a reminder that no student is to ride his or her bike on school grounds. Bikes must be wheeled to and from the bike racks and don’t forget to wear your helmets securely.

**Lost Property:** Please check the lost property basket which is located on the verandah outside the toilets at the end of Block N for any missing items of clothing. If clothing is not claimed, it is sent to the Smith Family at the end of each term. Please mark all items of clothing (even shoes), as these are often removed during yoga or dance lessons.

**Collecting children from after school activities:** Please collect your child from the room in which their after school activity is being held e.g. chess, French etc…. Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds until they have been collected by a parent. Please make sure you are on time. If you are delayed for any reason please phone the school and we will keep your child in the office or take him or her to After School Care. It is a good idea to register your child at OOSH just in case there is ever an emergency which prevents you from collecting your child. Registration at Helping Hands is completely free.

**Jenolan Caves Excursions:** Our Year 4 students enjoyed a great excursion to Jenolan Caves last Friday and tomorrow our Year 3 students will be setting off on the same excursion with a visit to Echo Point, the Three Sisters and on to explore Jenolan Caves. Thanks to the accompanying staff who always take such good care of our students whilst on excursions.

**School Movie Night on the Oval:** Please keep Saturday 19th March free as we celebrate the opening of the school oval with a movie night. There will be face painting, jumping castles, a coffee and ice cream van and a fabulous sausage sizzle. You may prefer to bring your own picnic. Bring your cushions, rugs, bean bags and picnic blankets and enjoy a family evening in the school. NO PICNIC CHAIRS or TABLES PLEASE - just soft cushions, bean bags and rugs, as we do not want to damage the new turf. The P&C is organising this event and there is no charge, apart from the purchase of food and drink, as the school is paying for this evening. The evening is from 5pm – 9pm, with the movie, WALL-E, commencing at 7:45pm. See you there!

**Harmony and Grandparents’ Day Assembly:** We are looking forward to welcoming lots of grandparents to our special Harmony and Grandparents’ Day assembly in the school hall next Friday 18th March. Please come along and see what is happening in the classrooms around the school and you may also be able to purchase a book from the Book Fair for your grandchild and donate a book to the school library.

The SRC will also be collecting donations from parents, staff and students for the Asylum Centre at Newtown. Students are asked to wear orange clothing on the day or their national dress/costume and we will have a parade of students wearing the national dress from their home countries at the assembly.

The SRC asks everyone to bring a gold coin for the asylum seekers. If we raise $600 this will provide essential pharmaceuticals for 10 asylum seekers and a weekly food parcel and weekly train ticket for three asylum seekers. Please be generous.

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**Week 7 Value is:**  
**Expectation is:** Actively listen and follow instructions
Band Update 11 February 2016

Parents on Band Duty 15 Feb - 17 Feb
Senior Band - Peter Thanos & Liz Darton
Concert Band - Byrne Family
Junior Band - Katie Schliebs & Maria Russo

Helping Hands
2016 is already under full steam and we have seen a massive increase in the number of families using our service this year. We want to let you know that for the first time, we are looking at hitting our capacity for Tuesday mornings and afternoons.

While we have not reached this just yet, we want to ask those who don’t currently have a permanent booking on this day to consider changing to a permanent. This will be a on a first come, first served basis and once full, casuals and people wanting permanent positions will be waitlisted.

If you would like to make any changes please email us at your earliest convenience.

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Become an Ethics Teacher

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.

We have a few vacancies for volunteers to teach Years K-6 ethics classes in 2016. Classes are on Tuesdays mornings for 30 minutes.

The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

For more information, please contact:
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Week 7 Value is: Respect
Expectation is: Actively listen and follow instructions