During November teachers have been testing students in preparation for reporting to parents. We are all very proud of the results that the children have achieved this year and hope that you will be too. If there are any parents/carers who would like to discuss the reports with the teacher please make arrangements for a meeting in the first week of December. After week 9 we will be moving into graduation and end of year celebrations which is a very busy time for everyone.

This month some of our wonderful grandparents visited the school to help us celebrate Grandparents’ Day. The children performed for them at the assembly and then joined us in the Library for some morning tea. There were lots of cakes, smiles and conversations.

Year 2 attended Swimming School for two weeks at Canterbury Pool. The weather has been warm most days and there were a couple of hot days when everyone wished they could go with them. It has been great for them to go swimming with their school friends and we have had some very excited Year 2’s as a result. What an adventure.

Mrs Carney has been very busy in the Library sorting through our books and rejuvenating the entire space. The school has purchased 1400 new books for the Library and this has enabled us to remove some of the old or damaged books. Keep an eye out for some great new titles coming home in 2015. Thank you Mrs Carney!!!!

We had a visit from Mr Richard Gill OAM, to see if we could be included in the newly announced Musical Mentoring Program for 2015. We had very positive feedback after his visit and are hopeful for next year. Here is an interesting link from Mrs Sabra which explains the benefits of music in education- http://trendinghot.net/what-playing-a-musical-instrument-does-to-your-brain/

Mrs Ford would like to remind preschool parents/carers that preschool fees are due. Students cannot be released to attend other schools until all outstanding monies are paid.

We look forward to seeing you at school for a Graduation and Thank You Assembly on the 10th December for the ‘big school’ and the 4th December for Rainbows and the 9th December for Jellybeans.

Vanda Quinn
Relieving Principal
Grandparents’ Day
Year 2 Swimming
### Jellybeans
- Fatima M: Cleaning and raking the leaves outdoors
- Zahra M: Cleaning and raking the leaves outdoors
- Aiden: Raking leaves and sweeping the footpath
- Mohammed J: Being brave and touching the possum at Symbio
- Ayah: Always participating in music time
- Jaafar: Confident talking on the microphone
- Zeinab E: Singing enthusiastically in music time
- Mohammed G: Playing soccer with his friends
- Zaynab J: Great confidence on the microphone
- Zahraa T: Great singing and dancing practice for graduation
- Zen: Participating in music and dancing
- Mohammed G: For always trying his best at preschool
- Mohammed J: Sitting beautifully while practising for graduation
- Ali T: Singing the National Anthem beautifully
- Zeinab E: Singing the National Anthem beautifully
- Ayah: Being a great helper in the classroom

### Rainbows
- Viraj: A beautiful collage
- Miriam: Spinning the hula hoop around her body very well
- Moussa: Writing his name very well
- Zahra H: Excellent behaviour on our Symbio excursion
- Jawad: A great drawing of the sandpit
- Mohammed EN: Making a wonderful building with blocks
- Tom: A fantastic collage
- Hussayn: Making lovely cakes with playdough
- Sarah A: Making a great rabbit with playdough
- Adam: Very good balancing on stilts
- Haidar: Great soccer skills
- Layal: Being kind to her friends
- Miriam: Speaking confidently on the microphone
- Kassem: Speaking confidently on the microphone
- Ethan: Playing cooperatively with his friends
- Zahra H: Beautiful art and craftwork

### Kindergarten
- Santi: Being a great helper
- Roukaya: Trying hard to complete her work
- Ray: Great behaviour and listening skills
- Hussien: Big improvement with his numbers
- Joseph: Great listening during whole class activities
- Aimen: Great work with her numbers during maths
- Basel: Settling into classroom routine
- Nadine: Trying her best to complete computer tasks
- Saleh: Great confidence when telling his news
- Mariam: Always being polite and respectful
- Batoul: Good listening
- Maya: Helping her peers when they need assistance
- Sarah: Always helping around the room
- Toto: Settling into her new surroundings
- Barkley: Working well as part of a team
- Nomin: Being a good and caring friend to her classmate

### Year 1
- Mahdi: Participating in class news sessions
- Mohammad E: Being a kind and considerate classmate
- Ali E: Consistent effort in Sport
- Ali O: Improvement in handwriting
- Matthew: Always completing his weekly homework
- Ibrahim: Great contribution to Gymnastics
- Yasmine: Reading fluently with expression
- Hadia: Using counting-on to solve number problems
- Ali A: A wonderful report on a cheetah for homework
- Hadia: Always being a responsible class member
- Yesujin: Improvement in number skills
- Muhammad A: Applying himself well in all tasks
- Aadi: Excellent spelling
- Hashimiyah: Imaginative outdoor play using hoops
- Hussein A: Excellent application in all activities
- Mahdi: Excellent reading progress

**Our website:** www.arncliffew-p@schools.nsw.edu.au
**November Birthdays**
Sarah M (R)
Sarah E (K) Charlie (K)
Ali O (Y1) Mohammad E (Y1)

**Happy Birthday !!!!!!**

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**Year 2**

**Soukayna:** Beautiful consistent handwriting

**Jack:** Fantastic improvement in Sport

**Radwan:** Presentation of his homework

**Hussain:** Presentation of his homework grid

**Lilly:** Presenting a cooking video on how to make chocolate mousse

**Jack:** Writing a wonderful haiku

**Emerald:** Presentation of cultural studies

**Ali:** Acquiring skills in swimming lessons

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**Arabic**

**Sakina:** Identifying a few Arabic letters

**Mahdi:** Improvement in spelling

**Zahraa S:** Learning new Arabic letters

**Sarah E:** Completing an activity independently

**Ali A:** Trying to spell an Arabic word independently

**Jack:** Always trying his best in Arabic

**Aimen:** Writing her name in Arabic independently

**Muhammad A:** Learning new words about Japan in Arabic

**Radwan:** Writing an Arabic sentence independently

**Basel:** Settling well in the Arabic classroom

**Hassan:** Reading Arabic words with short vowels

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**Book Awards**


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**Social Skill Awards**

Nikolas, Matthew Y1, Trisha Y2 (x2), Mariam K, Nomi K, Ibrahim Y1 (x2), Jack Y2, Hashimiyah Y1, Hussien A Y1

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Mathletics

Below is some interesting research on the value of the online Mathletics Program. Arncliffe West has signed up again for this program in 2015. We have also signed up for Reading Eggs.

> Key Findings

A recent independent academic study of more than 8,000 schools looking into the impact of Mathletics on NAPLAN results found a significant advantage to schools using Mathletics.

- Students using Mathletics have performed consistently higher in NAPLAN, across Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 since 2008 – by up to 6.7%.
- Students with longer-term usage (> 2yrs) saw an even greater jump in NAPLAN results.
- Students see the greatest benefit when they complete on average, 3 Mathletics activities per week.

> Mathletics activities and your NAPLAN results

- The completion of Mathletics activities by students significantly improves their results compared to students who complete fewer activities or don’t use Mathletics at all.
- While all years achieve better test scores from undertaking the activities, the highest returns have occurred in Year 9 students.
- By completing only 3 activities per week, students will achieve an average NAPLAN score that is 8% higher.

> Conclusion

The results show that using Mathletics has a highly significant impact on the attainment of students in NAPLAN. Students in all years benefit from using the program and gain the greatest results when they use it over a number of years. The more activities students complete, the higher the test scores will tend to be.
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Rockdale Around the Christmas Tree

Thursday 4 December
Start 4pm Tree lighting & Movie 8pm
King Street Place, Rockdale

Official lighting of the Christmas tree by the Mayor,
free Santa photos, face painting, kids petting zoo,
live entertainment and Christmas crafts followed by
a screening of Snow Dogs in the open air cinema!

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Saturday 6 December, 6pm
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