STAGE 3 EXCURSION
Students will travel on **Tuesday, 19th March** to the Forest of Tranquility as part of the Rainforest unit they are studying this term. Students are to arrive at school in sport uniform and suitable covered footwear. Please ensure your child has packed recess and lunch and plenty of water. School hats will be given to students as they get onto the bus. The bus will be leaving at 9am and returning by approximately 4pm.

EASTER BILBY DIGITAL EXCURSION
Students in Stage one (1B,1K,1/2A) have the opportunity to participate in the digital excursion on the ‘Easter Bilby’ in our school library tomorrow, **19th March 2013**. The cost is $3 and can be paid at the office Tuesday morning.

STAGE 2 EXCURSION
Classes 2/3P and 3/4C will be going on an excursion to Fort Scratchley in Newcastle on **Wednesday 10th April**. Permission notes have been sent home with students today, please sign and return to the office with $15 payment.

OPERA HOUSE DIGITAL EXCURSION
Stage 3 (4/5G, 5B and 6C) will be participating in a digital excursion called ‘The Man who Planted Trees’, on **4th April** in our school library. The ‘Man who Planted Trees’ is a captivating adaptation of Jean Giono’s classic environmental tale. Students have received a permission note. Please return to the office as soon as possible, their is no cost involved.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
Students are reminded to have their speeches prepared in time for their class presentation. Students in Years 1 through to Year 6 will present to their class on **Tuesday 26th March**. Three students will then be selected from each Stage to present their speech at a special assembly on **Friday 5th April**. Parents are asked to listen to their child’s speech at home and encourage them to make eye contact and engage their audience in their speech. We look forward to hearing the varied topics that will be presented.

HARMONY DAY & SRC ICE CREAM DAY
All Students are celebrating Harmony Day on **Thursday 21st March**. Students will be participating in multicultural activities throughout the day to broaden their knowledge of other countries. The SRC team will be selling ice creams for **$1 during lunch time**. Students are to wear school uniform.

CROSS COUNTRY
All students who are turning 8 this year and older will be taking part in our cross country event being held this **Wednesday 20 March**. Please ensure students wear their joggers to compete.

Calendar Events
* Breakfast club available each morning
* Student banking every Thursday

March
19 Forest of Tranquility – Stage 3
19 Bilby Digital Excursion
20 Cross Country
21 Harmony Day/SRC Ice Cream Day
22 Spelling Bee Finals
25 Special School Assembly
26 Public Speaking Competition
28 Easter Hat Parade & Book Fair

April
4 Opera House Digital Excursion
10 Fort Scratchley Excursion
Caught You Being Good & Spelling Stars

Congratulations to our Week 6 and 7 winners:

Caught You Being Good
- Tyreen H

Spelling Stars:
- 1K
  - Wk 6 - Courtney, Ruby, Gabrielle, Julie & Lilly
- 1/2A
  - Wk 6 - Tyreen & Chloe C
  - Wk 7 - Tyler, Makybi & Madison
- 2/3P
  - Wk 6 - Lara, Seth, Brock, Archie, Kalani, Makenzie & Andrew
  - Wk 7 - Adam, Brock, Archie, Kylie, Makenzie, Kalani, Kayla & Lara
- 3/4C
  - Wk 6 - Tahlee, Clayton, Dayne, Zoe, Mickaylar, Beryl, Blayden, Ella, Brock, Emily and Brendan
- 5B
  - Wk 6 - Georgia, Tori, Calla, Mia, Kasey & Sam

Well done to all our students.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

A Special School Assembly will be held on Monday 25th March at 2pm to celebrate our students successes this Term. Invitations have been posted to families whose child/ren are receiving awards. Please join us for this special occasion.

SPELLING BEE

All students have competed in the classroom spelling bee heats. Successful spellers from each grade will then compete in the Spelling Bee finals on the 22nd March 2013 at 9.15am. Students involved in the finals have been given an invitation for their families to attend on the day.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Students will be making their Easter hat or mask in the library in time for the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March. A timetable will be sent home with times and dates for parents who would like to come along to help their child create a fantastic hat or mask. Raffle tickets to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade have been sent home for families, and Easter donations can also be left at the office.

A Book Fair will also be held in the Library on Thursday 28th March. Families can bring their child to the library to view and maybe purchase a book from the fair. Books will vary in price from $1.50 up to $15. This is a great idea to have a new book to read over the Easter break.

STEWART HOUSE

Once again we are supporting this wonderful organisation. Students have been given a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope, if your able to donate as little as $2.00 your family can go into the draw to win a $4000 holiday. The SRC team will also be selling handballs for $3.00 each, under the cola in the next week or so.