If our Stage 3 students are typical of the leaders of the future, we are in good hands! On Monday our little group was part of a 400-strong audience participating in leadership learning and challenges and I was proud to be there with them. They conducted themselves as responsible, maturing young people, involving themselves with purpose and consideration. They were respectful and polite and wonderful ambassadors for our School.

There will be a meeting at the School tomorrow at 3.30pm to further prepare for the visit to Jerrys Plains of the Variety Bash. Our P&C is hosting lunch for the 200-plus participants, and the support and generosity of the community is called upon. If you can’t attend the meeting but would still like to help please contact the School or a P&C member.

Once again the transition day to Singleton High School has been scheduled: for Monday, May 11th. We are hoping that the weather holds so that our Year 6 students can have an experience of secondary learning. This is the first day of a program for transition into their first year of High School and a valuable beginning to taking that leap.

Miss Ross and I have begun our work on reports and Interviews will be scheduled for Weeks 9 and 10.

Regina
Environmentally aware...
Students joined Anita Rodger, Sustainability Educator with Keep NSW Beautiful in analysing the contents of workable compost. Anita was pleased with the knowledge of our students and she inspected our gardens and compost facilities.

STEWART HOUSE 2015 DONATION DRIVE
Thank you to the many families who have donated a $2 gold coin to the “Stewart House” charity. Stewart House provides happy, healthy holidays for many New South Wales public school children.
Please send back your $2 gold coin and you will go into the draw for a family holiday worth $4000.

HEAD LICE
Frequently after school holidays, students are found to have head lice. Please check your child or children for evidence of head lice and nits. The only way to eradicate such a problem is to be diligent.

Action required by parents
• Please check your child as soon as possible and re-check regularly.
• Report any infestation to the office.
• Please treat the hair with a suitable product and remove all nits.
• Follow the product’s instructions strictly otherwise the problem may continue.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS
All parents are reminded to let the school office know if any of your contact details have changed.
This includes:
• Your daytime telephone number
• Your home/mailing address
• Your family situation
It is very important to keep these details up to date in case of emergency. Please contact the school office immediately if you need to advise of any changes.
Years 2—6 students will Sustainability Educator with Keep NSW Beautiful, Anita Rodgers

Best Book Buddies...

Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 shared books with the keen readers in Years 2—6. The joint experience was enjoyed by all students, one of our little ones commenting: “It was like a bedtime story in the day time.”

REMINDER NOTES

SPORT: For the rest of this term, students will be doing Sport on Tuesday afternoon. A qualified coach from Little Athletics will be taking our students and teaching them the skills of athletic sports.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: Please remember to let us know if you will be taking your child into Singleton for the day. That information will help me to organise transport for the other students.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM: Students in Years 2-6 need to have that information to me before the end of the week. Students who have not indicated the days they will be cooking will not be taking part in the lesson.
K/1 Corner

K/1 have been showing off their ‘green thumbs’ this week with some lovely new additions to our garden. We have spent time planting and nurturing Chinese cabbage, carrots, broccoli and silverbeet as well as keeping up the watering and weeding. As well as the excitement it provides, the schools garden has instilled in our little people a sense of responsibility which is an essential life skill. We have jumped straight in to our classroom learning tasks with enthusiasm this Term in preparation for mid-yearly reports which we will be beginning next week. The first weeks’ worth of homework has gone home and is due back to the school on Friday. If you have any queries about this, feel free to come and chat to me anytime.

Years 2–6

Making Connections

This year Maths textbooks were introduced to the students in Years 2–6, on the recommendation of the Mathematics Curriculum Consultant. Please take the time to discuss these activities with your child, because it is quite a different approach from last year’s teaching and learning. The focus is on seeing mathematics in our everyday activities, such as counting, estimating measurement, telling the time accurately, and understanding money. These is life knowledge and, while we can practise these concepts in class and in our textbook, understanding them in the real world is what will count. I would welcome your participation in any of our sessions, and you will see how learning happens in the 21st Century!

VARIETY BASH

Vehicles from the Variety Bash will be congregating at the Community Hall from around noon on Friday, May 22nd. The drivers will be wearing costumes, some to suit the theme of their vehicles. Our students will be walking down to the Hall to see the vehicles and they are invited to wear fancy dress on the day. Join in and make this a fun day!

Friday Cake Raffle... 50c a ticket to support Student Representative Council.

- Friday, May 1st: Congratulations, Shiane!
- Friday, May 8th: Kylie Peel
- Friday, May 15th: 
- Friday, May 22nd: Cherona Mullane
- Friday, May 29th: 
- Friday, June 5th:

Canteen!!

Please have orders and payment at School by Tuesday

- Friday, May 1st: Nat Young
- Friday, May 8th: Julie Elbourn
- Friday, May 15th: Cherona Mullane
- Friday, May 22nd: NO CANTEEN
- Friday, May 29th: Nat Young

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Facts about the Dairy Industry

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