Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our parent/caregiver and teacher meetings continue this week. I would like to thank those who have already attended and those attending this week or who have engaged in telephone correspondence. It is vital that at least one family member attend these crucial meetings to support your child’s ongoing academic program. This is a great opportunity to discuss goals for your child and engage in meaningful dialogue regarding current and future needs as your child moves through their school journey.

Please remember that if an interpreter has been booked for you, you will need to attend. The cost to the school is $170 if you cancel at short notice.

Our Fathers Day stall will operate over 2 days. (4th and 5th September) Please ensure that you send in money with your child to allow them to participate in purchasing items and using money.

The school is always looking at ways to fund raise and currently we have a number of money boxes distributed to local businesses to allow community members to support the school. They are located at Michele’s, Revesby, IGA, Revesby and STARCO (fine crafted jewelry) located Burwood, Rhodes and Roselands. (A big thank you to Mr Jarjo) We would like to recommend that parents and caregivers visit at some time to assist with promoting the school and these community businesses.

Thank you.

Karen McDonell
PRINCIPAL
This is Senior Barrett class hard at work with our very talented Music Therapist, Josh Oshlack from Rhythm Village. Every second week Josh visits our classroom and we are encouraged to use a variety of musical instruments. On alternate weeks we have music therapy with our classroom teacher. Mrs Barrett bought an African drum for our classroom and we think Mrs Barrett needs some drumming lessons!
Thank you

On behalf of the BGS students and staff, we would like to say thank you to the following people and organisations for their ongoing support:

**STARCO (Diamond Co)** Mr Jarjo has kindly placed 3 donation boxes at his Wesfields Burwood, Rhodes Waterside and Centro Bankstown Starco stores.

**Padstow Food Services**

**PRIMO Smallgoods**

**Revesby Workers Club (Mr Denis Hayward)**

**Michel’s Patissiere**

**IGA – Revesby**

**McDonalds Revesby**

**Revesby Bites Takeaway**

**Top Juice Burwood (Mr Sawan)**

A special thanks to

**Councillor Glen Waud**

**Councillor Jim Daniels**

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**New, free program for NSW parents**

The University of Sydney has launched a new project which offers two years of free parenting support to parents and caregivers of children with a disability aged 2 to 12. The Stepping Stones Triple P (SSTP) Project aims to significantly reduce emotional and behavioural problems in children with a disability by providing evidence-based parenting help.

The first step: a state-wide survey

The project’s first step is to survey parents and professionals across NSW to benchmark child emotional and behaviour problems and parental wellbeing. Parents of children with a disability aged 2 to 10 are invited to go to www.mysay.org.au to complete the My Say survey and register their interest in free parenting support.

Can you help us promote the project?

Can you help the NSW project team promote the My Say survey by liking our Facebook page? We also have flyers and banners which can be emailed to parents and professionals to help spread the word. These will be attached to the next e-update to make this an easy job.

Survey open to professionals

All NSW professionals who work with children with disabilities can complete My Say and register their interest in free Stepping Stones training and resources by going to www.mysay.org.au.

Parenting under pressure

A 2007 study found 71% of children with a developmental disability showed substantial behaviour improvement after their parents completed a Stepping Stones program. This is good news for parents of children with special needs, who have three to four times more emotional and behavioural problems than typically developing children.

For more information please email fms.steppingsstones@sydney.edu.au or call (02) 9351 0884.