



Principal's Message

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope that you all had a happy and safe holiday and are ready for another busy term.

This term we have some exciting new programs for your children to experience. The children in years 3-6 will start their coding workshops this week, and the K-2 children the Life Skills program. Please make sure that you are keeping your enrichment fees up to date as these programs are costly for the school. Let me know if you need help.

Next Wednesday we have a special session for parents about the Life Skills program. This will run in the hall from 9.00-11.00am. The teachers took part in a two hour session on the Staff Development Day yesterday, and it was thoroughly worth while. I encourage you to attend. Please return the reply slip below so that we can be prepared for numbers. There is no cost for parents.

At the end of last term a note was sent home to years 2-6 about the university competitions. This is due back at school by Friday this week.

Last term our student numbers continued to grow. Parents will be well aware of the overcrowding in some of our classes. By the end of term our numbers had increased to the point where we became eligible for an additional class. During the holidays another demountable building has been installed and we will be advertising the teacher position as soon as possible. Until the position is filled permanently, we have employed an additional casual teacher. Due to NAPLAN assessments being on in week 3, we do not want to disrupt any of the classes until this is over. Until then, the additional teacher will assist with the large classes and with NAPLAN preparation. After this we will be reforming some of the year 3, 4 and 5 classes to ensure that all children are in classes of a reasonable size, receiving the attention they deserve. The student reports that go home at the end of this term will be written by both the current and the new teacher together. All children who are changing classes will receive a note before this happens. Please do not worry your child unduly. We will ensure that this transition happens as carefully and happily as possible.

Parent Meetings

Last term at our meet the teacher night we focussed on reading. This term we have another meeting planned, which will focus on

mathematics. We will also be having these meetings in language groups for parents who are not comfortable with English. These meetings will be on in week 4 this term. More information will come home next week

Native Garden Working Bee

The school has obtained a grant to purchase plants for our native garden. These are all plants which have been chosen as native to this area. We will be having a working bee on Saturday May 7th from 9.00am-12.00pm. If you are able to come along and join us we have a sign on sheet in the front office, or you can ring and let us know. As we are losing so much of our "green space", this patch of garden is very valuable and we want it to become a special place for our children.

Looking forward to a great term ahead,

Anthea Donaldson
Principal

Year 1 and Year 2

Stage 1 sport for Term 2 will be on Wednesdays

Library News

Parents of Kindergarten and Year 1

if you are interested in reading with your child come along to the parent workshops

Mondays 2.15 to 2.55pm in the Library

We will chat about reading and then you can read to your child. We will be finished by the bell.

If you attended last year you are most welcome to come along and take the time to read to your child. I would love to see you there.

Bookclub is due back at school by Tuesday the 10th of May

Uniform Shop

Sports Polo shirt have arrived. If you have ordered one please pay and collect. Thanks