Dear Parents,

**New Class Structures**

Well done to all staff and students for seamlessly reorganising class structures. While no time is ideal for this to occur, at least we were only 5 weeks into the school year. Mrs Freestone’s Year 3/4 class at present is located within the connected classroom and will move into a demountable hopefully on day one of Term 2.

**2015 Welcome BBQ – Tuesday 17 March 5pm-6pm**

The staff have decided to hold an informal ‘Welcome BBQ’ as opposed to individual classroom parent/teacher meetings as were previously organised. This creates a more relaxed atmosphere and has proven over recent years to be quite popular. I encourage all parents to attend if possible. Thank you to Mrs Grimshaw and Mrs Skulander for organising this afternoon. If you have a spare hour prior to 5pm and are willing to assist Mrs Skulander or Mrs Grimshaw, please let them know directly or contact the front office for us to pass your name on. Please return the slip provided with today’s newsletter to the school front office to confirm your attendance as well as assisting us with numbers for catering purposes.

**P&C AGM**

Thank you very much to the parents who attended yesterday’s P&C meeting. Unfortunately our numbers were again not large but we did have enough for a quorum to be established.

The P&C committee yesterday decided to move the P&C meetings to Wednesday’s, commencing at 2.00pm and finishing no later than 3.15pm with the aim of increasing the number of parents attending. Hopefully parents who are free in the afternoons can now attend. It is challenging to get a time to suit everyone but I applaud the P&C committee for trying to find a way of enabling more parents to attend. The next Meeting will be Wednesday April 1st at 2.00pm.

I wish to acknowledge the wonderful work done in 2014 by the outgoing P&C committee; they were wonderful supporters of our school and students.

I wish to welcome in the 2015 committee and I look forward to working closely with you all this year. Please note that the Secretary position is still vacant and anyone wishing to nominate for this position or get some information as to what it entails is very welcome to contact me.

**2015 P&C Committee**

President – Kim Po
Vice President – Cary Jenner
Secretary – Vacant
Treasurer – Erin Mellor
Fundraising – Erin Mellor
Clothing Pool – Bianca Young/Kim Po
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Vegetable garden – Juanita Kwok/Kirsty Lewin (To be confirmed)

**The Listies**

Please find a permission note for students in Years 1-5 distributed with today’s newsletter for ‘The Listies’. This is a free performance at the BMEC as mentioned in last week’s newsletter.

**School Photographs**

Order envelopes were distributed to students today. Please complete where appropriate and return to the school front office by Friday March 20th.
Keep on Track Winner

Our ‘Keeping on Track’ winner for this week was Luke Smith. Luke received a $4.00 canteen voucher as his prize. Well done!

Reminders:

School Fees

School fees are set for 2015 at $30 per child or $50 per family. This amount can now be paid at our school front office by cheque or cash. If you pay before the end of Term 1, you go in the running for a $70 restaurant voucher at a location in Bathurst of your choice. A great incentive to pay early!!!!

Term 1 2015 Calendar

Tue/Fri 3rd - 6th March – Stage 3 Narrabeen excursion
Friday 6th March – Western Schools Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 11th March – Years 1-5 attending ‘The Listies’ at BMEC
Wednesday 11th March – Year 6 attending ‘iLearn’ at Kelso High Campus
Thursday 12th March – CSU Future Moves session for Year 5/6 students
Tuesday 17th March – Camp Quality Puppet Show (Anti-Bullying) Kinder-Year 6 (Free)
Wed/Fri 18th - 20th March – Year 4 Red Hill excursion
Wednesday 18th February – Mr Cross at Bathurst Principals Network Meeting
Thursday 19th March – Aboriginal Education Consultation Group (AECG) 1.45pm at Stannies
Tuesday 24th March – School Photos
Thursday 26th March – Yr 6 attending CSU (Future Moves program)
Friday 27th March – Questacon visiting Bathurst South for Infants and Primary performances
Friday 27th March – Bx South Vs Bx West PSSA Netball
Wednesday 1st April – P&C Meeting 2.00pm
Thursday 2nd April – Easter Hat Parade. Time TBA
Thursday 2nd April – Keep on Track PBL activity
Thursday 2nd April – Last Day Term 3

Please remember that if you have any concerns or questions regarding the education of your child to make a time to discuss this with their teacher, either Mr McBryde (Relieving Assistant Principal) or Mrs Chiaramonte (Assistant Principal) or myself.

Easter Raffle - It’s that time of the year again!

Only 4 ½ weeks until Easter and it’s time to start collecting Easter Eggs for our Annual Easter Egg Raffle!

If you are able to donate Easter Eggs for our raffle please deliver them to the front office.

Keep an eye out for our raffle tickets too! These will be sent home to families very soon.

We hope to have lots of Easter baskets so the chance of winning something should be pretty good!

Enter our Easter Colouring in Competition. Please return completed entries to the school front office by 1st April 2015.

Due to the Narrabeen excursion there will be no Friday assembly at 2.00pm.
PBL is continuing this year and moving into all classrooms. The three expectations that we are focusing on are Respect, being a Positive Learner and being Safe. This week students will continue participating in lessons focusing on entering the rooms after breaks. Last Friday all students received an extra ten minutes play at recess to recognise and acknowledge students good behaviour.

Mrs Chiaramonte

MERIT AWARDS
Lily Houston, Charlotte Taylor, Jordan Austin & Lucien Austin
WELL DONE!

BOOK CLUB

The first issue of Book Club has arrived. For our new parents at our school the Scholastic Book Club is an easy way to purchase books for your child and help the school at the same time. The school receives reward points after each order has been sent, then the school can purchase new books. All you have to do is fill in the order form with your child’s name, class and books required and return to the front office with payment. The date of return will be published in the school newsletter. Please make sure all orders are in by then, as we cannot accept late orders.

If you have any enquiries please contact me.

Orders are due in by Friday 13th March

Bronwyn Skulander
Librarian

REMINDERS

THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

RED HILL FINAL PAYMENT OF $150.00 IS DUE ON
FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

EASTER HAT MAKING MATERIALS DUE BY
27TH MARCH
Easter Colouring In Competition

Name:_____________________________   Class:_____________

Please return to the school front office by 1st April