Dear Families,

**Classes 2016 and School**

I can confirm that our classes will remain as currently organised as our student numbers allow for 10 classes for the 2016 school year. Thank you for your patience regarding this process.

**‘Welcome Event’ 2016**

Staff and the P&C are in the process of organising a ‘Welcome to 2016’ event for our school. It has been decided that we will again be holding a sausage sizzle as has occurred in recent years as well as this year incorporating a little more fun into the event by having families in attendance participate in two or three games of ‘Bingo on the Lawn’. There will be no cost for this event and it should run for an hour or so.

This is a great way for families to meet each other as well as parents having the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher informally to see how the 2016 year has commenced.

Please pencil in the week of February 22nd-26th for the ‘Welcome to 2016’ and the exact date and time will be published in next week’s newsletter.

**Swimming Carnival**

Mrs Cafe organised a terrific Swimming Carnival at Stannies last Friday. The day ran extremely smoothly. Students, staff and family members who were in attendance appeared to enjoy the day. Place ribbons will be presented at this Friday’s assembly commencing at 2pm. Please be reminded that all heats were timed finals so securing a place in a heat may not necessarily guarantee an overall placing.

I would like to thank Mrs Geerkens for her role in the administration and recording that enabled the carnival to run efficiently. I also extend a huge thank you to the many family members who freely gave their time to assist as carnival helpers on the day.

**Big Steps for Tiny Feet**

Keep your eyes out for the Western Advocate segment of our Kinders as well as our School Leaders. Their photographs were taken on Monday for these respective articles.

**School Payments**

I am aware that there are several costs associated in commencing each school year even without the additional costs of excursions and school photographs added to the mix. We do try to give ample notice of upcoming costs/excursions and also encourage parents to negotiate a payment plan with our front office to ease any pressure that these costs may cause. If ever you wish to discuss payment options, please give our front office a call or you are most welcome to talk with me as well.

**Keep on Track – Winner**

Our ‘Keeping on Track’ winner for this week was Rory Elphick. Rory received a $5.00 canteen voucher as his prize. Well done!
Induction Assembly (School Leaders, House Captains, SRC)

On Friday the 26th February at 2pm we will induct our 2016 School Leaders, SRC Representatives and Sporting House Captains. Invitations are being prepared for students/parents and will be distributed very soon. I look forward to seeing you on this occasion.

School Creed

Students will commence saying our new School Creed at this Friday’s assembly. I have inserted a copy here for you to read with your child at home to help them learn it. We have also had our classes practising it in preparation for Friday’s assembly.

This is our School
We show respect with kind words and actions
We choose to be safe by obeying the rules
We strive to be positive learners through engagement and participation

As a member of this School
I accept responsibility for my actions
I celebrate my successes and learn from my mistakes
I value our differences

This is my School.

Class Library Days

Our school timetable has been finalised and class library days are as listed. On the odd occasions during the school year some variations may need to occur but students will be informed of these if known in advance.

- Monday – KM and 5/6C
- Tuesday – KD
- Wednesday – 4/5M, 1G and 5/6R
- Thursday – 1/2C, 3/4S and 2/3F
- Friday – 2M

School Fees

I am sure you will agree that school fees of $30 per child or $50 per family are extremely reasonable! This amount can 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!!!!

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 Mrs Cafe or Mrs Chiaramonte (Assistant Principals) or me.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Cross
Principal

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Reminders

- Canberra Excursion final payment due by Friday 26th February
- Red Hill deposit due by Monday 15th February
Red Hill

All Year 4 students received an expression of interest note for the excursion to Red Hill last week. This year’s excursion will take place in Week 11 of Term 1, 6th, 7th & 8th April 2016. It is anticipated the final cost will be approximately $200 per student based on all students attending. This will cover all activities, accommodation, food and transport. In order to make the final arrangements, please return the permission to the school by 15th February 2016 with a deposit of $50. This is a fantastic excursion and hopefully all Year 4 students can attend.

Michelle Chiaramonte

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) News

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 be participating in lessons focusing on expectations at your table and desk.

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