Dear Families,

‘Welcome Event’ 2016

A sausage sizzle, two or three games of ‘Bingo on the Lawn’ and a chance to chat with your child’s teacher informally will be held on Wednesday February 24th between 5.30pm and 6.30pm at the middle level playground area. All families are welcome to attend. This is a great way for families to meet each other as well as parents having the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher.

If you have a spare hour prior to 5.30pm and are willing to assist me with the cooking of sausages, please contact me via the front office.

Could you please return the slip provided with today’s newsletter to the school front office asap to confirm your attendance which will assist us with numbers for catering purposes.

Breathe, Blow and Cough

Today both Kindergarten classes participated in an information session regarding Breathe, Blow and Cough (BBC). These sessions were led by Mrs Helen Bekkema from the Itinerant Hearing Service.

Prevention is always better than the cure. Teaching a child to blow their nose properly from a very early age can help prevent Otitis Media. It is very common in Schools and Early Learning Centre’s now for children to do daily nose blowing lessons to help prevent ear problems.

The BBC is a quick routine with the intention of emptying the nose, to clear the ears. It includes quick exercise such as jumps & running on the spot and coughing into the elbow (not hands). It can also include crunching apples/carrots/celery etc for fruit break to exercise the Eustachian tube.

Stage 3 Dance Troupe

We recently received wonderful news that Mrs Peta Aubin would again be able to instruct our Stage 3 Dance Troupe this year. Auditions for the troupe will commence tomorrow for interested Stage 3 students.

Vegetable Garden

Thank you to the parent volunteers who ran yesterday’s first Vegie Garden session for 2016. The four classes who attended had a great time!

Keep on Track – Winner

Our ‘Keeping on Track’ winner for this week was Ben Reichelt. Ben received a $5.00 canteen voucher as his prize. Well done!

District Swimming

I wish the 16 members of our school swimming the best of luck for this Friday’s District Swimming Carnival. I am sure you will be wonderful representatives of our school.
P&C AGM

A P&C is an integral part of a school. The current P&C committee encourages your involvement and participation in our school. The P&C plays a role in representing parent voice on a range of school related topics as well as providing a significant source of fundraising / financial assistance to the school.

At our next P&C meeting on Monday 14th March in the Staff Room between 5.30pm—6.30pm we will be holding the AGM immediately prior to the general meeting. This will see the 2016 Executive body elected.

Positions within the AGM election process include: (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Fundraising Coordinator)

Please feel welcome to contact me if you have any questions regarding the P&C.

I look forward to seeing a greater number of attendees at the general meeting.

School Fees

Thank you so much to the families that have already paid their 2016 school fees. The amount of $30 per child or $50 per family 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.

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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**MERIT AWARDS**

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Katie Kelly, Blaize Grindle, Ashley Monk, Ruby Shannon, Tyler Olive & Charlotte Glen

**LARGE AWARDS**

Cooper Borgstahl

**WELL DONE!**

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**Red Hill**

All Year 4 students attending Red Hill this year will receive their second information note containing a list of what to bring and a medical note later this week. This year’s excursion will take place in Week 11 of Term 1, 6th, 7th & 8th April 2016. The final cost of this excursion will be $210 per student. Please return the medical note to school as soon as possible. Final payments need to be completed by the 30th March.

Michelle Chiaramonte
Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to run our Home Reading program and a big thank you to the new parents who have volunteered. We are holding an information session on Monday 22nd February at 9.30am for any new parents to learn how the program operates.

Home Reading commences next week and volunteers will receive a copy of the roster from your child today. All students in Years K-2 participate in the program and receive a book to read Monday through to Thursday. Please take the time to listen to your child read, sign the card and return the book to school each day.

Mrs Skulander will be coordinating our home reading program during 2016.

We greatly appreciate your support.

Jo Cafe
Assistant Principal
SRC FOR 2016

Last week we held elections to find our SRC class representatives for 2016. I would like to congratulate these sixteen students. I am sure they will do a wonderful job representing their classes. These students will receive their badges along with the House Captains and School Leaders at our induction Assembly on Friday 26th February at 2pm in the school hall.

1G – Laci Petford & Grace Camenzuli
1/2C – Riley Carter & Myf Fox-Allen
2M – Nicholas Fraser & Ella Fisher
2/3F – Ben Reichelt & Mya Hawkins
3/4S – Poppy Channing & Kyla Whiting
4/5M – Max Montgomery
5/6C – Rohan Smith & Sophie Sutcliff-Mangan
5/6R – Tom Snitch & Mackenzie Chatfield

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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