**Term 1, Week 2**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**Welcome Kindergarten**

Welcome to our Kindergarten children and their families. They started their first full day at school today. As one parent said today, if you needed to define “cute”, just say “a child in Kindergarten” and you have provided a very clear picture of cute. Thank you to the P & C for the morning tea for Kinder families and also to the parents who were able to attend.

**Class Organisation**

The students have settled in well and changes to classes have been made. Thank you for your understanding and your trust in staff to do the best to accommodate each child.

**School Calendar**

We are endeavouring to keep the calendar on the website updated with information about events that will be occurring throughout the year, particularly those that may have large costs involved. For instance, students from Years 3, 4 and 5 will be offered the opportunity to go to Berry Sport and Recreation centre from 7th – 9th September. A payment plan will be distributed soon to assist parents to cover the cost of this camp.

**Newsletter Changes**

Newsletters go home each Tuesday and will be printed on white paper from now on. We are also looking into transitioning to electronic copies of the newsletter through emails or suitable apps. However, in the interim, if you are happy to receive your newsletter via email or by checking on the school’s website, please let us know.

**THE KOOKABURRA VIA EMAIL**

If you would like to have the weekly school bulletin emailed to you please complete the slip below and return it to the school office.

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**School Dismissal**

Just a reminder that parents are asked to wait under the COLA or at the back gate in the afternoon for your children. Classes finish at 2.50 pm. Please assist us by not going to classrooms in the afternoons. The front driveway is a “Kiss and Drop” zone in the mornings but in the afternoons, parents are not to use the driveway. This is obviously a procedure to enhance the safety of children and I thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

**Suggestion Box**

The suggestion box is now in place in the foyer for parents to provide suggestions or to outline any concerns. I am very happy to meet with parents; this is another option available for you to have input into our school.

**School Canteen**

Thank you to the P & C who are working hard to re-establish the canteen operation. The new menu looks wonderful. If you can assist in the canteen, a note is attached to this newsletter.

**Parent Information Sessions**

Parent information sessions next week are as follows:

- **KF & KT:**  3:15pm, Wednesday, 11 February
- **1/2K & 1/2W:**  3:15pm, Wednesday, 11 February
- **2/3G, 3L & 4F:**  3:15pm, Thursday, 12 February
- **5/6G & 5/6R:**  3:15pm, Thursday, 12 February

The support unit will meet with parents during Personalised Learning and Support Plan meetings which are occurring soon.

**PLSP Plan Meetings**

A number of parents and carers will be contacted soon regarding Personalised Learning and Support Plan meetings. As much as possible, we are hoping to hold these meetings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the
next few weeks. However, meetings can be arranged at other times if that is more convenient for parents and carers.

Swimming Carnival
I am looking forward to our swimming carnival tomorrow. Thank you to Mrs Thomson who has organised this event. We need to borrow Mrs Thomson tomorrow so KT will be taught by Mrs Viney.

Have a fantastic week everyone!

Mrs Julie Ashby - Principal

SPORT HOUSE CAPTAINS & VICE-CAPTAINS
Congratulations on our new House Captains and Vice-Captains for 2015. We look forward to your inspirational leadership and organisation at this week’s Swimming Carnival. These responsible students will be out the front in house colours cheering and encouraging their teams to victory!

Waratah
Captains – Callan Copeland & Abbie Haughton
Vice Captains – Tarah Smith & Mitchell Bawden

Banksia
Captains - Jeremy Ganatra & Clea Reece
Vice Captains – Brendon Daly & Taylor Hall

Bluegum
Captains – Rhett Butler & Tahlia Monie
Vice Captains – Sarah Whymark & Brodie Arkinstall

Wattle
Captains - Ethan Gratton & Tayia Hollingsworth
Vice Captains – Rory Shield & Aaliya Puplett

SAVER PLUS
Saver Plus is a free 10 month program that provides financial education and can help you reach a savings goal. Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ.

Once you finish the program ANZ will match your savings up to $500 which goes towards education costs for your child. To find out more, contact 1300 610 355, email saverplus@bsl.org.au or speak to the school chaplain, Melissa McHugh.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our swimming carnival will be held TOMORROW - Wednesday 4th Feb!!!
Students who are attending the carnival in Year 3-6 need to wear either their sport uniform or their house colours with their swimmers underneath.

Students should bring a towel, sunscreen and broad brimmed hat. Please ensure students also bring warm clothing to wear in between races.

Students should bring their lunch and water bottle. The canteen will only be available for snacks - not for lunch items. All parents are welcome to attend the carnival. Any parents who are available to help with timekeeping please see Mrs Thomson. Thank you.

TOYS WANTED!
Do your children have toys that they have grown out of? The kindergarten rooms would love donations of small cars/ trucks/ motorbikes. We also need small dolls or Barbies and furniture for the dollhouse.

If it is time for a clean out at your house we would be more than happy to take your pre-loved items. Thank you!

Mrs Thomson

P & C NEWS
Canteen Operations
THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED THIS WEEK and will re-open in Week 3 – watch this space! A canteen menu has been sent home with today’s newsletter.

Volunteers are always welcome to help in the canteen.

If you can spare a day a week/fortnight/month/term please complete the separate form going home with this newsletter.

Uniform Sales
Thank you to Karina Miller who is our voluntary Uniform Shop Co-ordinator. Karina can be contacted on Ph: 0408 257 019. Karina will be at the canteen for uniform sales only on the following days in Week 2:

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From Week 3 uniform sales will be available from the canteen Wednesdays and Friday 8.30 am – 9.30 am

School Banking
Thank you to Ms Annette James who will be co-ordinating school banking for us again this year.

School banking will resume for 2015 on Fridays commencing in Week 3. Don’t forget to put your deposit books in the school banking box located at the canteen.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY
Jessica Waters is a speech pathologist who will be visiting the school on Thursday, 5th February. She will conduct a short assessment with all Kindergarten students. If you have any questions please contact your child’s class teacher.