From the Principal’s Desk....

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

It was terrific to see all of the students come back last week; and welcome to all new families and also our Pre-schoolers and Kindergarten students who all have made a fantastic start to the year. To see the student’s already following the routines of the school and classroom is very pleasing.

We officially welcome Ms Curran who is Assistant Principal in the primary (year 5 & 6), and Mrs Beattie who is working in a Support Teacher role across the primary grades. We also have some staff on leave at the moment, with Mrs Kean, Mrs Riggs and Mrs Bartlett all enjoying some long service leave. Mrs Kean has been supported by Miss Marshall who all of you will know from year 1 last year and she is doing a terrific job with year 4.

Parents please ensure your contact details (Phone Numbers particularly) are updated in the front office. At times when we need to call some numbers have changed and we have not been notified. This can be a very serious issue in the event of an emergency or child not being picked up from school. (Attached to this newsletter is a Family Details Update form which we would like you to complete and return as soon as possible. Even if your details have not changed)

Footsteps Dance has already started for all classes K-6. The students enjoy this program; the costs are covered by the school; and the students are all expected to participate. This will continue through to week 10. Athletics will start term 2 and 3.

We have a Got It Parent briefing next week for all K-2 Parents. Mrs Andrews will be sending out more information about this. This is a parent and student program run here at school for identified families and will be extremely rewarding for the students and families
concerned. The briefing will outline what the program involves and where it will occur. PSSA will begin next week. Notes will be sent out today.

Other programs being offered again this year will include Breakfast Club (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) Mathletics, Mini-lit (infants) Multi Lit (primary), Quicksmart, Debating, Maths Olympiad, First Foot Forward years 5/6 (UWS), dance and cultural groups, class excursions, PSSA sport and in school excursions as well. I also heard a whisper that there may be a school concert again this year, as it has been two years since the last one. Mrs Riggs and Mrs Kean will be coordinating this again for term 4. Year 5/6 camp will be offered again and will be held in term 4 as well, if we have enough students interested.

Thank You
Mr T. Miladinovic

School Security Phone Number is – 1300 880 021
Please call this number to report any trespassers after school hours.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS
Kindergarten students have had a fabulous start to school, quickly settling into routines and I think we’ve had more tears from parents than the children so far! Don’t forget that we will place information on the noticeboard in Area 3 as well as sending notes home.
A few reminders include:
• Healthy lunch box choices such as sandwiches, cheese, fruit and yoghurt are always better for busy children than chips, chocolates and other sugary foods which tend to give short bursts of energy followed by tiredness – not good for long days of learning. Please refer to the healthy food information given in the Kindergarten orientation bag if you need ideas.
• Crunch and Sip – the canteen sells fruit before school if you run out at home. Don’t let them be the only one in the class without fruit or veggies for crunch and sip.
• Names in hats and jumpers please!!!
• Thank you for your support with the home time routines. Kindergarten will be dismissed at 2:40pm for the next week and then 2:55pm with the other grades from Monday 17th February.
• Late notes are needed from the office if you arrive after the class is inside. Refer to the attendance information in the School Information booklet for details.

Catherine Binning
Early Stage One Supervisor

MATHEMATICS NEWS
Mathletics: The school is continuing to provide every student with access to the online maths site Mathletics. The username and passwords will be sent home next week. For more information, please ask at the office.
World of Maths: This company is coming to the school for two days this term. They have a range of hands-on maths activities and problems solving challenges to engage the students from Year 1 to Year 6. Parents are invited to attend the sessions with their children for free. Details of the sessions will be sent home soon.

HOMEWORK CENTRE
This year, Homework Centre will operate on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 – 3:45pm, commencing on 26th February. Students in Years 3-6 can attend with parent permission; K-2 students need to have a parent stay with them. Permission notes will be sent home soon.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Breakfast Club is available to all K-6 students from 8:25 to 8:50am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The club is very generously sponsored by the Red Cross and is free.
VOLUNTEERS FOR BREAKFAST CLUB
We are looking for some parents who are willing to help with Breakfast Club one day a week, Monday, Wednesday or Friday 8.30 – 9.00 a.m. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Binning or the office.

Catherine Binning - Deputy Principal

CANTEEN NEWS
Starting week February 10th meal deal $4.50:
Sausage Roll
Flavoured Ice Tea
Zooper Dooper
Please find attached price list for 2014

Wendy - Canteen
Helping you help your kids......
with emotions and behaviours

You are invited to morning tea with the Got It! team and other parents. Got It! is a school-based early intervention program provided by a specialist health team in partnership with your child’s school. It targets disruptive and challenging behaviours and is designed to support children, parents and teachers.

All parents are invited to attend to find out how to help your kids learn about emotions. All families with children in K-2 will receive an information regarding further involvement in the program.

Please RSVP to your child’s classroom teacher by: Monday 17th February

Morning Tea Date and Time:

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