

Term 1 – Week 2 Monday 30 January, 2012

Coming Events

This Week

Canteen Closed this week

Tue 31

Best Start assessments for new Kindergarten students

Feb

Wed 1

Best Start assessments for new Kindergarten students

Thurs 2

Start day for 2012 Kindergarten students.
Pick-up time for new Kindies will be 2.30pm until Monday 5th March.

Next Week

Canteen re-opens

Wed 8

Kindy Parent Night 6pm in Kindergarten classroom

Fri 10

School Swimming carnival 12-3pm (competent swimmers, 8 yrs and older)

Reminders

K – 2 Gymsport permission notes and payment - \$30. Note accompanies newsletter.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon, Wed & Fri – open for recess and lunch

Tues & Thurs – open for lunchtime snacks only

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| Tuesday | Closed this week |
| Wednesday | Closed this week |
| Thursday | Closed this week |
| Friday | Closed this week |
| Monday | Carmen Lemmom Cath Hailstone |

We have tweaked the newsletter a little for 2012 by putting the essential information on the front page. We hope this makes it easier to access information for students and parents

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to.....

Kaylen Craft, Isaac Erler,
Jarni Goode, Noah Grant,
Isaac Maris, Elise Scobie,
Clay Baldock, Morgan Davey,
Callum Dodds, Luc English,
Eliza Harvey and Olivia Tapsas
who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Dear Parents, Students and
Caregivers,

Welcome back to another busy year of teaching and learning for 2012. We welcome new families to our school community, and look forward to having a terrific year together.

For our returning students it's great to see them back again ready to go!

I have included with today's newsletter a short abbreviated explanation of how we go about forming classes, and the considerations we make during that process. I hope it helps to give families a better understanding of school practices.

Grounds improvements continue around the school with some work currently underway on the eastern side for the Assembly area, to help with drainage problems.

The school annual swimming carnival will be held on Friday 10th February at Western Suburbs Pool from 12pm – 3pm for students 8 years and older. Please note only competent swimmers are to attend, as the event winners will participate in the District Swim carnival, the following Friday (17th Feb). Sports House meetings are planned for this week to finalise competitors for the events.

I look forward to meeting with and catching-up with students and school families.

Regards,
Wayne Thomas
Principal

Have you changed your details?

Have you changed your address, phone, mobile, work or emergency contact person in the last 12 months? Have you informed the school of your changes?

It is vitally important for the school to have up-to-date contact information for our students. If you are unsure if your details are up-to-date, please fill out the slip below and return to the class teacher.

Please up-dated information for:

Student Name:

Class:

Student Name:

Class:

Information to be updated:

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CANTEEN NEWS:

2012 Canteen Volunteers

Remember to send in your 2012 Canteen Volunteer Sheet.

Volunteers are always welcome. Please consider helping as staff and students really appreciate your assistance.



Thought of the week

“Those with a lively sense of curiosity learn something new every day of their lives.”

Anonymous

Useful Information

Morning Supervision

Student supervision commences at 8.30am. There is NO supervision in the playground until 8.30am.

Students are asked not to be at school before 8.30am.

If a student arrives at school before 8.30am they MUST stay seated on the silver seats next to the covered walkway until the 8.30am when the morning supervision bell will sound.

Money Collection at School

When paying for school activities the following procedure is the preferred option.

Money sent in to school is to go to the class teacher in an envelope clearly marked with the student's name, class, activity name, and \$ amount enclosed. This ensures the class teacher collects permission notes and mark the students as 'paid'. The money is then sent to the office for counting. This way we have a 'double check' that the money has been handed in (teacher checks and office staff check).

Correct money to be sent in as we do not have change on a regular basis.

If paying by cheque please note that P&C and school activities will need separate cheques as we use different banks. Contact the office if you require clarification.

Payment for an activity should be at least the day before the activity - this reduces the last minute rush.

If a student forgets to pay, doesn't hand in the permission note or has decided not to be involved then alternate arrangements for supervision will be arranged while the activity is on.

If you wish to clarify any of the above please do not hesitate in contacting the office.

Permission Notes

If a permission note is sent home for an activity it must be filled in, signed and returned to the student's class teacher.

If it is an activity that requires a payment and you are paying for other siblings in one

envelope, please fill in each student's permission note and return it to their class teacher, marking the note "paid by (name & class)". This ensures the class teacher has a note from your child and knows he/she has paid and can write that information in the money folder. Failure to use this system can lead to confusion (and an upset student) on the day of the activity.

Thank you for your support with this matter. If you need further clarification, please call at the school office.

Student Absences

Our school takes a particular interest in our student's well-being and the Dept. of Education requires us to keep accurate records of absences of our students. By following the guidelines set out below we can achieve this outcome.

Students who are absent from school are required to bring in an absentee note on their return to school. **Phoning the school is not required for minor absences.**

Long Absences

If your child is to be absent for an extended period (a week or more and maybe due to a family holiday) a note should be given to the class teacher prior to the student going on leave, explaining the reason for absence and how long the absence will be. This is very important for the teacher and school to know this information.

If there is to be a long absence (again for a week or more) due to illness or injury please inform the school by note or phone.

Absentee Booklets

Absentee booklets are available from the office for all families. They are an excellent way of recording and keeping track of absences. If you would like a booklet please call, or ask your child to pick one up from the office.

Failure to send in a written 'reason for absence' note may result in a high number of absences being recorded on your child's School Reports.

