Welcome back to Term 4!

Welcome back to Term 4! This is one of the busiest terms we have at school. This term teachers will be busy writing reports, developing plans for 2014, along with providing our students with quality education programs including Gala Days and assisting classes to create amazing end of year performances.

Parent Meetings

Parent meetings are planned twice a term (weeks 5 and 10 before the whole school assembly) for parents and community to come together for some afternoon tea and to have a chat with me and other school staff. These meetings are a time for us to plan for how we can extend our school’s excellence. Should you have any pressing issues that you feel are important it is advisable to make an appointment through the front office.

Hats

As the weather warms up students are expected to wear a hat to play every lunch time. We have a ‘No Hat, No Play’ policy in place and students are not permitted out in uncovered playing areas without hats on. We are proud of the commitment students and parents show to following our hat rules and thank you for your continued support. As of 2014 we will hopefully be implementing a new and improved school hat which will be a compulsory part of the school uniform.

Attendance

In 2013 our school set a target of 93% attendance overall. I am pleased to inform you that we have achieved this target and now are aiming to increase this target to bring our attendance in alignment with the regional attendance target. I would like to thank parents who continue to support their children by ensuring they attend each and every day. Should your child be absent please ensure a letter is sent in that explains the absence. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Hughes who works VERY hard on ensuring that students and families attend school on time every day.

On Time In Uniform

In Term 4 we have started a new initiative called ‘On Time In Uniform’. Each morning two names will be pulled out of a box during assembly. If the students are ‘On Time’ and ‘In Uniform’ they will be presented with a canteen voucher. Students have been very excited by this new initiative and I would like to thank Mrs Mair for her organisation.

NAPLAN 2013

Shortly you will receive your child’s NAPLAN results. Please take the time to talk with your child about the assessment. Should you wish to discuss your child’s NAPLAN please make an appointment with the class teacher.

I am looking forward to sharing this very busy, but very special term with students and families.

Yours in partnership,

Tammy Anderson
Principal

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What is happening in the next 2 weeks:

October

WEEK 2:
Wednesday 16th: all notes and money due in for Gala Day
Thursday 17th: 2.15pm Primary Assembly (2/6M)
Friday 18th: 1.00pm Infants assembly (K/3K)
Gala Day

WEEK 3:
Wednesday 23rd: Support Unit Yr 7 transition 9-2
Thursday 24th: Year 6 taster day @ Airds HS
2.15pm Primary Assembly (2/6M)
Friday 25th: 1.00pm Infants assembly (K/3K)

Banners and Ribbons Term 3 Week 10

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Kindergarten Orientation

Coming soon .......... 1st visit to school

When: Wednesday 16th October, 2013 (9.00 am - 10.00am)

The first visit will help next year’s Kindergarten to meet new friends and learn about their new school. Children will be in the kindergarten rooms and while the children are playing their parents/guardians will be able to have some morning tea and get to know our school in the Community Room.

Mrs Johns and Miss Else

Kindergarten Excursion

When: Monday 18th November

This term Kindergarten students have the opportunity to attend an exciting and educational excursion to the Wollongong Science Centre and Planetarium. Students will experience the ‘Bubbles and Balloons’ show, learn about the universe in the planetarium and get their hands on over 100 interactive exhibits relating to various themes like "The Machine", "Dinosaurs, Fossils and Coal" and "Nanotechnology".

We are all very excited to be visiting such a fun and informative place! A note with additional information will be sent home in the next few days.

Mrs Mair, Miss Griffiths and Miss Valliant
Gala Day

Gala days for Term 4 have been moved forward to cater for an eventful last term of the year.

They are being held in week 2 and week 5:

Gala day 1 – 18th October (Week 2)
Gala day 2 – 9th November (Week 5)

It is very important that all notes and money are brought back in to the front office by Wednesday, 16th October. We apologise for the short notice and any inconvenience that this may cause. If there are any concerns, please contact the front office.

Mr Thompson

Office Reminders

- All visitors to the school must sign in at the office between 9.10 and 2.50
- Reception closed on Friday from 2.30pm. Urgent enquiries only
- Please make sure you inform the front office of any changes to phone numbers so we can contact you in an emergency.

Community News

There will be a Parent Meeting in the Community Room on Wednesday 23rd October.

The meeting will start at 9am.

Cool Kids Crunch & Sip!

Don’t forget the bottle of water and fruit or vegetables for Crunch & Sip everyday!

Diary Dates:

October
Friday 18th: Gala Day
Wednesday 30th: Kindergarten Orientation Day #2

November
Friday 8th: Gala Day
12th-15th: Stage 3 camp
Wed 13th: Kindergarten Orientation Day #3
Mon 18th: Kindergarten excursion
Thurs 21st: Sports awards assembly 2.15pm
Preschool Enrolments

2014

We are now taking enrolments for preschool children for 2014.

If your child turns 4 before the 31st July they are old enough to enrol.

Call in at the school’s front office to fill out a ‘Waiting List’ Form.

There will be two open days for children and parents to visit the preschool and meet staff and other children in late November and one information day for parents.

Some interviews with parents and their children will also be held after lunch on those days.

Information about those days will soon be available at the school’s front office.