Dear Parents and Community,

What a couple of busy weeks the last few weeks have been!

**New Hats and PSSA Uniforms**

At a parent meeting last term the parent group present approved the investigation of new school hats. Over the past few weeks a number of hat designers have visited the school and are working on a new design that is based on the flat brim/snap back hat style currently being worn by most children at the school. Once designs are finalised the hats will be able to be viewed in the community room for feedback. It is hoped that these will be available to purchase at the beginning of the 2014 school year.

We have also engaged Canterbury to design new gala day sports uniforms. We look forward to seeing the designs and having the uniforms available for the Summer PSSA sports in Term 1 2014. It is hoped that we see many more students participating in Gala sports in 2014.

**Safety and Security – Gates and Car park**

Last week we were fortunate to take part in a NSW Department of Education and Communities safety and security audit. As a result of the audit we have identified some changes that are required to ensure that we continue to maintain a high level of safety and security at our school. These changes include the locking of the side access gate. We take safety and security very seriously at our school and in order to ensure that no-one has easy access to the school during the school day the side gate will be locked from 9.30am and will be reopened at 2.30pm each day. Should you wish to access the school outside of these hours you may do so through the front entry gates. There will also be a number of significant changes occurring in the car park.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

Last week the first of our Kindergarten Orientation workshops were held for parents and the Kindergarten class of 2014. It was great to see many parents and students attend. I had the pleasure of meeting and speaking to parents and I was extremely impressed by the enthusiasm and eagerness of the children. I look forward to getting to know more parents and students at the next two Kindergarten Orientation workshops on Wednesday 30th October and Wednesday 13th November 2013.

**Reminder - 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 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.

Yours in partnership,

Tammy Anderson
Principal

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What is happening in the next 2 weeks:

October/November

WEEK 4:
Wednesday 30th: Kinder Orientation #2  2-3pm
Support Unit Yr 7 transition 9am-2pm

Thursday 31st: 2.15pm Primary Assembly (3A)
Year 6 taster day @ Airds HS
“Briar’s Got Talent” application forms due in today by 3pm

Friday 1st: 1.00pm Infants assembly (Preschool)

November

WEEK 5:
Wednesday 6th: money rolled over from cancelled Gala Day

Thursday 7th: Whole school assembly 2-2.55pm

Friday 8th: No infants assembly
Gala Day

Kindergarten Orientation

2nd visit to school

When: Wednesday 30th October 2013 (2.00 pm - 3.00pm)

We are helping next year’s Kindergarten to meet new friends and learn about their new school. Children will be in the Kindergarten rooms with their teachers and while children play, their parents/guardians will be able to have some afternoon tea and get to know our school in the Community Room.

Mrs Johns and Miss Else

Active After School

When: Wednesday 3.00pm-4.00pm Rugby league
Thursday 3.00pm—4.00pm Taekwondo

• All spaces have been filled for Taekwondo. Some spaces still left for Rugby League.
• Parents will need to arrange for an adult to be at school at 4pm to collect their child or written permission must be provided for students to walk home.
• Finishes week 9.

Any queries, please see Miss Davies
**Office Reminders**

- All visitors to the school must sign in at the office between 9.10 and 2.50
- Please make sure you inform the front office of any changes to phone numbers so we can contact you in an emergency.
- Change of Date: Yr 6 Graduation photos and whole school photo date is now Monday 11th November.

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**Community News**

There will be a Parent Meeting in the Community Room on Thursday 7th November before the whole school assembly.

The meeting will start at 1pm.

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**Diary Dates:**

**October**

Wednesday 30th: Kindergarten Orientation Day #2

**November**

Thursday 7th: Whole school assembly
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
26th-28th: Preschool Orientation

**December**

Tuesday 3rd: Parent helper morning tea

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**Stage 3 news**

Term Four is a very exciting and busy time for Stage Three students. The school camp is fast approaching and our Year 6 students are getting a taste of what life will be like next year in high school. If you have not yet finalised your child’s high school enrolment please contact the school they are attending in 2014 or speak to Mrs Hodges.
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.

Briar’s Got Talent 2013

“Briar’s Got Talent” is a talent quest we are holding at Briar Road over the next couple of weeks to end the year with some fun!

The rough Time Line is as follows:

Week 3 & 4 – students must have completed an application form (see Mrs Hughes). Over the next week they practise and if they will be using music they must see Mrs Hughes so we can save the music onto our computer system.

Week 5 – each act will audition over the week in closed auditions. The top 5 acts will be chosen.

Weeks 6-8 – the top 5 acts will work with their mentor, ready for the final performance during Week 9

Week 9 – “Briar’s Got Talent” whole school assembly. All 5 acts will perform and the students will vote on the winner. Date to be advised.

If you have any queries, please come and see Mrs Hughes.