Dear Parents and Community,

This week we find ourselves at the halfway mark of Term 4. Time is certainly flying by! We have been working hard to ensure that the wider community know about our wonderful school and all that it has to offer. It is pleasing to have many new students starting at our school this term. We would like to extend a warm welcome all our new students and families to our school.

**Year 5 and 6 Camp**

Next Tuesday our wonderful Year 5 and 6 students and teachers head off on one of the most exciting trips that students at our school get to experience – CAMP! The students are certainly excited and we wish them well on this exciting adventure. I look forward to going out to camp next week and spending the evening with the students and teachers.

**Community Volunteers – Thank You**

There are many things to be done in and around our school and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the amazing parents who volunteer their time at our amazing school. We have wonderful mum’s helping in the community room and canteen and some new dads helping us in and around the school. We are very fortunate to have such giving parents at our school. On behalf of the staff and students I would like to say THANK YOU!

**Office Refurbishment**

Over the following weeks our office will undergo a refurbishment. We value parent engagement and look forward to creating a calm and inviting atmosphere in our school office for 2014. I thank you in advance for your patience whilst these changes occur.

**Emergency Evacuation Drills**

From time to time we will carry out emergency evacuation drills to ensure that our students and staff know what to do in a ‘real life’ emergency situation. Yesterday (Wednesday) we had a whole school emergency evacuation drill. The drill was a great success and students and staff carried out their roles and responsibilities with maturity and professionalism.

**Reminder – DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

At no time are dogs permitted on school grounds. Section 14 of the Companions Animals Act (1988) prohibits dogs on school grounds. There are exceptional circumstances when dogs are permitted. An example of this is the visiting incursion that is occurring for Year 1 and Year 2. Please assist to keep our school safe by keeping dogs outside of the school fences.

**New Signs**

In the next few weeks you will notice a range of signs going up and around the school. One very important new sign will be an electronic notice board. The board will be installed on the Briar Road side of the school and the current notice board will be moved to the side access gate. The sign has been funded by the wonderful contributions of parents and through the fundraising efforts of Jessica Jones and our parent helpers. I would like to thank Jessica, our parent volunteers and all the parents who purchased raffle tickets throughout the year.

Yours in partnership,

Tammy Anderson
Principal

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What is happening in the next 2 weeks:

November

WEEK 6:
Tuesday-Friday:  Stage 3 camp
Wednesday 13th: Kindergarten orientation #3
Thursday 14th:  2.15pm Primary assembly (3A)
Friday 15th:  1.00pm Infants assembly (Preschool)

WEEK 7:
Monday 18th:  Kindergarten excursion
Thursday 21st:  2.00 Sports awards assembly Yrs 2-6
Friday 22nd:  1.00pm Infants assembly (2H)

Kindergarten Orientation

Last visit to school

When:  Wednesday 13th November, 2013 (9.00 am - 11.00am)

On the last Orientation Day on Wednesday 13th November children will be playing in the Kindergarten classrooms and having a Teddy Bear’s Picnic with their teddy. Every child will receive an ice block. Parents/guardians will be attending an information session in the School Hall. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Mrs Johns and Miss Else

Medallions, Banners and Ribbons  Term 4  Week 5

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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.

Kindergarten excursion

This is just a reminder that the Kindergarten excursion is quickly approaching. The excursion is on Monday the 18th of November and money ($27) is due by Thursday 14th November. We are so excited about the awesome shows we will see and the educational fun we will have! Well done to the parents that have paid for the excursion already. We hope all Kindergarten children can share this amazing experience.

Diary Dates:

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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!

Next week is the final week for auditions (applications have closed).

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

Preschool Open Days

The first Preschool Open day will be on:

**Tuesday 26th November at 9:30am** in the preschool.

The second Preschool Open day will be on:

**Wednesday 27th at 9:30am** in the preschool.

The final day will be on:

**Thursday 28th at 9:30am** for *Parents Only*.

Many families will have received a letter inviting them to the open days.

Please see Mrs Darcy in the school’s main office if you have not yet filled in a ‘Waiting List’ form and she will answer any queries you may have.

Thanks,

Preschool Staff