From the Principal…

Welcome back to 2015.

It has been an awesome start to the school year with so many happy and smiling faces bounding through the gate and greeting their friends and teachers. We also welcomed a number of new families and it was very impressive the way that our children made their start to our school a great experience. We should all feel very proud of our children and the manner in which they interact together. I can’t wait to welcome our Prep Children on Monday morning. A “tears, cheers and tissues” morning tea will be available in the staffroom from 9am for parents of our prep children.

I would also like to share a few highlights that occurred over the summer at the School for your children:

- Our school pool has undergone a MAJOR upgrade with it being fully converted to a Salt chlorination system. We also purchased a “robot” cleaner that will help control the leaf and dirt matter in the pool. This was only made possible through our fundraising efforts.
- The classrooms in the wooden quadrangle (Yr. 3/4 area) had all the “teaching platforms - stages” removed and carpets repaired.
- Classrooms 12 and 13 were completed – were painted and carpeted.
- The Garden Area and Chook Shed were cleaned out and ready for the Yr 3/4 project in term 1.
- Our gym floor was completely stripped and resealed.
- The children’s toilets were stripped and repainted.
- Our sandpit was refilled.
- Our quadrangles were high pressure cleaned.
- All classroom carpets were steam cleaned.
- All windows were cleaned – Inside and Out.
- New storage was added to the artroom.
- The Reading Room (book storage) was constructed to enable the resources to be organised.
- The library non-fiction has been “weeded” and ready for borrowing.
- A uniform cupboard was constructed in the office area.

For Your Diary

2015
FEBRUARY

MONDAY 2nd
- Prep Students Start Today.
- Canteen Opens with New Menu & Program.
- Swimming Program for Grade 2-6 Children starts.
- Swimming Permission/Consent Forms due back for Grade 2-6 Children.
- “tears, cheers and tissues” Morning tea for Parents of Prep Children at 9:00am.

FRIDAY 6th
- Payment of $70 for Swimming Program for Grade 2-6 Children due.

SUN HATS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES until the 30th April. ‘NO HAT, NO PLAY’ applies.

A New Canteen List is included with this Newsletter.
NOTE: NO CASH SALES at the Canteen, all orders must be made via lunch order.
There are a few projects underway, one major project is the construction of an outdoor shelter, behind the Basketball Courts/Senior Learning Centre. We are currently awaiting building permits and materials to arrive. We are hoping that this will commence within weeks.

I was very impressed with the huge amount of work that all the teaching staff did to prepare the classrooms and curriculum for the start of the year.

As we are a Sunsmart school, your child needs to wear a “sun smart” hat. These are available for purchase through the office. Children without a hat, will not be able to play outside.

With today’s newsletter, your child will have received a notice regarding Parent Payments. These payments enable the special programs that we offer your children to be run throughout the year, as well as enable us to provide classroom supplies for them.

All children in Grades 2-6 will commence our Swimming program in our (crystal clear) pool. We will require permission forms returned by no later than Monday 2nd February to enable your child to participate (these need to be completed each year) and the Swimming Program Payment of $70.00 should be paid not later than Friday 6th February.

Also included with the Newsletter is a new Canteen Price List. The new and improved Canteen list has been designed to benefit your child with healthy selections and certain foods limited to certain days of the week. There has also been a change to the purchase of food and drink over the counter. From now on there will be NO CASH SALES over the counter at RECESS AND LUNCH, therefore all orders (including recess) MUST be made via lunch orders that are sent to the canteen via the calls tubs in the morning. All orders should be place in a brown paper bag and clearly marked with your child’s name, grade and money enclosed.

Principal

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