Welcome back! - Welcome back!

Hopefully everyone has enjoyed a relaxing break in readiness for what promises to be an exciting year.

We have had some staff changes in 2014; long term teacher Mr Mike Hamilton has been transferred to New Lambton Public while Mr Tarrant will return to a full time teaching role this year. We would also like to welcome back Mrs Fincher who will once again work with stage 2 students and we would like to introduce Miss Simone Lambert who will commence the year replacing Mr Hamilton. In other news, Mrs Kerry O’Brien will commence duties at our school in the role of School Learning Support Officer. Mrs O’Brien will work in Mrs Hanks room throughout the year. On behalf of our school community, I would like to welcome our new staff members, along with our new students and their families, to our school.

Our Kinder students will be undertaking their Best Start assessments today, tomorrow and Friday and will commence as a group on Monday.

Classes for 2014—Our classes and their allocated teachers are as follows; KH—Mrs Hanks, KW—Miss Webster (Mrs Krempin on Fridays), 1C—Mrs Carpenter, 1 / 2T—Mr Tarrant, 2P—Mrs Petersen, 2 / 3L—Miss Lambert, 3 / 4F—Mrs Fincher, 4 / 5A—Mr Scanlan and 5 / 6S—Miss Stevens.

School Assembly—Our first school assembly for the year will be held on Friday 7 February (week 2). We would like to extend a warm welcome to our families and friends to join us for the occasion. Our assemblies are held in the Multi Purpose Centre (MPC) starting at 2:10pm.

School Leader Induction Assembly—Our 2014 school leaders were announced at our school presentation ceremony held during the final week of last term. Congratulations to our captains Molly and Thomas and our vice captains Katelyn and Cooper on their elections. During the early stages of this term, we will also be electing house captains and library monitors. On Friday of week 3 (14 February) we will be holding an induction assembly where our newly elected leaders will be presented with their respective badges.

Class Information Sessions / Meet the Teacher—On Wednesday of week 3 (12 February), our teachers would like to invite you to our school for an information meeting. The 30 minute meetings, held over two sessions starting at 3:30pm and 4:00pm, will provide an opportunity for parents and carers to speak with teachers about the resources required for the room and also to discuss upcoming class and school events.

Swimming Carnival—Our swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 20 February (week 4) at Maitland Pool. Permission notes being sent home today with newsletter.

School Photos—Our designated school photo day is Wednesday 19 February (week 4). Further information will be made available in the coming weeks. Please ensure your child wears their full school uniform on the day.

Active After School Communities (AASC)—Our very popular AASC program will begin in week 4. This term we will be offering Touch Football (Monday) and Netball (Wednesday) with Mrs Coyle once again coordinating the program. Notes being sent home with newsletter today.

Drumming and Guitar Tuition—Our guitar and drum lessons will once again commence in term 1. Drumming with Col will begin on Thursday 13 February (week 3) with guitar to start in week 6. Notes for interested people to be picked up from the office.

Class Requirements Payments—Could parents please ensure payments for class resources / subscriptions are finalised by the end of week 2.

Please speak to me if you have any concerns about your child’s schooling or if you require any clarification on school matters.

Peter Edmonds
CLASS REQUIREMENTS FOR 2014

Payments due before end of Week 2 - lesson commence in Week 3 from these resources.

These lists have been included on the “Notes and Info” tab of the school’s website this week.

The School Contribution has also been kept at $1 per week or $40 for the year.

Your support of this initiative is greatly appreciated as all funds from the school contribution are spent on class resources for our students.

DRUMMING & GUITAR LESSONS

Students interested in participating in these programs in 2014 are asked to obtain a note from the school office.

Lesson costs remain at $10 per week

Drumming commences:
Thursday 13th February
(makeup lesson will be done for 20th February)

Guitar commences:
Thursday 6th March (TBC)

Canteen News

**Week 1 - Term 1, 2014**

Wed 29.1.14  Natalie Hutton, Belinda Duffey
Thurs 30.1.14  Petah McGaw, **HELP NEEDED**
Friday 31.1.14  Louise Vercoe, Fiona Emmett

**Week 2 - Term 1, 2014**

Monday 3.2.14  Sally Godwin, Gaby Whelan
Tuesday 4.2.14  Angela Smith, Kylie Brand
Wed 5.2.14  Jodi Lovell, **HELP NEEDED**
Thurs 6.2.14  Emma Ramm, Mel Anderson
Friday 7.2.14  Sallyann Rumbel, Sam Cook

In the event that your child is absent from school, feel free to use the form below. This can be copied as many times as necessary.

**STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE** - Please return to class teacher

CHILD’S NAME: .............................................................. CLASS: ..............................................................

Absence Dates: ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................

Reason for Absence: ..........................................................................................................................................................................................................

Parent Name: ..........................................................................................................................................................................................................

Parent Signature: .............................................................. Date: ..............................................................