FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

WELCOME

I would like to welcome everyone to the new school year and hope that you had an enjoyable summer break. It was fantastic to see so many excited faces this morning; not only from the new students, but also our returning students. Next week I will individually welcome all our new students.

A welcome to our new staff members: Miss Bianca De Angelis - Foundation, Miss Rachelle Hannam - Year 1, Miss Samantha Gill - Year 4, Mr Justin Hunter - Year 5/6 and Mrs Courtney Warnett - LOTE/Library.

BUSHFIRE AT-RISK REGISTER (BARR)

Our school has been placed on the BARR. As a result, our school will be closed on any declared Code Red Day for the Northern Country Fire Region. More information will be provided in next week’s newsletter.

FAMILY BBQ AND WELCOME

Our annual BBQ and Welcome Night will be held on Monday 16th February. Families are invited to join us for a sausage sizzle and to visit their child’s classroom. Sausages and bread will be provided. B.Y.O. salads, other food, drinks (non alcoholic), chairs, rugs etc. Drinks will be available for purchase from the Junior School Council. The BBQ will start at 6:00pm and will finish at 6:30pm. Classrooms will be open at 6:30pm until 7:00 pm. To allow for catering purposes families please reply on the form included in the newsletter.

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

The School Council has set the Parent Contributions for 2015 per student as follows:

- Student Requisites - $150
- Swimming - $60
- Excursions - Foundation to Year 2 $40, Year 3 to Year 6 $60

The school office is able to accept payment by cash, cheque or credit card. EFTPOS is not available. Payment may also be made via BPaya or direct credit. Centrepay deductions may be also be arranged.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

As we have 4 vacancies this year, I am calling for nominations for election to School Council. Current Councillors are able to re-nominate. If you are interested, nomination forms are available from Steve Rogers.

A ‘Notice of Election’ form is on display in the General Office. School Council is a very important part of our school and sets policy and oversees school financial practices.

Nominations open Thursday, January 29th, 2015.

Nominations close at 4.00pm on Thursday, February 5th, 2015.

SCHOOL HATS

A reminder that students are required to wear a broad brimmed hat (no peak caps) at recess and lunch time and during sport and PE.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

I remind parents that we discourage students from bringing personal items to school. Any personal property brought to school is not covered by insurance or the Department of Education and Training.

OFFICE HOURS

Please note that our school office is open between 8:30am and 4:00pm. If you need to contact the school please call within these hours.

MOBILE PHONES

A reminder to parents that students must not bring mobile phones to school. If a student requires a phone at school it must be handed to the teacher and collected at the end of the day.
BUS TRAVELLERS
A new bus traveller form needs to be completed each year for children who will travel to and/or from school by bus. Bus travellers attended a meeting today, where the code of conduct was discussed and new forms distributed. Please return completed forms as soon as possible. Forms are available at the school office for any child needing bus travel.

SCHOOL BUS FARES
Please note that school bus fares for 2015 are as follows.
Single $1.10
Return/daily $2.20
Weekly $10.80
Drivers would appreciate correct money for the fare.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE
Families should be aware that the Department of Education and Training does not offer or provide insurance for students. This does not refer to any legal liability. If parents wish to have their children insured they need to take out their own cover. From time to time companies will offer insurance and I will advise you of this. For information please contact the office.

Steve Rogers

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all enjoyed a great summer break.
For grade 4, 5 and 6, we will be starting a Bike education program next week. Information will be coming out for parents. Two sessions have been organised for those students who are unable to ride. If you have any concerns, please contact the school to discuss further.
Thanks Di Boulton

Mooroopna Kids Hub

FAMILY BARBEQUE and WELCOME NIGHT
Our annual Family BBQ and Welcome night is being held at the school on Monday 16th February. Please fill in this slip and return to school by Monday 9th February if you will be attending.

Family Name: _______________________________________
Number of family members attending the BBQ _________________

BREAKFAST PROGRAM
Our Breakfast Program began again today. Once again our staff will be running the program each morning and we are looking for volunteers to help. If any adult (Parents, Grandparents or friends) has half an hour to help out we would greatly appreciate it. The program runs from 8:30 until approx. 9:00am. If you are able to help please complete details below and return to the school office.

Jenny Ruhe

Name: ............................................................. Students Name: ..................................................
Day/s available: ................................................ Signature: ..........................................................

GUITAR & KEYBOARD LESSONS IN 2015
Cliff Doornkamp will be conducting both guitar and keyboard lessons at the school in 2015. Lessons are held each Tuesday with individual lessons lasting 20 minutes. The cost is $17 per lesson (payable at time of lesson). For more information, please contact Cliff Doornkamp on 0474 769 963. Please complete details below and return to the school office to express your interest.

Name ............................................................. Grade ....... Room ............................
Guitar □ Keyboard □ Parents Signature ........................................... Phone .............................