Principal’s Message

A good start to the Year Ahead

I thank everyone – students, parents and staff alike – for settling in so well. Being able to form our classes on the first day is a bonus, and sets the scene for a great year to follow.

You may have noticed some departures from normal routine over the first few days. These have been due to planning days for Stages 1-3, and Best Start testing for Kindergarten.

Both are vital to get 2013 off on the right foot, and I thank parents for your cooperation and understanding.

Meet the Teacher

Notes were sent home earlier this week. This is an opportunity not to be missed. Sessions start at 5:15pm and 6:00pm. Please remember that this is not an individual interview time. Parent-teacher interviews will be held later in the term during the week beginning 25 March.

Student Supplies

It is essential that every student comes ready and equipped for the classroom each day. Years 2-6 are expected to provide their own resources in a sturdy pencil case.

Stage Leaders will confirm the exact requirements for each grade at Meet the Teacher. Most items are fairly cheap to buy, but they do need to be renewed during the year.

Scripture

Lessons will commence on Wednesday 20 February, with Years 3-6 at 8:55 – 9:35 and K-2 at 9:35-10:05. Both Catholic and General Protestant (e.g Anglican, Uniting) classes are offered, and taught by trained volunteers organised through local churches. The programs promote Christian values and are not judgemental or divisive in any way.

All students with an appropriate religious denomination indicated on their original enrolment will be allocated a Scripture class. Those with “No Religion” on their enrolment will be supervised during Scripture time, but not taught.

Please direct any Scripture enquiries to Mr Lord.
Uniform Shop
Uniform Shop is open on the following days:
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am – 9.00am
2.30pm – 3.00pm

Band News
All overdue Band Fees for 2012 must be paid by no later than Monday 4 February 2013, as students will be unable to attend lessons for 2013 until paid.

Invoices for Term 1 2013, will be issued by Monday 18th February 2013.

Beginner Band commences 8 week program from Wednesday 20 February 2013 - 10 April 2013

Canteen
Canteen is open on the following days this year:
Monday Wednesday Friday

Emergency Contact Forms
A note will be sent home next week in relation to your Emergency Contact Details. We require you to check all details thoroughly and update any details that may have changed and return it to the office as soon as possible.

If no changes are to be made, please send the form back to the office with no changes.

If you have any updated Court Orders/AVO’s that you have not provided to the school yet. Could you please arrange a copy as soon as possible.

Could you also please advise the ladies in the office if the structure at home has changed so that we can update our records accordingly.

Thank you

Parents in our Playground
This is your school and you are always welcome on the premises. I do ask, however, that parents move away from their children’s classrooms as soon as the teachers take them in each morning.

Likewise, I ask that parents do not approach their children’s classroom windows in the afternoon while lessons are in progress.

Distractions such as these make teachers’ jobs so much harder and have an unsettling effect on all students, not just your own. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

2013 Homework Planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2012 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.


Doing well in class
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.


Eight ways to get your kids organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Excursion Payment Due Dates

**Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)**
Currently there are NO Excursions
*Notes sent home this week*
*Meet the Teacher Sessions*

**Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)**
Year 2 Students ONLY – Swimming Carnival
Last day for Payment 15 February 2013
*Notes sent home this week*
Swimming Carnival – Year 2 ONLY
*Meet the Teacher Sessions*

**Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)**
Swimming Carnival
Last day for Payment 15 February 2013
*Notes sent home this week*
Stage 2 & 3 Camps/Overnight Excursions 2013
Swimming Carnival
*Meet the Teacher Sessions*

**Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)**
Swimming Carnival
Last day for Payment 15 February 2013
*Notes sent home this week*
Canberra Overnight Expression of Interest
Swimming Carnival
*Meet the Teacher Sessions*

**NO PAYMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER, “LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT”**

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**Smart foods to boost learning**


**School Uniform**

2013 marks five years since our uniform was last reviewed. This has been discussed at P&C meetings and it is anticipated that changes, if any, will be ratified by financial members of the P&C at the Annual General Meeting on 19 March. Please direct any comments or suggestions to the P&C via the school office.


A tip for Dads – don’t forget next Thursday. I’m thinking roses or a dinner date, or both!

Have a good week.

Stephen Lord
Term 1 2013 Canteen Roster

Wednesday 30th Jan  
Deb Parker, Lee-Anne Armstrong

Friday 1st Feb  
Lisa Williams, Deb Day

Monday 4th Feb  
Tammy Parker, Julie Heaslip

Wednesday 6th Feb  
Diane Hunt, Meryl Cooper

Friday 8th Feb  
Tania Willett, Monique Liddle, Moniques mum, Tracy Digger (orient)

Monday 11th Feb  
Mel Ruddiman, Christie Henry (until 1.30pm)

Wednesday 13th Feb  
Deb Parker, Lee-Anne Armstrong, Danielle Dunleavy (orient)

Friday 15th Feb  
Zoe Stephens, Shannon Apps, Michelle Jobson

Monday 18th Feb  
Amanda Lee, Amy White

Wednesday 20th Feb  
Tammy Parker, Lisa Boyce

Friday 22nd Feb  
Mel Moroz, Mel Ruddiman, Christie Henry (until 1.30pm), Belinda Kelly (orient)

Monday 25th Feb  
Jo Tapp, Donna-Lee Henry

Wednesday 27th Feb  
Tania Willett, Deb Day

Friday 1st March  
Meg Moore, Lisa Williams, Kerry New

Monday 4th March  
Helle Juske, Lyn Eberhart

Wednesday 6th March  
Diane Hunt, Meryl Cooper

Friday 8th March  
Mel Moroz, Jackie Benson, Monique Liddle

Monday 11th March  
Amanda Lee, Amy White

Wednesday 13th March  
Gail Burtenshaw, Deb Pocock

Friday 15th March  
Mel Moroz, Mel Harris, Kerry New

Monday 18th March  
Mel Chamberlain, Julie Heaslip

Wednesday 20th March  
Millie Achis, Tania Willett

Friday 22nd March  
Tracy Digger, Simone White, Belinda Kelly

Monday 25th March  
Lisa Fava, Mel Ruddiman

Wednesday 27th March  
Ed Schlosser, Tammy Parker

Friday 29th March  
EASTER FRIDAY – Public Holiday

Monday 1st April  
EASTER MONDAY – Public Holiday

Wednesday 3rd April  
Diane Hunt, Meryl Cooper

Friday 5th April  
Chris Ahumada, Michelle Jobson, Sharon Browning

Monday 8th April  
Helle Juske, Lisa Fava

Wednesday 10th April  
Deb Day, Danielle Dunleavy

Friday 12th April  
CANTEEN CLOSED FOR STOCKTAKE
Advertising

**Picton Rangers Football Club**
All ages Boys and Girls, Under 6’s to Men and Ladies.
**Saturday 2nd February 2013 10am-2pm**
**Saturday 9th February 2013 10am-2pm**
Hume Oval
Downing St Picton
New players to bring Birth Certificate
Enquiries: prscpresident@hotmail.com

**Thornton Bros**
The school would like to thank Thornton Bros Flowers who are kindly donating a bunch of flowers to the school each fortnight to help beautify our office area.
Thornton Bros can be contacted on 4683 1062 for all your floral requirements.

**PATRICIA YVONNE**
**Academy of Dance**
**Drama & Theatre**
**Thirlmere and Bargo Classes Available**
Classical Ballet – Drama- Tap – Jazz – Modern – Musical Theatre
Beginners from 3 years to Advanced
Special classes for Tiny Tots
Enquires and Registration: Contact Miss Patricia 4647 7728 or 0418 273 115

**Wollondilly Redbacks Junior AFL Club**
We are currently seeking players for the 2013 season to play on Sundays!
Teams will be fielded in the following age groups. Under 9’s, under 10’s, under 12’s and under 14’s.
We also run an AFL Auskick Clinic for kids aged 4 and up.
Team Training is on Tuesdays from 5.00pm at Bargo Sports Ground.
For additional information please phone David on 0408 402 144 or email redbacksafl@gmail.com