A Message From The Principal

Classes for 2016

As mentioned in the information that was sent home last week and also posted on Skoolbag, children will be placed into their classes for 2016 after recess this Wednesday. This is regardless of whether we end up with 17 or 18 classes.

Assemblies for 2016

Assembly will once again be held on Fridays this year, however, due to morning PSSA Sport in the summer the organisation for Terms 1 and 4 will be different to Terms 2 and 3. Assembly will start in Week 4. The times and weeks for assembly are below:

Terms 1 & 4 - Friday afternoon at 1:50pm
Odd Weeks: K-2
Even Weeks: 3-6

Terms 2 & 3 - Friday Mornings
Even Weeks - 3-6 commencing at 9:05am; K-2 commencing at approximately 9:50am

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the children who went to the swimming carnival on their fantastic behaviour and great encouragement of each other during the day. There were some outstanding performances and some very determined efforts to complete races, which was great to see. Carnival results are in Mr Hughes’ report later in the newsletter.

Thank you to Mr Hughes for his excellent organisation of the carnival and to all staff who assisted during the day. Thank you also to Mrs Austin and Picnic Point PS for lending us their PA system.

It was great to see so many parents, carers and grandparents at the carnival supporting their children. Thank you all for attending.

Spelling Program

For a number of years, the school has used the ‘Spelling Mastery’ program to teach spelling to students in Years 2 to 6. This program had some strong features but during a lengthy review, it was felt the program was not meeting the needs of all of our students and will not be used as a single, specific program this year. Some of the strategies used in ‘Spelling Mastery’ are very good and will be used with a range of other strategies to teach spelling this year. Students will be involved in Stage based spelling programs in their own classrooms that will involve the learning of strategies around words that are used in their writing and other Key Learning Areas.

Dogs on School Grounds and at School Events

Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998) prohibits dogs on school grounds regardless of their size, age, and whether they are on a leash or being carried unless permission is given by the Principal. For the safety of our students, I ask that no dogs are brought onto our grounds. While not being covered by any legislation I would also suggest that dogs should not be brought to school events such as sport carnivals or PSSA Sport. Thank you for your anticipated assistance with this matter.

Parents & Citizens Association (P&C)

The first P&C meeting of the year which will be the Annual General Meeting will be held on
Monday, 15th February at 7:30pm in the library. All parents and carers are welcome to attend and it would be great to see some new faces at the meeting.

Have a great week.
Ken Smith
Principal

SCHOOL DIARY

TERM 1

Monday 15th February  P&C Annual General Meeting
Monday 29th February-  School Swimming Scheme
To Friday 11th March-
Wednesday 2nd March  Zone Swimming Carnival

GENERAL INFO

2016 Swim Scheme

Please be aware the dates from the swim scheme sent out in the parent letter were incorrect. The correct dates for the swim scheme are 29th February to 11th March (weeks 6 and 7)

Swim Scheme

Swim Scheme will take place at the Whitlam Leisure Centre Liverpool from Monday 29th February to Friday 11th March (Weeks 6 & 7). At present it is open to all Year 2 children who are strongly encouraged to attend. Notes will go out to Year 3-6 children next Monday 15th February to fill available positions. The cost of the program is $107.00 which covers transport by bus and pool entry. Any enquiries, please speak to Mrs Moore.

Mrs Moore
Swim Scheme Co-ordinator

School Animal Update

We have some animals who have decided they need an extra long holiday and are still cruising the pacific. So, very soon we will see the return of the chooks, but not the guinea pigs. We have decided with the extreme weather it’s not fair to our animals to be kept in summer with the heat.

A big thank you to all our wonderful families for your support with the care of our school animals. A very special mention to the Campbell family for the love and care they showed our guinea pigs in the holidays.

Mrs Jacobs

Riverside Anglican Church

Kids Club K-6, Friday's at St. Thomas Church Moorebank starting at 4.00pm. The cost is $2.00 a week and runs to school terms. Inclusions are Games, Bible Talk, Craft and Milkshakes. Any queries please phone 9602 8836.

Parents of Catholic school children between Year 2 - Year 6

You are invited to an Information Night on Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 7.00pm concerning the Parish based Sacramental program for 2016, (Reconciliation & First Holy Communion & Confirmation). This will be held in St Christopher’s school hall. For further details please contact the parish office on 9825 1679.

SPORT

2016 Swimming Carnivals

Zone - Wednesday 2nd March
Region - Tuesday 15th March

School Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students who competed in the swimming carnival last week. The behaviour and sportsmanship of the students was exemplary and it was great to see so many parents and friends cheering on the students. The permission notes will be handed out to students who have made the squad for the Liverpool Zone carnival by the end of the week. Unfortunately, not all students who placed in the top three are able to represent our school due to qualifying times. They should however still be proud of their achievement. All placegetters and age champions will be receiving their certificates at next week’s school assembly. The zone carnival will be held on Wednesday 2nd March at Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre.

Congratulations to Jai Horton who broke the age record for the Junior Boys Individual Medley.
Placegetter results from the carnival can be found on the school website.

**Liverpool Zone Website**

The Liverpool Zone P.S.S.A. has a website at: [www.liverpoolzonepssa.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.liverpoolzonepssa.schools.nsw.edu.au)

**PSSA**

This year, our school is entering teams in AFL, cricket, oztag and girls softball for Summer PSSA. The final trial will be held this Friday.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

A new Canteen Menu and Canteen Information sheet went home last week. Copies are available at the school office or canteen and are also available on SkoolBag and the website. Please check the new canteen menu, there are just a few changes to pricing.

**More Helpers Required**

We need more helpers for this term’s roster, especially on Monday and Tuesday. Any time you can spare is a great help in running the canteen. If you are able to help, please contact Sue or Tracey at the canteen.

**New Uniforms**

New uniforms are sold at the canteen Monday to Thursday mornings until 11.00am, **NOT FRIDAY** due to the volume of orders and sport.

*Tempting Tuesday Treat:* Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday? Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: **Pikelets with Jam** - **40 cents each.**

*Please note that when placing a lunch order from the canteen; please make sure you write your name & class on the bag.*

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Uniform Pool**

**Attended 2:30pm - 3:00pm Wednesday afternoons only.**

At all other times, please take purchases to the school office for payment.

**Prices:**

- Non – logo uniform tops and jumpers $1 each
- Logo tops, jumpers, sports uniforms, shorts, track pants $2 each
- Parkas, Backpacks, Dresses, “new” stock of old designs $5 each
- Hats, library bags, stockings, sports socks etc. $2 each

*Please keep the room tidy!*

*Tracey, Sylvia & Michelle*