From the Principal
Thank you to all the parents who are cooperating with the school and leaving the assembly area of a morning on the bell. This has made a significant difference to the settled routine we are trying to establish for all of our students.

Parents will be able to purchase tea, coffee or hot chocolate from the canteen for Friday morning assemblies. The sale of hot drinks will start at 9am so all the children will be away from the area. Special food items will be available each week also. Hot drinks will be $2 and the cost of the food items will vary depending on what is available at the time.

A Permission to publish form has been sent home with each child. These will need to be returned to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. It is essential to return this form so your child can access the Internet. Without the permission form access to the computers will be denied. Computers are a vital part of learning in schools so the importance of this note is high.

There are several school jackets for sale at discount prices. If you need a new school jacket for your child see the office staff for assistance.

All school attendance is important. It is vital that children arrive to school on time. Students arriving late miss important sections of their learning program and when that occurs repeatedly it has a serious impact on their achievements. The school's values advocate acting responsibly, which includes teaching students to be punctual.

Children who have an attendance rate of 85% have an average of 30 days absent in a school year (or 6 school weeks). If this pattern continues, then 42 school weeks (or one school year) will have been missed by the time a child completes Year 6 (that is from K-6). Sometimes this can occur without parents realising how much time has been missed.

Enjoy your week
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 4 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

NAMES ON CLOTHING / UNIFORM ITEMS

It is important that students have their uniform and other clothing named for school…Please spend 5 minutes writing the names on labels or somewhere so that the items can be identified. You would not believe how many “LOST” items we end up with in the Lost Property bin. Owners cannot be found if the items are not named.

Canteen News

Tuesday 23rd Feb – Rachelle Cooke
Wednesday 24th Feb – Bree Chrisofferson
Thursday 25th Feb – Kristy Medway
Friday 26th Feb – Karen Watson, Sue Ryan
Monday 29th – Kelly Mills

$10 School hats available in the canteen.

P & C NEWS

School Disco

The first school disco is on Wednesday 2nd March 2016. The canteen will be opened for students to purchase food and drink on the night. The only food the canteen will be selling on the night is:

- Mini Hot Dogs $1.00
- Fresh Popcorn $1.00
- Ice-Cream Cups $1.00
- Freddo Frogs $1.00
- Water $1.00
- Mineral Water $1.00

The P & C are having a mini fete on Grandfriends Day in Term 3, there will be more information about dates later. We are calling out to all parents who would be interested in having a market stall at our mini fete. Stall sizes will be 3 x 3, any party plan stalls must have insurance. Terms and conditions will apply, the cost for a stall will be $20.00. Please let us know ASAP, there are limited places so it will be first in first served.

Just a reminder to keep the Easter donation and tickets coming in……

Easter Hat Parade lunch order forms will be coming home with all students today.

Thank You.
Act Safely, Be Respectful, Cooperate & Do your Best

PBL Awards
Isabella, Sonny, Seth, David, Dustin, Joshua, Hannah, Amelia, Ivy, Jake, Chloe, Amarli, Brooklyn, Grace, Cream, Macleay, Amelia, Halimah, Annabelle, Jorja, Breony, Stella, Mia, Declan, Jacob, Lilee, Cooper, Chloe, Jacob, Tyler, Carly, Heath, Jonathan, Henry, Stacey, Bailey, Brendan x 2, Reuben, Chloe, Lily, William Rose, Ruby

Gold
Amelia, Emilia, Mia, Taylor, Darcy, Harry

Badge
Brian

Assembly awards

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“Congratulations to all students”
**Book Club**

A reminder that ALL Book Club orders are due by 3.00pm Thursday 25th Feb. Orders are usually delivered to the school approximately two weeks after this date. If you have any queries please contact the library staff.

Jane Lockhart

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**Yellow Form**

Last week a yellow essential information form was sent home with the newsletter. This form needs to be sent back to your child’s/ren’s classroom teacher. This form is a requirement of the Department of Education. **Students will Not be able to access the internet without this form signed by a parent or guardian.** Please return the form ASAP.

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**Medical Forms**

If your child/ren has a severe medical condition we need an Medical Action plan from your Doctor to be bought into the office please. An Emergency Care/Response plan form has been sent home for other students who have allergies and special medical needs requiring consideration and possible emergency response whilst your child is at school. Please return these to the office ASAP.

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**Administering prescribed medication at school**

When a *medical practitioner* has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents are responsible for:

- bringing this need to the attention of the school
- ensuring that the information is updated if it changes
- supplying the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way
- collaborating with the school in working out arrangements for the supply and administration of the prescribed medication.

**Key points to remember:**

- Parents of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request. Medication is sent on a weekly basis and in a pharmacy labelled container detailing the student’s name and the prescribed dosage.

Please note: Students’ immediate access to prescribed medication is very important for the effective management of conditions such as asthma.

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**Sports News**

*House Captain Badges* will be handed out on Friday 26th February at the assembly. Ribbons from our swimming carnival will be handed out as well.

On Friday 19th February 20 competitors went to the Port Stephens Zone swimming carnival. Each student showed great sportsmanship and competed wonderfully. They were also commended on their excellent behaviour and manners. Well done to you all.