Term 1, Week 2
Tuesday 4 February, 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to school for 2014! I hope that you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday break. I would especially like to welcome families who are new to our school and encourage you all to become actively involved in our community. Our school motto is “Learning Together, Growing Together” and developing and maintaining positive partnerships between the home and the school will greatly assist children in enjoying success as learners.

I would like to welcome Miss Foster, Mrs Romeo, Mrs Naryan, Mrs A. Thompson and Mrs Quinn who are new to our school and welcome back Ms Ryan and Mrs Jarvis who are returning to the school after extended leave.

Congratulations to Mrs Wilson who has accepted the opportunity to relieve in the position of Deputy Principal. Increased student enrolments have resulted in the school being entitled to this position.

Kindergarten students and families are to be congratulated for their amazing efforts to support the completion of the Best Start Assessments. It is an absolute pleasure to enter the Kindergarten classrooms and enjoy the experiences the children are having as they learn about our school and what is expected of them. It is pleasing to see them so settled and engaged in these very early days of schooling!

We welcome students who have successfully been offered placements in our Support classes following the Access Request process for students with disabilities. Congratulations to Miss Muldoon who has accepted the opportunity to act as Assistant Principal Support.

The students have made a great start to the school year and have settled beautifully into their ‘tentative’ new classes. There has been a significant increase in enrolments for the start of the school year, with 575 children currently enrolled at Currans Hill in 27 class groups. Actual Numbers day is on Wednesday 12 February, and school staffing will not be confirmed until then, however it is anticipated that our current classes will remain and there will be minimal changes to children’s placements. We will do our best to communicate any variations personally to you.

2014 CLASS / STAFF OVERVIEW

Early Stage 1 – Team Leader Mrs Pearce (Assistant Principal)
- KP – Mrs Pearce
- KO – Mrs O’Loughlan
- KH – Mrs Hyde
- KW – Ms Wear
- KR – Mrs Riley

Stage 1 – Team Leader Mrs Wilson (Deputy Principal Rel)
- 1/2BK – Mrs Budd and Mrs Kemp
- 1F – Miss Foster
- 1T – Mrs J. Thompson
- 1JB- Mrs Johnson and Mrs Bui Viet
- 1C – Miss Clarke
- 2A – Mrs Roberts
- 2C – Mrs Garney
- 2CJ – Mrs Collins and Mrs Jarvis

Stage 2 – Team Leader Mrs Gawthorne (Assistant Principal Rel)
- 3/4G – Mrs Gawthorne
- 3D – Mrs Down
- 3R – Mrs Romeo
- 4B – Mrs Burke
- 4S – Mrs Selakovic

Stage 3 – Team Leader Mr Weir (Assistant Principal)
- 5/6T – Mrs F. Thomson
- 5N – Mrs Narayan
- 5T – Mrs A. Thompson
- 6P – Mrs Prakesh
- 6G – Mrs Grenfell
Staff at the school use professional judgement to place children into classes after careful consideration of their learning achievements and needs. Staff will provide information about classes at the Meet the Teacher afternoon on Tuesday 18 February. A separate invitation providing information will be provided when details are finalised.

The increase in student enrolments has resulted in additional staff and created issues for staff parking at the school. There is an increased demand for ‘Disabled Parking’ to meet the needs of our students and these are currently being addressed. The gates in McGrath Place will be opened to provide an alternative staff parking area.

For the safety of the children I would like to remind families of the importance of using the pedestrian gates to enter and exit the school grounds and to ensure that you park ‘legally’ when dropping off and picking up your children. I thank you all for your anticipated cooperation!

**KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!**

**SAFETY ALERT**

Parents are reminded of the importance of adequate supervision of their children following a reported incident at Smeaton Grange recently. Any incidents MUST be reported to the Police Assistance Line 131 444 or ring 000 in an emergency.

**BELL TIMES**

**8.30am**

Children are provided with teacher supervision in the playground.

**9.00am**

School commences. Students line up in their designated class areas. Regular “on time” attendance at school is of the utmost importance in children being successful learners.

**Students arriving after 9.00am must report to the office for a Late Pass.**

**11.00am-11.50am Lunch**

Classes eat together under the supervision of their class teacher (10 minutes.)

**Play time**

Teachers provide supervision for students throughout all play times.

**1.20pm – 1.45 Recess**

**3.00pm**

Classes are dismissed at the conclusion of the school day.

Families are reminded that it is not the responsibility of teachers to provide supervision for students after 3.00pm. Families who will be arriving late MUST ring the school. Young children can become highly anxious and upset and a simple phone call will allow your child to be re-assured.

**ANAPHYLAXIS – Severe Allergic Reaction**

Some children in our school have an allergic condition that makes them especially sensitive to certain foods. Anaphylaxis is a severe, potentially life threatening allergic reaction to certain foods. Peanuts, nut products and eggs are the main hazards. Eating or touching these foods can cause lips, eyes and airways to swell which may result in significant difficulties in breathing. We request parents inform the school immediately if your child has such a condition so a Health Plan can be developed. In many cases an EpiPen is required. We also ask the community’s support in caring for all children’s needs. Therefore we ask that NO peanut butter, peanut biscuits, cakes with peanuts, peanut cracker dips, Nutella or eggs be brought to school. Our canteen supports this request and we ask all parents to note egg products listed on Canteen Menu provided with today’s Newsletter have been removed.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Our school Swimming Carnival was a huge success last Friday at Camden Pool. It was wonderful to see such great sportsmanship with all of the children trying their best to compete and support their House Teams. The children were extremely well behaved and it was pleasing to see so many parents in attendance. A special thank you to the parents who assisted on the day with time keeping and to Ms Ryan and Ms Wear.
(even though she didn't attend on the day her organisation is appreciated), Mrs Wilson, Mr Weir and Mrs Harris who did a fabulous job organising the carnival and ensuring everything ran so smoothly. Results will be announced later in the term, however families are encouraged to visit the school website and see what a great day we had from the photos!

**WESTS TIGERS VISIT**
The school hosted a visit of players from the Wests Tigers yesterday as part of the NRL One Community initiative. The children enjoyed the opportunity to meet the players who spoke to the assembly about Bullying as part of the 'Tackle Bullying Program.' It was lots of fun and thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff.

Our school actively prevents bullying by having programs to encourage appropriate behaviour and build self-esteem and respect for others. We also have plans in place to deal with bullying or harassment and staff are trained in dealing with these situations. If you think your child is being bullied, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher, the principal or the school office. Please note that our school Bullying Policy includes all members of the school community and parents and caregivers MUST remember to keep personal issues from impacting on the safety and wellbeing of our children.

*Mrs Flegg*  
Principal

### CALENDAR TERM 1 - 2014

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### Choir

Congratulations to the 2014 school choir who were successful in auditioning to perform at the Festival of Choral Music at the Sydney Opera House in August. Auditions for the 3-6 Choir will be on this Wednesday during lunch.

*Mrs Miller*

### School Contribution and Book Packs

As for previous years, we have made the contribution on a sliding scale depending on the number of children you have at school. One child - $40, two children - $70 and three or more children - $100. These contributions cover the students’ books and many items required for your child during the year. The teachers will inform everyone what stationery is required in terms of pencils, pens, scissors, textas and rulers etc..... Hopefully your child still has these and many can be used from last year. Kindergarten children will have their stationery needs supplied.

### Library News

Welcome to the library for 2014. Library lessons start next week so make sure you have a library bag ready for borrowing. A note will be sent home shortly instructing how to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge online so start reading as soon as you can!

I'm looking for some wonderful, organised students to take on some very important library monitor roles this year. If you love books, enjoy looking after smaller students and are a great organiser why don't you consider being a library monitor. Please meet me (Ms Formica) on Thursday, 6th February at recess in the computer lab. I will need ten students from Year 4 and five Year 5 students who were library monitors last year (to mentor our new monitors). Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday. Good luck!

*Ms Formica*

### Challenging Behaviours Workshop

This workshop is aimed at parents only with children diagnosed with ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Conduct Disorder or challenging behaviour.  

Where: Buzy Bee Kindy - The Oaks  
When: Thursday 6th Feb and every Thursday after until 27th March 6:30 – 8:30pm  
Cost: Free  
All sessions need to be attended  
No child care available.  
To register call Community Links Wollondilly  
4683 2776

### Inclusions with today’s newsletter

- Canteen Menu
- Child Safety Handbook
- West Tigers Poster