Dear Parents

Welcome to the final newsletter for Term 1. The first term of any year is always a busy one. It seems only a short time ago that I was welcoming you back for 2013.

Many of the students have gone through that sometimes difficult task of transitioning to a new teacher. Our youngest students have had the difficult task of transitioning to 'big' school and what a great job they've done. To see them working in their new environments is wonderful. The teachers have done a fantastic job with them as well.

The school has had a swimming carnival where some excellent performances gave selected students the opportunity to compete at a higher level at Brokers and Illawarra South East carnivals. Many sports have had their Zone trials for the year during this term and kids from Fairy Meadow Dem have been represented. Today the school's netball team will play Balgownie in the first round of the PSSA State knockout competition. Good luck, girls!

Our school Cross Country Carnival was postponed last week. The new date is Thursday 2nd May. This is the first Thursday back next term. The carnival will be run next door to the school in Guest Park. Parents who have made a payment of $4.50 per child to cover bus fare to Stuart Park for the cross country are asked to leave this money with the school. We will use these funds to cover the buses to the Athletics Carnival at Beaton Park later in the year. We hope this meets with your approval.

Physical changes have been made to the school this term. Values pencils have been installed on the playground. These are giant coloured pencils of red, blue and yellow are reinforcing our Positive Behaviours for Success values of being safe, responsible and respectful at all times at school and , hopefully, outside school as well.

Carpet has been laid in the 'quiet quad' which is now the green room. Students are using this area for chess and draughts and for meeting and chatting with friends. New carpet has also been laid in the two downstairs classrooms of LT11 and 12. During the Autumn break, carpet will be laid in the 'blue room'.

This week an annex room off the corridor near LT01 will become a sensory room thanks to BUNNINGS. Not only is Bunning's supplying materials, the company is also doing the work. We thank them for their great generosity in developing a space that will greatly enhance the learning space for those students in LT01 and 03.

KidzWish Fundraiser

While talking of the students in LT01 and LT03 I’d like to share the following paragraph with you. Each year some of our students attend the KidzWish Christmas Party at the WIN Entertainment Centre. We hope to, again, in 2013 on 22nd November. Meanwhile there is a fundraiser for the event on this Saturday. The details are printed below in information that was emailed to me earlier this week.

“Looking for the Best School Holiday Activity!? Super Hero Wrestling has the Event Just for you!! On the 13th of April the Super Hero Wrestling Team are hosting “School’s Out” Holiday Disco Party at The Dapto Ribbon Wood Centre with Door’s Opening at 5:30pm. Featuring your favourite characters such as Benny Coles “Seen on TV as Iron Jay”, Mighty Mel, The Masked Lucha Brothers, The 7 Foot Giant Massive Q as well as many more. This is a night sure not to be missed with Live and Interactive Games, Raffles, Face painting and Prizes for Best Super Hero Dress Up. Tickets are available now from www.superherowrestling.com.au at $8 Pre Sale, $10 at the door or 3 Tickets for $20. With Free Entry for Parents and $2 from Every Ticket proudly going towards the Kidzwish Foundation. Be sure to get your tickets now and get ready for the Best Event this School Holidays!
Roadworks Around the School

I’d like to draw your attention to a proposal by Wollongong City Council to undertake works on Balgownie Road outside the school. The work involved includes the removal of existing, and construction of new kerbside concrete blisters, pram ramps, gutter bridges and assorted signage and linemarking. (Not many people know that I know about this stuff, but they wrote me a letter and sent some pictures.)

I know that the proposal has the intent to improve safety for school children and other pedestrians crossing Balgownie Road. This work is proposed for the April school holidays.

I wish everyone a great break with your family for the upcoming two weeks of the autumn break. I hope, at some stage to travel down to Albury for the birth of my first grandchild. Then, at the end of the first week of Term 2 I’ll be heading for Brisbane for the wedding of my son. Exciting times!

Just a reminder that the staff has, two Staff Professional Development Days to begin next term and students return on Wednesday 1st May.

John Thorne
Principal

P&C NEWS

Remember our next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow Wednesday 10th April commencing at 7.00pm in the staff room.

CANTEEN

Canteen News

There are just a few last minute reminders this week. Firstly there will be no milk of any flavour available on Friday. Juice and water will be in stock though.

We are all out of Vanilla ice cream cups and pretzels.

Our usual 2 for 10c BBQ rice crackers are back in stock.

All our hot food, sandwiches and burgers should be in stock right up to Friday, but to be safe check the white board at the canteen. Pizzas and hotdogs are purchased as we need them on the day so can be ordered as normal this week.

One of our regular volunteers is unable to work and we really need someone to fill in for the day. Its Friday the 3rd of May the first week back at school next term. If you could help us out please call into canteen and speak to Sharon or Cheryl.

Have a safe and fun filled break everyone and see you all next term.

Our awesome helpers this week are:

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CLOTHING POOL

The winter sale has started at the Clothing Pool and will continue until the end of winter or until current stock runs out. All jumpers are now $17. Size 4 jackets are $30 and size 4 long sleeve shirts (black or gold) are $25. Adult size XS jackets are $33 and size XS and S long sleeve shirts (black or gold) are $25. Jackets and long sleeve shirts are at the usual prices for all other sizes.

Other winter items (not on sale) include cargo pants for boys, stretch bootleg pants for girls and dry & cosy jackets. We also have size 12 and 14 track suit pants for just $8.

Leading up to the holidays, the Clothing Pool will be open Friday this week and Tuesday next week at the usual time, 2.45-3.30pm. We will be closed on the last day of Term 1, Friday 12 April. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Since there are two pupil-free days at the beginning of Term 2, the Clothing Pool will open again on Friday 3 May.

If you have a chance to sort through old winter uniforms during the holidays, we would be very grateful for any donations. Thank you, as always, to everybody who has brought in uniforms they no longer need.

Cath Chisholm
Clothing Pool Co-ordinator