Dear parents and students,

Welcome back to Semester 2 and I hope everyone had a great break.

Rewards System
This year we are trialling a new rewards system that is ongoing and does not conclude at the end of each year. All awards count towards the attainment of the next award on the system. That means a child may take 2 terms or 2 years or longer as a guide to reach an award. So please make sure you don’t lose an award as they will not be replaced. The ultimate award is the Principal’s Trophy which is expected to take a student several years to attain. All the other awards are attainable within one school year.

➢ **Class Award**
  o Teachers hand out
  o Printed on the back are our six rules and ‘application to learning’
  o Assembly awards = 2 class awards

➢ **Teacher’s Award**
  o Teacher’s Award = 15 Class Awards
  o Presented at Stage Assemblies

➢ **Excellence Award**
  o Excellence Award = 2 Teacher’s Awards (30 Class awards)
  o Presented at Assembly under COLA

➢ **Principal’s Award**
  o Principal’s Award = 2 Excellence Awards (4 Teacher’s Award = 60 Class awards)
  o Presented at Whole School Assembly in hall
  o All winners of a Principal’s Award in a year attend the Principal’s Picnic

➢ **Principal’s Trophy**
  o Principal’s Trophy = 5 Principal’s Awards (20 Teacher’s Award = 300 Class Awards)
  o Presented at Whole School Assembly in hall
  o All winners of a Principal’s Trophy in a year attend the Principal’s Morning Tea with parents.

If you have any questions talk to your child’s teacher.

Late Lunch Orders
To assist in the organisation of the canteen all lunch orders must be ordered by 9:30am. If a child has forgotten to order their lunch by that time they will have an option of either a cheese or vegemite sandwich only. This will start from next Monday 28 July.

Trees
The department has organised an arborist to conduct a visual tree assessment. The report has identified several trees that have possible safety issues. These trees have been barricaded to ensure the safety of our school community. It has had an impact on the school organisation but the duty of care is uppermost in our decisions. Thank you for your cooperation until the trees have been attended to as soon as possible.

Education Week
All community members are invited to attend one or all of the Education week activities next week.

**Tuesday**
9:15 – 10:15 Open classrooms
10:15 Morning tea in Library

**Thursday**
12:30 Whole School Assembly in hall
1:40 Afternoon Tea in Library
2:05 – 2:50 Open classrooms

A book fair in the library will be operating all week.

More detail will be sent home later this week. We would love to see as many people here enjoying all the great work that is happening in the school

L. Condon
Relieving Principal
Welcome to Term 3

Diploma of Business at our school

If you have enrolled in the Diploma of Business course starting this term, you will be required to attend an information/enrolment session. This will be held on Thursday 24th July at 9.15am in the community hub. If you are interested in enrolling but have not yet registered, you are welcome to come along on the day. For more information please contact Lina on 96441286.

English Conversation Class

This term parents and carers will have the opportunity to participate in an English conversation class. This class will give you the skills needed to communicate in English through speaking. The class will start on Thursday 7th August from 9.15-11.15am in the community hub. The program will run until the end of the term. For more information or to enrol please contact Lina on 96441286.

Early Childhood Programs

If you have a child aged 0-4 you can give them the best start to learning by participating in one of our early childhood programs. For children starting school next year, our school readiness program is the perfect place to get your child ready for kindergarten. This program runs on Thursdays during school term in the school hall from 9:30-11:30am.

We also have a playgroup run on Wednesday mornings for children aged 0-4 years old. This program is run from 9:30-11am on the lawn outside the office.

P&C News

Our next meeting will be on July 23rd at 9am in the community hub.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open on Thursday and Friday mornings during school term from 8:30-9:30am. This shop is run by volunteers and is only available on the times noted above.

School Banking

Do not forget your school banking! Bring your bank books to school every Friday!

Like us on Facebook

The school has a Facebook page where you can find up to date information about school events and important reminders. Like us to stay up to date.

Helping with homework

How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more:
Coming Events

This calendar of events will be updated in each edition of the newsletter. Dates are accurate at the time of publication but can be changed for various reasons.

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Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.
School Traffic

A reminder to all parents, family and friends who drop off and collect children by car each day:

- Please be considerate of other drivers, residents and students.
- Please do not park or stop in the "NO STOPPING" zones and do not double park.
- Observe the 40K speed limit in the school zone.
- Please do not park in residents’ driveways.

Please help to keep our children safe.

Mobile Phones

A reminder about students and mobile phones. If a student brings a mobile phone to school the following rules apply:

- The phone is not to be used during school hours, that is, from entry onto school grounds to exit out of school grounds after 3.00 pm;
- The phone is to be kept in the child’s bag throughout the school day and must be turned off - it is not to be carried by the student, particularly during lunch and recess;
- The phone is the responsibility of the child. The school does not take responsibility if the phone is lost, damaged or stolen;
- Children are not to use the phone camera to take photos of other students or staff;
- If a child is found to be carrying or using a phone during school hours the phone will be confiscated and kept by the Principal.

The phone can be collected by parents only.

School A to Z app

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z