PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2013 school year, a warm welcome to our new students and families. A special welcome to our new Kindergarten and Preschool students, I hope your start with us has been a happy, positive experience.

A very warm welcome to our new members of staff, Miss Ngaire Sheridan who will be teaching the 2/3 class and to Miss Rush who some of you may already know from 2011 who will be teaching the K/1 class. Welcome also to Ms Sydenham, our School Administration Manager who will be in the office. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to our school. 'Meet the Teacher' meetings will be held in the near future. This will be a time for you to find out class plans and to discuss any issues of interest. Further information will be home soon.

Students have made a great start to the new academic year and I have had the opportunity to see some excellent work from our students. This is the first newsletter of the year. Newsletters are published every two weeks, on a Wednesday. The eldest child in the family receives the family copy.

Daniela Frasca
Principal

PARENTS AND CITIZENS NEWS (P&C)

Welcome to the parents of our new students.

Our first P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening from 6pm-7pm in the staffroom. This year the P&C have changed their time to accommodate for working parents who may wish to also attend. The P & C group will meet on Wednesday in Week 3 and Week 7 of each term, a total of 8 meetings a year.

During the meetings parents discuss and plan activities. It is a chance for you to support the school, participate in the decision making process and to get to know and interact with other parents of the school.

Please come along and join in this year.

Agenda for the first meeting:
1. Election of Office Bearers
2. 2013 School organisation
3. Fund Raising planning
SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2013

Mrs Daniela Frasca                  Principal
Miss Rush                           K/1 Teacher
Miss Sheridan                       Year 2/3 Teacher
Miss Asper                          Year 4/5/6 Teacher
Mrs Vertsonis                      Preschool Teacher
Mrs Nelson                         English as a Second Language (ESL) and Learning and Support Teacher (LAST)
Mrs Wallis                         Reading Recovery
Mrs Hayward                        Relief from Face to Face Teacher (RFF)
Mrs Hankins                        School Guidance Officer (1/2 day a week)
Miss Kate                          School Counsellor
Ms Sydenham                       School Administration Manager
Mrs Vizy                           R/School Administration Officer (2 days)
Mrs Wheeler                       Student Learning Support Officer (Preschool)
Mrs Dunn                           Student Learning Support Officer (3 days)
Mr Guttenburg                     General Assistant (3 days fortnight)
Miss Kilby                        Cleaner

STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2013

MACY HAMKA
ANDISON WONG
HEIDI XING
JUDITH TRAN

CARPARK

Just a reminder to all parents that the car park is for staff ONLY. It is very important for everyone to remember this especially our preschool parents. If you park or walk through the car park with your son or daughter it is very difficult for drivers to see young children and a dangerous situation could occur. Please park outside the school when dropping off or picking up children and walk on the footpaths provided. Please be aware that there is a bus stop at the main entrance to the school and parking in the bus zone is illegal and dangerous. Parking in the wrong place, makes it difficult for our students to be safe when coming to and going home from school.
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
A separate note is attached seeking the General School Contribution fee to enable the school to maintain the resources we have and to increase the supply of learning resources for your children. The contribution of $20.00 per student can be sent along with your child or can be paid at the Office. You will receive a receipt for all payments. This contribution is lower than most other schools. The letter outlines amounts for contributions if you have more than one child attending the school. We hope you can provide your contribution early in the year so we can plan ahead.

LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY LEAVING
If your child is late for school please remember that he/she must obtain a note from the Office before going to class. If you wish to collect your child from school early, you must also obtain a note from the Office.
To ensure our students are safe at all times and so that we know who is on school grounds, parents and carers who are visiting the school for any reason must come to the school office first.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BAGS
Each child must have a Library bag in order to borrow a Library book from the Library on their allocated day. The bags can be purchased from the School Office for $5.00 each. Library days are Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Hayward will be responsible for leading this program.

HATS
Please ensure your child brings a school hat to school each day. As well as this being school policy – ‘No Hat No Play’, it is common sense to encourage children to wear a hat, a habit that will carry them through life. School hats can be purchased from the School Office for $5.00.

LOST PROPERTY
Each year students lose an incredible amount of clothing which is stored in the administration block. Please ensure your child’s property including uniform, jumpers, lunch boxes etc. are labelled clearly with their name and class. This way items can be returned to their owner as soon as they are found.

SCRIPTURE
Scripture will begin on Tuesday 19th February 2013. Scripture takes place every Tuesday from 9.30 – 10.00. This year, the school will be offering Catholic, Protestant and Muslim scripture classes. Please ensure we have the correct information in regards to which scripture class you wish your child to attend.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION
There is no direct teacher supervision for children who arrive at school before 8.30am. Children should not arrive at school before 8.30am. The duty bell rings at 8.45am and students are supervised on the playground before the 9.00am Assembly bell. In order to ensure our students are safe and in the correct place, they must sit on the silver seats and wait for the teacher on duty before moving around the school.

PUPIL INFORMATION UPDATE SHEET
A separate note has also been included in the newsletter requesting all Pupil Information to be updated. Please ensure it is completed and returned to school as soon as possible. It is extremely important for the school to be able to contact you on the correct numbers regarding the safety and wellbeing of your child.
UNIFORM

It is an expectation that all students wear their school uniform to school each day. This reinforces pride and a sense of belonging. Wearing full school uniform also supports our school rules of Being Safe, Being Respectful and Being Proud. If students attend school not in uniform, parents will be contacted to bring the correct uniform up to the school. Please ensure your child attends school each day with pride in their school uniform. New and second hand uniforms can be purchased from the school office.

First day at Riverwood for Preschoolers and Kindergarten