Dear Parents and Caregivers,

WELCOME BACK
Traditionally a very busy term, Term 4 2013 will be no different! Welcome to our new families!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
The Kindergarten orientation program begins next Wednesday. The program is as follows:-
Wednesday 16th October - New kindergarten students will meet their buddies and go on a tour of
the school and share some activities in the kinder rooms while parents attend an information
session on school procedures and kindergarten routines.
The parents and new kindergarten students are then invited to enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch.
The following four weeks will see the Early Birds program take place giving our new kindergarten
children a taste of “big school” to ensure a successful transition in 2014.
If you know of anyone with kindergarten aged children for 2014, let them know that it is not too late
to enrol and join the Early Birds programs.

SAILING FOR SPORT
A number of children have taken the option to take up sailing as their weekly sport. This is a great
opportunity and it is not too late to join the other children. The cost is $100 ($10 a week) and Mr
Smith will be supervising the group each week. Please contact Mr Smith if you would like your
child to attend.

WEEKLY ASSEMBLIES
Once a fortnight, an assembly is conducted to recognise the achievements of our students. The
assemblies are on Tuesdays on even school weeks, start at 9.30am and go for approximately one
hour. All parents are welcome to attend. Next week’s assembly item will be presented by 5/6F.

EXCURSIONS
The Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion takes place in week three – Wednesday 23rd October to Friday
25th October. I am sure that the children going are keen and packed ready to go.
Year two children will also be taking an excursion during week three. They will be visiting Taronga
Park Zoo on Friday 25th October.

ART SHOW
Thank you to the entire community for supporting our Art Extravaganza last term. I am sure you
will agree that the students produced some beautiful pieces of art. The auction of the major art
works was very exciting and thank you to Mr Jason Denz for entertaining us with his auctioneer
skills. Well done to Mrs Betts and the Art Committee for all of your great organisation.
RIDING BICYCLES TO SCHOOL
A number of children ride bicycles or scooters to school. Those children who ride to school must walk their bicycles or scooters when in or around the school. As there is a lot of pedestrian movement at the start and the end of the day, the safety of all is our utmost concern.

SPORTS FINALS
Although the aim of our interschool sport is one of participation, it was good to see that both the senior soccer and netball teams won their grand finals. It has been two terms of great competition for the six teams that have been competing across the three codes. I would like to thank the parents who have provided transport for the children so generously all this time.

INFANTS' SPORTS CARNIVAL
The annual Infants Sports Carnival takes place on Friday 18th October. A note has been sent home with more detail for those children involved. It will be held on the School Oval.

GETTING ORGANISED
Mid-way into the month, you may be in need of a planner; or if you're super-organised why not download October's?

KIDS' HOLIDAY CAMPS
Do your kids have technology overload? Challenging adventurous activities - like rock climbing, kayaking and archery - help children and teenagers develop independence, self-esteem and social skills. Watch the video for inspiration.
Find out more: https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=615882415134701

GETTING OFF THE LOUNGE
It's never been more important for children to get off the lounge and take a break in the great outdoors. You’ll find the benefits aren't just health-related.

Thomas Kelly
Principal

Jump Rope For Heart
Thank you to everyone who supported the Jump Rope for Heart event we held at school last term! $5000.00 was raised for the Heart Foundation. A big thank you must go to Miss Young for her enthusiasm and organisation of the day.

Canteen Roster:
Thu 10th Oct: Trish, Janelle
Fri 11th Oct: Ian, Helper Needed
Mon 14th Oct: Cassie, Helper Needed
Tue 15th Oct: Maree, Tara
Wed 16th Oct: Christie, Helper Needed
Thu 17th Oct: Kath, Kylie
Fri 18th Oct: Leanne, Rebecca
Mon 21st Oct: Gail, Helper Needed
Tue 22nd Oct: Katie, Helper Needed
GOOD LUCK: Good luck to Liam S who flies to Darwin on the weekend to compete in the National Touch Football Championships. We are sure that Liam will do the Hunter proud. Thank you to everyone who has supported Liam in the lead up to this competition. The school community has raised over $500.00 to help pay for essential uniforms, entry fees, plane tickets and accommodation costs.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING: Any Year 2 or 3 students who cannot confidently swim one lap of Swansea pool unaided, are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the swimming lessons from the 4th – 8th November. Miss Foley, Mr Lobston and two other instructors will be teaching the students from 12:30 – 2:30pm each day at Swansea pool. The students only need to pay for the bus and pool entry each day. The cost for the week of lessons is $40.00. If you would like your child to be part of this great opportunity and learn a very important skill for life please see the office for permission notes.

HATS: This term students need to have a broad brimmed hat to play on the ovals and equipment. The Department of Education and Communities Sun safe Policy states that: Hat brims need to be at least 7.5cm for an adult and 6cm for children. For children under the age of 10 years, the brim should be proportional to the size of the child’s head and provide shade for the whole face. Sun safe hats do not include: baseball caps or sun visors. These hats do not protect the cheeks, ears or back of the neck and are not recommended by health authorities for sun safety. It is fantastic to see so many of our students wearing these hats already. The hats are available for purchase from the office and the uniform shop (open each Friday morning.)

Miss Foley
Assistant Principal Primary