Monday 3rd February, 2014
Term 1 Week 2:

**WELCOME TO 2014:**
Welcome back to all the parent and students for the commencement of the 2014 school year. We warmly welcome our new students and their families. I trust everyone enjoyed the holiday break. It was an important time for us all to recharge and plan exciting teaching and learning opportunities for the new year ahead.

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students: would also like to welcome the new kindergarten students – Cody Vassallo, William Pope and Adam London.

**STAFF UPDATE:**
Ms Ritherdon: K-6 teacher (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday) Admin – Thursday & Friday
Mrs Psilos: STL teacher (Monday & Wednesday)
Miss Pace: K-6 teacher (Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)
Miss Murray: General Assistant (Tuesday & Wednesday) SLSO (Thursday)
Mrs Miln: School Administrative Manager – (Monday, Tuesday & every 2nd Friday)
Mrs McGuire: Instructional Leader - Wednesday

**PROMPT ARRIVALS:**
It is requested that all students be at school ready to start work at 9.10am. Students need to learn to be punctual as teachers wish to start lessons promptly. If students arrive after this time, they need to obtain and a parent sign a late arrival note from the class teacher.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE NUMBERS:**
Please notify the school immediately in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:**
School photos have been arranged for this Thursday. Students are to wear summer school uniform. Information and payment options were sent home at the end of last year. If you have any enquiries, please contact the Office.

**SWIMMING LESSONS:**
The Learn to Swim lessons for Years 2 to 6 will be held at Warragamba Pool over five days from Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February. A detailed note will be shortly sent home.

**PARENT HELPERS:** We welcome parents into the classroom. If you are interested in assisting children with reading, writing or mathematics please see me.

**IMPORTANT TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**
Thursday 6th Feb: School Photos
Friday 28th Feb: Clean Up Australia School Day
17th-21st Feb: Swimming Lesson
Wednesday 12th March: Wacky Wednesday hair day
Wednesday 19th March: Books in Homes Assembly
11th April: Last day of Term One

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School Photos
INTERNET CORNER:

Choosing school shoes:
Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Teach your kids to be waterproof:
As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

Kindies First Day

LIBRARY NEWS:
Library lessons will be held each Wednesday. Years One to Six will be able to borrow resources from the library for a two week period and need to have a material library bag or an old pillow case to protect the library books. Kindergarten students will be able to borrow at the beginning of Term Two.

Books in Homes: This year is the third and final year that our school will be participating in the Books in Homes Program, where the students will be receiving 9 new books of their choice (3 books in Term 1, 2 & 4), 9 book labels, 3 book catalogues, 3 new waterproof book bags as well as our school library receiving 144 new books this year. The Years 1-6 students have viewed and made their book selections last week with Kindergarten students selecting their books this week and then orders will be processed. The students will then be bringing home their catalogues with the books titles that they have ordered. When the books are delivered to school, the students will be presented with their labelled books at a special Book Giving Assembly on Wednesday 19th March, where all parents and caregivers are invited to attend. Entries in the Books in Homes competition need to be returned to school by Monday 3rd March.

2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge: Students will once again be registered to take part in this very worthwhile program. An information pack will shortly be sent home with reading lists and a reading log.

Book Club: Book Club order forms will be sent home this week. Completed orders, with payment, is due at the Office by Monday 17th February.

A GOOD NIGHT SLEEP ON SCHOOL NIGHTS:
Children need a good sleep each night to be able to cope with the challenges of school. They need to have lots of energy for trying new activities, making friends, listening, following instructions and being confident learners. A good sleep will help your child to:
- Remember what they learn
- Pay attention and concentrate
- Solve problems and think of new ideas
- Play sensibly.
More advice at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au)
**EQUIPMENT:** EVERY STUDENT IS TO BRING A PENCIL CASE TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

Items need to be replaced when necessary. It is each student’s responsibility to make sure that their pencils are sharpened and at school each day. Every child needs to have with them every day: 2 lead pencils, ruler, sharpener, a rubber, coloured pencils, a glue stick and a school bag. We ask that at the beginning of each term that you supply a box of tissues to share with your class.

**NOTE FOR ABSENCES:**
Please notify the teacher verbally or in writing, regarding a reason, if your child is away.

**UNIFORM:**
We ask parents to ensure students come to school in full school uniform. Coloured jumpers, tracksuit pants, shorts and jeans under dresses are not part of the school uniform. Please ensure your child wears a blue school hat every day.

**HOME ROUTINES:**
It is important that students have something to eat before they come to school. Children can concentrate better if they are not hungry. It is also a good idea to have a regular bed time.

**LUNCH / RECESS:**
It is extremely important that your child comes to school with appropriate food to get them through the busy school day. We are asking that ALL students aim to bring a healthy lunch to eat. This would include a sandwich and fruit. Snacks such as chips and chocolate are ok, but only as a snack and only in small amounts.

**BOOK WORK:**
All students are expected to have high standards of work completion in their books. It is also expected that students use correct letter formation when handwriting. In order for this to be possible, students MUST bring the correct equipment to school each day.

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