Dear Parents

WELCOME BACK
2013 has started well with a significant increase in enrolments and the initial formation of an 11th class. Classes K-6 are small and this means more individual support for each child. There have been a few changes in staff. We welcome Ms Brooke Carman, who is our Assistant Principal Curriculum, who will be working with teachers on best practice in the classroom. Mrs Thompson and Mr Robberds are taking classes. Mrs Ibrahim is back from maternity leave three days a week.

For family reasons I will not be working on Mondays this year. Mrs Manning will be relieving Principal every Monday. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss any issues, please come to see Mrs Manning or myself. We will work closely together as always.

Mrs Blencowe has decided to retire. She is an extremely hardworking and very caring teacher. The needs of her students have always been paramount and we will miss her greatly.

We are safe, respectful learners.
Mrs Bell, who has worked in our office for over 26 years, has also retired. Mrs Bell not only helped keep the office running smoothly but showed a special kindness and concern for both students and teachers alike. We wish them all the best for their retirement.

STUDENT WELLBEING
We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

PLAYGROUP
I am happy to say that Playgroup starts next Friday 22 February, 2013 at 9.10 am in the small hall. New families are most welcome.

SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT
It is our policy that students are supervised by an adult at all times to ensure their safety. For this reason we do not encourage students to go to the toilet during class. There is a toilet bell at the end of recess and at the end of lunch so unless children are sick there is not a need to go to the toilet again until the next break. However, if a child is going to have an accident, they are to tell the teacher and allowed to go. It is important for parents to support us in this policy, as students can be at risk.

Judy Smith
Principal

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CLASS NEWS

WELCOME KINDERGARTEN 2013

Welcome to all of our new Kindergarten students for 2013. We have had a very successful start to the year. The students are now working hard in their class and getting used to the school routines.

Some of the faces of Kindy Indian Ocean

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WELCOME KINDERGARTEN 2013

Some of the faces of Kindy

Lake Eyre
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Late last year Ms Byrne and I rearranged the library to make it user friendly and inviting. Students may notice a few more changes in coming weeks.

CLASSES AND BORROWING

All students will be notified about their library day this week. Each class will have a 1 hour lesson per week which will include borrowing, literature and information literacy (Research skills). Students must bring a library bag to each lesson. Wattawa Heights’ library bags are available through the school uniform shop. Students are also welcome to bring in a cloth bag from home, provided that it is big enough to hold a book.

During term one, all Kindergarten students will be allowed to borrow 1 book at a time. Please ensure the book is read and returned the following week. Years 1-6 have a borrowing limit of 2 books per week. If it is a long book, the student can keep it for a second week. If your child reads often and returns books regularly, I will negotiate the number of books they can borrow.

OVERDUE BOOKS

Late notices are sent home approximately twice a term. Please look for the books mentioned and if not found, send a note to the school. Although the note will include a replacement cost, I do not ask for payment of lost books until the end of the year, as often the book will reappear.

OPENING HOURS

The library operates 3 days a week and is open to students during their allocated lesson. They are welcome to visit and borrow during the second half of lunch on Monday and Tuesday. Parents are welcome to contact me with any queries or concerns through the office. We are all looking forward to a great year of reading.

Mrs Steinfurth
Teacher Librarian (Monday-Wednesday)

P & C NEWS

The P & C Annual General Meeting and committee elections will be held on Monday 25th February in the small hall at 9.15am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend and bring new and exciting ideas for fund raising for the school.
# STUDENT AWARDS

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## OFFICE NEWS

**UPDATE STUDENT DETAILS**

A green form will be going home with the school bulletin. Please fill in any details which have changed as it’s very important we have the correct updated details. Children become very distressed when we cannot contact their parents if they are sick or injured.

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PERMISSION TO PUBLISH
It is very important to sign and bring in the Permission to Publish notes as soon as possible.

LABEL CHILDREN’S CLOTHING
Please label all of your child’s clothing, including hats. If your child has lost a drink bottle or lunch box please see their classroom teacher and the office.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking will commence on Tuesday 19th February. Please bring your bank books to give to your class teachers.

FAMILIES TOGETHER- NO COST
Keeping your cool with your kids is presented by a family relationship education skilled trainer. Topics covered

- What is anger and how it develops
- Understanding your own emotions as a parent
- Impact of your own anger on your children
- Tips on managing and coping with your own emotions to become the parent that you want to be

For more information please call on 0407 708 626 booking as are essential.