Dear Parents

I would like to thank Mrs Manning and the staff for doing such a wonderful job during my absence. It was lovely to come back to a brand new canteen kitchen, new turf near the new hall and a calm and hardworking school. There is a special assembly on this Friday 17th October at 11.30am to showcase the Dance2BeFit program. Please come.

NEW PLANNING CYCLE

2015 is the beginning of a three year planning cycle in all Department of Education and Communities’ schools. We have completed the initial part which is developing a vision statement for our community. Thank you to those parents who contributed to the surveys. Your input is essential to this process. During this term we will be evaluating all the data we have collected and setting goals to achieve in 2015-2017.

WATTAWA WEDDING

During the holidays I had the privilege of attending Mr Muller’s wedding. On behalf of the Wattawa Heights School Community, we wish both Adam and Melanie all the happiness for their future life together.

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ADDRESSING ANY ISSUES

If you have any issues, problems or just want more information about school, please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher or if it is urgent please ring or come up to the office to discuss these. Often these issues can be resolved quickly and very easily especially when we are aware of them. However, we expect these issues to be discussed in a calm and reasonable manner.

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

The teachers have organised a free Road Safety Day to reinforce the road rules. However, as parents and carers, you also need to take responsibility for safety by not calling for children to cross the road. If there is no crossing, you need to escort your children across the road.

Judy Smith
Principal

TEACHERS’ MESSAGES

NRMA SCIENCE & ROAD SAFETY DAY

Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day on Thursday 23rd October.

This road safety program will be delivered free of charge to our school by the National Roads & Motorists’ Association with the aim of helping our students stay safe of the road.

This program involves students participating in road safety shows in the hall and completing road safety workbooks in the classroom to help the road safety messages stick. The shows combine important road safety message with science. Messages such as “Wear their seatbelt” have a greater impact when children have a stronger understanding of the forces they experience when travelling in a car and what could happen to them should the car stop suddenly in a crash.

In the science show, a crash test dummy – an egg – memorably shows children how a seatbelt works to restraint passengers in a crash and more importantly why a seatbelt must be worn on each trip.

Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe, and so we would like to invite you to come and watch the first show of the day at 9:30am to see what your children are learning and how you can reinforce these road safety messages at home.

Students are also encouraged to bring their bike helmets to school on this day to learn how to fit them safely.

After the day, your child will be bringing home the NRMA road safety workbook they have completed in class so take the opportunity to speak to them about what they have learned and what they can do to help keep their friends and family safe. Within each workbook is a 4-page parent insert on child road and bike safety for you as a handy reference guide at home.

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The program is now in its second season and 40,000 students have already enjoyed the program.

For more information please about the Road Safety Day, please see Mrs Ibrahim.

Thank you

Mrs Ibrahim.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

All students this term will be exploring the Non-fiction (Information) section of the library during lessons.

Kindergarten to Year 2 will become more familiar with the selection of books available in this portion of the library and have a number of Information texts read to them.

Stage 2 and 3 will be critically exploring information literacy questions including:

- What is a reliable resource?
- How do I know where to find the information?
- What do I need to know?

**BORROWING**

Congratulations to 1/2L for winning the Term Three competition! They enjoyed a lunch time session on the iPads last week and will receive their ice blocks this week.

The competition for this term is a little different. The first class where each student has borrowed on two occasions this term will be the winning class. Any class, who also has every student borrow after the winner has been announced, will also be invited to the library for a lunch time session with the iPads.

Please encourage and assist your child in locating school books that may have been kept at home. Books previously borrowed by students who have moved on to High school will also be welcomed. Library books, home readers and class books all need to be returned regularly so that other students may share them as well.

Borrowing will finish in Week 6 for students who have outstanding books to return. Students who have returned all of their books will be permitted to borrow in Week 7.

The library will be closed for the last three weeks of term to allow for the annual stocktake.

**BOOK CLUB**

Scholastic Book Club catalogues will be distributed this week. Please ensure they are returned by Wednesday 23rd of October. This is the last catalogue to be handed out this year.

Mrs Steinfurth.
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Along with Live Life Well@ School and Crunch& Sip, we wanted to encourage the very serious message of healthy eating to children. Miss Wilcomes invited her gardening club students to participate in a healthy eating activity: **Making Vegetable Rice Paper Rolls** using the green vegetables grown in our school’s vegetable garden.

Students in the gardening club spend parts of their lunch each week looking after the garden by weeding, planting, fertilising, watering and maintaining it. These children are dedicated to sustaining the vegetable garden project with Miss Wilcomes.

The children used:

Lettuce, bok choy, spinach (from the vegie garden), carrots, red capsicum, vermacilli noodles and rice paper rolls.

They filled a rice paper roll with all the vegies and learnt how to roll it up properly.

Students not only enjoyed participating in the activity but they also learnt that when you try something for the first time, you might just like it!

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With only 22% of four to eight year olds eating the recommended serves of vegetables and the statistics getting worse as kids get older, programs like Crunch&Sip or joining extra curricula activities such as gardening club are a great way to teach students about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

Thank you to Miss Wilcomes for this educational opportunity and all the children in the gardening club for doing a great job.

Mrs Ibrahim.

NUTRITION NEWS

Welcome back to another healthy term ahead. Please don’t forget to pack a bottle of water and a fruit or vegetable snack for Crunch&Sip.

It will be very important especially during the warmer weather for children to refuel with a nutritious snack and drink plenty of fluid during class time.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY:

Regular physical activity is important for the healthy growth, development and well-being of kids and teens. Being active as a family is one of the ways to encourage your child to be more active. It not only makes you a good role model, it’s a chance to have fun together as a family.

Usually the biggest hurdle to family activity is finding time, but you don’t need to do everything all the time. Just try and fit a few activities into daily life in a balanced way:

- Walk or ride a bike with your child to the local shops or to and from school
- Encourage children to help with household chores such as walking the dog, washing the car or mowing the lawn
- Go for a family walk after dinner

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• Keep a football, frisbee, jump rope, scooters or bat and ball in your car at all times

For more information on how active living for families visit: www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

Mrs Ibrahim.

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**P & C NEWS**

There will be a Halloween Disco on Thursday 30 October in the school hall. More information will be coming next week.

Abby Yaghi
President P&C

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**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

FAMILIES TOGETHER - KEEPING YOUR COOL WITH YOUR KIDS.

Areas Covered:
- Coping with anger
- How anger affects children
- How to handle children’s anger

DATE: Thursday 16th October 2014
TIME: 6:30 – 8:30pm
PLACE: The Edensor Room, St John’s Park Bowling Club
93 Edensor Road, Edensor Park.

Bookings are essential – 0407 708 626. Child minding is not available for this course.

TALKING WITH CHILDREN THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES

Children are confronted daily with news stories about violence, war and other tragedies as well as having events in their own lives such as divorce, parent separation or loss of a loved one, changes in family income and moving.

DATE: Thursday 6th November 2014
TIME: 6:45 – 8:45pm
PLACE: Training Room, Brian Wunsch Centre
126 Avoca Road, Wakeley

Bookings are essential – 0407 708 626. Child minding is not available for this course.

GET ACTIVE BANKSTOWN

Bankstown City Council’s annual GET ACTIVE BANKSTOWN community event is coming up.

Come and join the festivities at Carysfield Reserve, off Johnston Road, Bass Hill on Saturday 25th October from 2pm – 5pm

The event is FREE to attend and will cover 4 zones of fitness, sport, leisure and health & wellbeing. There will be an appearance by Canterbury Bulldogs, Western Sydney Wanderers, Cricket NSW, AFL NSW/ACT. Skateboard competition, dance/fitness performances, animal

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farm, giveaways and much more. Information available at www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au or 9707 9236.

CHILDREN’S WEEK FAMILY SHOW

FREE family stage show featuring Bananas in Pyjamas and How to Train Your Dragon. Face painting, bring a picnic or buy a sausage sizzle, lucky door prizes. Alcohol and smoke free event. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their own children.

Fairfield Showground(undercover area), Smithfield Road, Prairiewood. Sunday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November 2014 3pm – 6pm. More information – Teresa 9725 0115 or 0417 450 373

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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Programmes in accordance to My time, Our place.

Before School Care After School Care Vacation Care
6.30am - 8.45am 3pm - 6.30pm 6.30am - 6.30pm
- Programming in accordance to “My time. Our Place”
- Before and after school drop off service (require with
- Qualified and nurturing staff
- Great rates
- Holiday care enrolling now
- CCB approved
- Ages from 5 years - 12 years
- Meal menu provided

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