Dear Parents,

NEW YEAR NEW CLASSES

Classes have been finalised now and teachers are beginning to plan for the rest of the term. As with last year, classroom and support teachers are working together in Stage teams. This means that the teachers plan, develop assessment tasks, reflect on students’ achievement and learn together. We do this to ensure that your children get the best education possible.

FOCUS FOR 2014

This year Mrs Azzopardi, Mrs Comninos and Mrs Manning will be working with teachers on pedagogy. Pedagogy is the science and art of education which basically means knowing what is the best ways to teach and how to use this knowledge in the classrooms. We will continue our focus on reading with K-2 guided reading and 3-6 comprehension. We will also be setting targets to improve Spelling. In Maths we will continue with daily numeracy groups.

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OUR FABULOUS ATHLETES

Two of our students were outstanding at the recent Little Athletics Regional Championships. Lily-Jean McNair came first in the Under 10s 1100 m Walk. Elana Topalidis came second in the Under 9s 700m Walk and second in Under 9 Long Jump jumping 3.54m. These girls are now going off to the State Championship.

Judy Smith
Principal

TEACHERS’ MESSAGES

SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

Last Thursday afternoon we began our Sport in Schools Program. All students attended the first session and were extremely impressed with the quality of the program being offered. Everyone had a lot of fun learning new skills under the guidance of professional sports teachers. A friendly reminder that students who have not yet paid to participate in the program need to do so by Thursday 20th February.

Mr Toland
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 12 February we successfully held our Swimming Carnival. As you can see in the photos below, we had some great results and also a lot of fun. The results of the carnival will be included in our next newsletter, with our District Team representing our school at the District Carnival on Monday 3 March. Thank you to all teachers for their assistance on the day, to parents for their support and to Mrs Whitehorn for joining us to celebrate our swimming achievements.

Mr Toland

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LIBRARY NEWS

READING

‘Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything.’—Tomie dePaola

PARENTS

We would like to encourage the students at Wattawa Heights Public School to read for enjoyment and to gain knowledge. The school library has many books that are available for borrowing. Students are encouraged to borrow every week. They will need a library bag to protect the books. Library bags are available from the uniform shop at a cost of $12. Document folders can be used in the upper grades as the books are often smaller.

Please encourage your child to borrow and read the book at home. The younger students will need you to read the book to them.

Library days are as follows:

Monday- 2M, 1A and 5/6M Tuesday-3/4B, 3/4T, 5/6G and 1/2L  Wednesday - KH, KM, 1/2W and 4/5R.

P & C NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 2pm on Wednesday the 5th March in the small hall. An election of the executive committee will take place at this time. If anyone is interested in standing for one of the positions, please attend this meeting. Positions to be filled are as follows; President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We will also be looking to appoint a uniform coordinator. If you would like any further information, please see one of our current committee members.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will continue in the playground on a Wednesday morning from 8.45 til 9am. All new parents who wish to join our banking programme please see the banking coordinators at one of the Wednesday morning banking stations. You can also leave a message with the Office Ladies to be contacted.

UNIFORM SHOP

We are currently out of stock of size 6, 8 and 10 S/S Polo Tops. The shipment is expected shortly. If you require these sizes please place an order with either the Office Ladies or at the Uniform Shop and you will be notified when the stock arrives.

Uniform Shop hours are; Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8.45 til 9am.

If you are unable to make these times then please see the office ladies for an order form and you will be notified when your order is complete.

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**STUDENT AWARDS**

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**OFFICE NEWS**

**SCHOOL FEES**

Thank you to all those parents who have already paid their fees. There are still families who have school and tech fees outstanding. Children won’t receive their homework books until their tech fees have been paid. Please pay to the classroom teacher with the correct money in an envelope with your child’s name. No payments or change are given at the front office. Please pay as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

**SCHOOL HATS**

Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform and a hat with their name in it. The office supplies hats, only in an emergency. Remember No Hat No Play Policy.

**PARKING**

Please do not walk through, drive or park in the school’s driveway entry/exit gates or parking area. This is for the safety of all staff and students.

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LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY LEAVERS
Attention all late and early leavers: Children and parents should come to the office for a pass. If you are bringing your child’s lunch please come to the office first.

ADVERTISING
Space is available in our newsletter for business advertising. If anyone is interested in advertising in our fortnightly newsletter, please see the office for further details.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

CONDELL PARK HIGH SCHOOL
You are cordially invited to Condell Park High School Meet & Greet Morning Tea, for prospective parents on this Thursday 20th February 2014 at 11.30am - 1pm. Meet the principal and senior executives, enjoy the morning tea and participate in the tour and Q & A session about staring high school. Third Ave, Condell Park 9709 4522 ext 117.

FAMILIES TOGETHER

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY IT...? Positive Communication for Parents is presented by Petra Will Herat Social Psychologist, Counsellor, Parent Educator. The way you communicate with your child impacts on their behaviour, self-esteem and your relationship with them. Date: Wednesday 26th February 2014 Time; 6.45 – 9.15pm Place: Conference Room A Mount Pritchard and District Community Club - Mounties, Meadows Road Mount Pritchard. Booking are essential please call on 0407 708 626.

RAISING GIRLS FOR ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL SUCCESS is presented by Dr Andrew Martin. Girls face distinct challenges and opportunities as they move through school and beyond. This workshop provides practical strategies to help realise their academic and personal potential. It focuses on ways to help girls:

- Reduce anxiety
- Increase self
- Build resilience for tests and other performance situations
- Develop and sustain high personal expectations for school and the future
- Address fear of success and self-doubt
- Manage technology, the internet and social networking
- Build good parent-child relationships

Bookings are essential. Date: Wednesday 12th March 2014 Time: 6.30- 9.00pm Place: Memories, Bankstown Trotting Recreational Club Ltd, 178 Eldridge Road Bankstown. NO COST.

MAXIMISING THE ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL OUTCOMES OF BOYS is presented by Dr Andrew Martin. This workshop presents practical strategies to help

- Increase boys motivation and engagement
- Encourage "personal best" approaches to school life
- Boost boys achievement

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• Boost boys valuing of school and educational and occupational aspirations
• Enhance boys literacy
• Manage technology, the internet, social networking and electronic gaming
• Build good relationships between boys and parents (or other carers)

Bookings are essential. Date: Wednesday 26th March 2014. Time: 6.30-9.00pm
Place: The Horsley Room & Lounge, City of Fairfield RSL Memorial Club Ltd
14 Anzac Avenue Fairfield. NO COST.