

# BULLETIN



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*Thank you for taking the time to read our school bulletin. It is an important way to keep in touch with what is happening at our school and to know what your child will be doing. Please keep this bulletin somewhere where you will be able to refer to it so you will know about special coming events.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and families that came to our K-6 Assembly and Recognition Days last week. Congratulations to all the award recipients for their hard work throughout the year.

Thank you to the current Prefects and Captains who have represented the school proudly during 2013. I would like to congratulate all the nominees and the successful Prefects and School Captains for 2014.

School Captains—Yasmin Ali and Owen Junior Taotua

Prefects—Serina Dinh, Dylan Donnelly, Nada Hussein and Osama El Masri

I look forward to working with them during 2014.

Thank you also to Miss Marshall, Miss Buchan, Mrs Hendricks, Miss St Ledger, Mrs Richards, Mrs Fitzgerald, Mrs Forzan and Mrs Dewildt for their fantastic organisation, catering and decorating for the Year 6 Farewell on Monday night. All students were well behaved and enjoyed their time.

We congratulate Mrs Child on her 30 years certificate for teaching in public schools. This is an outstanding achievement for one of our most valued and respected members of staff.

We will be farewelling some staff at the end of the year; Mr Roe will be moving to Broken Hill and Mrs Rekic to a school closer to home. Mrs Milliken will return for her farewell in Term 1 as she is retiring from teaching in 2014.

We would like to congratulate Mrs Clayton for attaining a permanent 2 day teaching position at VEPS.

We will be welcoming Mrs Ta back one day a week and Miss O'Lieric will also be returning from her overseas travel.

We wish Miss St Ledger all the best for the arrival of her baby. Miss St Ledger will return for the first week of Term 1.

The Principal position has not yet been filled, therefore Miss Marshall will be the Relieving Principal for Term 1, until a replacement for Ms Deacon is completed. I will be an Assistant Principal, and Miss Coleman will be a Relieving Assistant Principal replacing Mrs Whiting who is on maternity leave due to have her third child.

I would like to thank all the parents and staff for their support during Term 4 while I have been the Relieving Principal. I have been very fortunate to have such an amazing parent community and staff to work with. I have enjoyed being the Principal, however am looking forward to working closely again with the students in 2014.

We have many things to look forward to in 2014 and I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

Miss D. Penrose  
**Relieving Principal**

## SCHOOL TIMES

School begins each day with a bell at 9:15a.m and the students move to class at 9:15a.m.

Students should not be at school before 8:45a.m.

**THERE ARE NO TEACHERS ON DUTY UNTIL 8:45 a.m.**

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL BEFORE THIS TIME.**



**Holiday Exemptions-** If you intend to go away with the family before the end of the school year it is important that you apply for an attendance exemption for your child. Please enquire at the front office. If you will still be away with your family at the start of the 2014 school year please enquire at the front office for an exemption application.

**Playgroups at VEPS** – The Burnside Playgroup and the Karitane Playgroup will finish for 2013 next week and will operate again in 2014. Details of starting dates for 2014 will be available at the start of next year. These groups are wonderful for children that are not school aged and provide parents and carers with an opportunity to connect with other adults.

**Road Safety-** The roads outside schools are busy before and after school. There are some important things for everyone to remember. In the mornings children are to enter the school through the pedestrian gate near the school office. In the afternoon children are to exit school at the pedestrian gate near the school garden. No children should enter or exit the school through the driveway. Children should only cross the road at Lowana Street at the pedestrian crossing. Parents and carers driving cars should observe the road rules. I speak to the children regularly about road safety and reinforce the importance about crossing roads safely at the pedestrian crossing. I also remind the children about entering and exiting the school at the pedestrian gates. I would appreciate it if you could also reinforce these important messages about road safety with your child. Please note – Bankstown Police and Bankstown Council have been implementing extra patrols of the streets outside our school.

### **Dates for the Calendar for 2013/2014**

**Wednesday 18th December - Last Day of Term 4 for students**

#### **2014 School terms:**

***Year 1-6 students will return on Wednesday 29th January. Kindergarten students will start either on Monday 3rd February or Tuesday 4th February. Letters will be sent home notifying parents of the starting time for Kindergarten students, as they do not all start school together. Appointments are given to all students and parents to start Kindergarten.***

Term 1: Wednesday 29th January—Friday 11th April

Term 2: Tuesday 29th April—Friday 27th June

Term 3: Tuesday 15th July—Friday 19th September

Term 4: Tuesday 7th October—Wednesday 17th December



# VEPS 2013 Recognition Day Highlights

