

# 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,

## **Message From the Principal -**

**Welcome Back** - Welcome back to school for term 3. I hope you all had a restful school Holidays. I look forward to working with the staff and the community to support the learning of our students.

**Teachers On Leave** - Ms Francis, the teacher of 3/4F, is on extended leave for the remainder of the 2013 school year. Ms Francis will return to school at the start of the 2014 school year. Ms Harrison will teach 3/4F for terms 3 and 4 and comes highly recommended as a primary teacher. I take this opportunity to welcome Ms Harrison to our school community.

Mrs Lees, the teacher of 3/4L, is also on leave for term 3 in 2013. Mrs Lees will return to our school in term 4 of this year. Ms Mulchrone will teach 3/4L for term 3 and also comes highly recommended as a primary teacher. I welcome Ms Mulchrone to our school.

**New Teacher** - Mrs Websdale has been appointed to our school as an Instructional Leader and I wish to welcome her to our school and to the Executive Team. Mrs Websdale will work with Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students and teachers to support literacy and numeracy learning. Mrs Websdale has been an Assistant Principal in a number of schools in South Western Sydney and was most recently teaching Years 1 and 2. Mrs Websdale is highly skilled and very experienced and will be a wonderful addition to our school staff.

**Head Lice** - I wish to advise you that we suspect that nits/head lice were present in the hair of some students at the very end of term 2. Please check your child's hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health website <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au>. If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended. Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above). I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

**Excursion and Event Money Collection**— Children are to give money and permission notes for excursions to the class teacher in class at the start of the school day. Please do not pay for these events at the school office. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

**Parking in Lowana Street Before and After School** - Parents and carers are reminded to park legally on Lowana St before and after school. Please follow the directions of the parking signs. It is important for parents and carers to park the car in the appropriate place and then pick up children. Police and Council Parking Officers often patrol the area. There are heavy fines for illegal parking, speeding, for children not wearing seat belts or for children not being in the correct child restraint.

**All parents and carers and children should use the pedestrian crossing to cross Lowana Street. It is important that we work together as a community to ensure all children are safe.**

**No Smoking at the Entrance of the School** - Smoking is not permitted within 4 metres of the school gates. Smoking is not permitted within 10 metres of children's play equipment including the play equipment in the Preschool. Signs have been put on the school gate and on the school gate near the Preschool to remind the community about these new changes. Children,

## **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.**

### **Dates for the Calendar for 2013**

**Friday 19 July - Kindergarten to Year 2 Pet Ownership Presentation**

**Tuesday 23 July - Year 1 & 2 Excursion to Fairfield City Farm**

**Wednesday 24 July - O.C. Test**

**Thursday 25 July - Year 5 CARES Excursion**

**Monday 29 July - Education Week**

**Monday 12 August - Athletics Carnival**

**Tuesday 20 August - Year 1 & 2 Excursion to Bass Hill Plaza**

**Monday 26 August to Friday 6 September - Years 2 to 6 Swimming Scheme**

**Ms K Deacon  
Principal**



# Head Lice

Dear Parent,

We have discovered an outbreak of headlice at this school. This is not a cause for serious concern as your child may not be affected, however head lice are extremely contagious.

In order to determine if your child has been infected with head lice, we are asking all parents to inspect their child's hair. We suggest that you look for the following symptoms or signs that would indicate the presence of head lice:

- General: child scratching his/her head excessively,
- On pillows: fine black powder or pale coloured material
- In the hair: signs of lice eggs ("nits") - cream or coffee coloured specks close to hair roots
- Lice: small white or 'Greyish' parasites the approximate size of a pin-head.

If you notice any of the above signs or if you require any further information, please contact your local pharmacy as treatment is readily available and easy to apply. Additionally, we have some further information here at school.

We encourage you to ensure that this problem is solved quickly by determining if your child is affected and seeking a recognised headlice treatment if necessary.

## TO PREVENT GETTING HEAD LICE

- Tie your child's hair back
- Tell your child not to share hats or clothes
- Check your child's hair regularly
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NSW Health recommends the use of white conditioner and a head lice comb which is less expensive than chemical treatments. Further information is available on their website:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice/treatment/index>.

Yours faithfully,

K. Deacon

Principal

17<sup>th</sup> July, 2013