NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2015. I would like to give a warm welcome to our new families and new staff members joining our school this year.

We have had the most wonderful start to the school year. All classes are running smoothly and the students are engaging with their teachers for 2015.

Play 1st - Eat 2nd
As you would know from the letter sent home early this week, we have commenced a trial of Play 1st and Eat 2nd during our break times. Thank you to parents who have given feedback to us about this trial. In our first week we have seen many positives about the Eat 2nd, especially with students eating in classrooms with their buddy class. The fact they have close supervision for eating time means we are able to monitor that students are eating the wonderful lunches you are packing for them.

Crunch & Sip in 2015
Attached to this newsletter, and going home to all students, is a flyer about Crunch & Sip break. Many of our teachers have been running fruit breaks in their rooms during first session for a number of years. It wasn’t consistently implemented across the school. After discussions at the staff meeting this week, all staff are highly supportive of the Crunch & Sip program and starting on Monday will be implementing this program. We do need parental support for this to be successful in classrooms. There are different processes from Early Years to Upper Primary due to the developmental needs of the students.

Class Information Evenings
In Weeks 3 & 4 teachers will be holding their class information evenings for parents. Please look out for a note from your child’s teacher in the coming weeks.

Religious Education
Mr Gordon and Mr Satchell who have been delivering the RE program at Dakabin for many years are continuing again in 2015. This program is non-denominational and will start in Week 3. Please make sure you let your child’s teacher know if you choose for your child to be withdrawn from this lesson. Please be aware that the children withdrawn stay with the class teacher during this time.

No Hat No Outside Play
Please ensure that your child has an appropriate school hat for play time. There are no caps allowed as these are not sun safe. The school hat, a bucket hat style, is available at the uniform shop. Students are required to wear the School Uniform Hat.

Junior and Senior Choir
Ms Beilby our new music teacher is establishing our choir program for 2015. Junior Choir is available for students in Years 1/2/3 and Senior Choir is available for students in Years 4/5/6. If your child would like to be part of the choir please remind them to see Ms Beilby to sign up. Ms Beilby is at our school teaching Music on Wednesday / Thursday and Friday.

Learning Priorities for 2015
This year we are continuing our focus on Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Our school has invested our GRG money into Pedagogy Coaches to support Teachers in delivering high quality learning to all students.

Our Early Years Coach, Mrs Raelee Randall is working with Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Teachers. Their focus is about establishing literacy foundations for all students.

Our Literacy Coach Mrs Kate Djellalou, who is also out Head of Curriculum is working with all teachers on the explicit teaching of reading. Teaching children to be competent readers is our most important priority. Reading is more than just decoding words; comprehension and inferring skills are key to becoming a successful reader.

Our Pedagogy Coach, Mrs Toni Betts, is supporting teachers with our School Wide Positive Behaviour Program and working with individual students and families on supporting students to make positive behaviour choices in our school.

Have a great week.

Kelly Jeppesen
Principal
Welcome Back to School Sausage Sizzle - Thursday 5 February

Next Thursday after Parade our P&C will be holding a welcome back to school sausage sizzle. Come along and meet new families and talk to P&C volunteers about how you can be involved in the life of the school. All families welcome! 2:30 - 3:30pm outside the tuckshop.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Coordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is WEDNESDAY

Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by filling in the tear off section below and return it to The Office by FRIDAY 6th FEBRUARY

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name:__________________________________________

Phone:__________________________________________

Email:__________________________________________

Availability:______________________________________
