



NEWSLETTER

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Feb 13	3-6 Tri Skills begins
Feb 17	P & C Meeting
Feb 18	Meet the Teacher evening
Feb 19	Leaders Induction Assembly
	Scripture begins
March 3	NWPS Swimming Carnival

Dear Parents and Students,

Meet the Teacher

The date for our “Meet the Teacher” night is Wednesday 18th February. Those with students in **Kindergarten to Year 2 will commence at 5.15pm and conclude at 6.00pm. Years 3 – 6 (including 2/3 B) will begin at 6.15pm and conclude at 7.00pm.**

All meetings will be held in your child’s classroom. Please, unless there is absolutely no other option, just parents to attend the meetings no children. If you or your partner cannot attend on the night contact the class teacher to arrange a time to meet. A reminder about the class coordinators positions from last week’s newsletter - these will be determined on the night. If you are interested in doing the role but cannot attend contact the class teacher prior to the night to let them know you are interested.

Working with Children Checks

Any parent or community member who volunteers to help and support our students must complete a “Working with Children” declaration. It is very easy to do and only takes a few minutes to complete. The forms are then kept at school and your name placed on a database. With a change in protocols a parent needs only to complete a single form and that will cover them for all normal school activities. Only if a parent is participating in an overnight student activity will they be asked to complete another form.

So if you are new to our school and intend to support our students by any of a multitude of ways could you please contact the office and complete a working with children form. If you are unsure if we have you on our database just check with the office.

Media Permission

Our school received some very positive media coverage over the course of the year and as a result of this coverage I have fielded many phone calls congratulating the school and the school community. To continue being able to access media coverage

all students must have a signed media permission note. The note allows (or does not allow) a student's image to appear in all forms of print, television or internet media. These notes are kept on file. It is very important that you complete the permission note and return it to your class teacher as soon as possible. Please be aware that the note applies only to students in Years 1 – 6 as kinder students completed theirs at enrolment.

All notes are kept on a database and need only to be returned to school once. However, it is up to the parent to contact the school if you want the permission status changed in any way. When applicable we can only use the information we have on file.

Leaders Induction Assembly

Our school leader's induction assembly will be held on Thursday 19th February at the usual starting time of 1.30pm in the hall. At this assembly all our school leaders will be officially inducted into their positions. School Captains, Prefects, Sporting Captains and library and computer leaders will all be inducted.

Unfortunately as a result of having another new class this year seating for parents and relatives will **be even more restricted** for this and all other assemblies throughout the year. I apologise but the reduction is to ensure that all students, staff and guests have a safe assembly environment.

School Parking

This is the first reminder of the year regarding parking in and around the school. The school has two disabled car spaces. The first is in the staff car park adjacent to the Principal's space. This space is to only be used by people who have the necessary permit to park in a disabled parking space. The permit must be displayed as per normal. The second space is adjacent to the main school entry. It is signposted as: "authorised vehicles only". Only people who have the correct permit or who have approached the school for authority to park can park there.

Please be aware of these restrictions. The spaces were put in to support those people in our school community with special needs.

Please be Aware

This is a request to all those parents who enter the school to pick up their children in the afternoon and especially to those who wait outside the rooms in the administration block. The noise generated by discussions being held outside windows and doors is very off putting to both the students and the teachers. Also parents are peering into windows and doorways well before the final bell. With the exception of the final few minutes of pack up, students need to have their full concentration right up to the bell. So please be conscious of this and stand or sit well away from all classrooms or lower the volume of your conversations until the final bell. Thank you.

B. Kunkler
Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER NEWS - VACANCIES FOR 2009 – SHIFTS UP FOR GRABS

Let's start the new year with a joke:

A duck walks into a bar and says to the bartender "I'll have a beer thanks mate".

The bartender says "Hey! where did you come from?"

The duck says "I'm working on the construction site across the road".

And the bartender says, "Why are you working in the construction game? You could

be making millions in the circus!"

And the duck said "What would the circus want with a brick laying duck?"

How funny was that? Seriously, many thanks to Kerrie Basclain and Liz Cook who manned the fort on the first Friday back at school. Thanks also to Clodagh O'Grady and Vanessa Blissett who have both filled one-off vacancies this week.

The 2009 Roster comes into effect on Monday 2 March, so in the meantime could all 2008 volunteers please check their calendars to see which day you are Rostered on in February. Please note also that volunteers **must** wear flat, covered shoes whilst working in the Canteen.

There are a few "one-off" vacancies this month:

- . 11.00am - 2.00pm Friday 13 February;
- . 8.30am - 11.30am Wednesday 25 February;
- . 11.00am - 2.00pm Wednesday 25 February; and
- . 8.30am-11.30am Friday 27 February (two vacancies)

Please contact Jules Curtin (Canteen Roster Clerk) on either 0433 879 006 or 9484 5280 or email her at tccabbling@bigpond.com if you are able to fill any of these one-off vacancies.

A copy of the 2009 Roster will be in next week's newsletter. If you haven't already volunteered, it's not too late! If you can see a vacancy there that would suit you, please contact Jules ASAP. Mondays and Wednesdays require 2-3 volunteers each shift and Fridays 3-4 volunteers each shift are required for the Canteen to operate efficiently.

Signed: The Old Duck

UNIFORM POOL NEWS

Trading hours

The Uniform Pool will be open Friday mornings between 8:45 and 9:30.

For new enrolments or laundry disasters by appointment,

Please contact

Colleen Cowley on 9489 8470 or

Sarah Bryan on 9484 6648

Roster vacancy

We have one vacancy to fill for the year. The 2nd Friday of each month. If you are able to help out for an hour on this Friday please contact Colleen or Sarah on the above numbers. Uniform Pool is toddler friendly.

Back in Stock

Backpacks & reversible Alice headbands are now back in stock.

The uniform Pool has received a few enquiries for a larger backpack. We would like to hear from anyone else who would be interested in purchasing a larger size backpack to see if the demand is there to warrant stocking 2 sizes. Please come and see us on a Friday morning.

Polar Fleece and girls winter trouser orders

Next Friday is the final day to place orders for the new polar Fleece and the girls new winter trousers. Please fill in the order form attached to the newsletter and drop it into the Uniform Pool or the office by end of school **Friday the 13th**. If you have not seen these items or need to try them on for correct sizing please come to the Uniform Pool

on a Friday morning. Uniform shop will still be open regardless of Teachers federation voting meeting.

Sarah Bryan
Uniform Pool Treasurer

OOSH NEWS

Welcome to the new school year. We would like to let all parents who use OOSH that the AGM for the OOSH Parent Management Committee will be held on Wednesday 25th February 7.30pm in the OOSH rooms.

We welcome new and current parents to come and join the committee. We provide support and direction for the OOSH Directors and staff and liaise with the centre administrators, to ensure that our OOSH continues to provide the quality service we need for our school.

If you have any queries please email Robyn Potts on clagpotts@optusnet.com.au

SLIP SLOP SLAP

Have you used all your sunscreen in the holidays?

Need some for the **schoolbag** or **sports bag**?

Rolls can be purchased from the **canteen** or the **uniform pool**.

On sale \$3 each while stocks last

All money raised goes to our P&C to purchase resources for our children.

Thankyou for supporting you school.

CANTEEN NEWS

Happy 2009 ! A very special welcome to all our new families; and a warm welcome back to all of our 2008 families. Here's hoping that you had a wonderful summer break and that you are all prepared for a successful, happy year ahead. And now the answers to some frequently asked "canteen questions"

- The canteen is a **healthy choice canteen**. We adhere to the "Fresh Tastes Strategy" issued by the NSW Government (departments of education and health). All canteens in New South Wales should be adhering to this strategy which provides very strict guidelines regarding the items of food and drink that we are allowed to offer.
- The canteen is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 08h30 – 13h30.
- The current menu is due to be updated shortly. Please "watch this space" in order that you are well informed of any changes. The 2008 menu is likely to be in place for the entire first term of his year, with the revised 2009 menu being introduced at the commencement of term 2.
- As well as items available each day, please be aware that there are "specials" available for recess and lunch each day. Please refer to the menu – these (lunch) specials can only be ordered on the respective day.
- Lunch orders **must** be handed in to the canteen by 09h00.
- Recess items do not need to be ordered. Scholars line up to be served their item selections.

- Please provide paper bags for orders (or purchase from the canteen – 10c each). One bag is required for food orders; and a separate bag is required for drink orders.
- Your child's name and class must be clearly written in the middle of each bag; along with the items of food / drink that wish to be ordered.
- Please try and provide the correct monies. The total should be recorded on the bag under the order together with the amount enclosed in the bag. Please also record any change that is due.
- Kindergarten classes will be brought to the canteen by their teachers within the next few days. Ordering, lining up etc. will be clearly explained. We will endeavour to show them what a wonderful place the canteen is and what wonderful food choices are on offer !
- Ordered lunches are delivered to the classroom via a Class Canteen Monitor which each teacher will appoint.
- If your child forgets his / her lunch or recess, loses his / her lunch money, or has a mishap with the lunch they brought from home (e.g a drink leaks into a sandwich) please encourage him / her to see their teacher. The teacher will bring your child to the canteen and we will provide a basic lunch (e.g. sandwich, drink, fruit). A credit note will be sent home for the items provided. Please send monies owing to the canteen the next canteen day.
- If your child receives an incorrect lunch item (e.g. Strawberry milk instead of Chocolate), please encourage them to come and see me so that it can be immediately rectified.
- If your child has **any** food allergies and / or intolerances, please advise me as soon as possible. Perhaps you could pop in and see me in order that we devise a plan of action that best suits your child.

During early school years, children experience great physical, psychological and social development. To ensure that this development occurs normally, children need optimal consumption of energy and particular nutrients. As a school canteen we share the responsibility with parents and teachers to provide nutritious food and effective nutritional education to our scholars. This is my challenge for 2009 !!

Here's to a wonderful year

Lesley Irvine
Canteen Manager

P.S. A quick reminder to all the current (2008) volunteers. Please remember that the roster runs until the end of February 2009 and did not end with the close of last year as many thought ! And to all the new volunteers who I am hoping for with great anticipation, I look forward to meeting you all and welcoming you to the fun, social world that is canteen 2009 !

