

Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to all students, parents and community members. A special welcome to the new Kindergarten students for 2015 –

Treyton, Isaac, Kelsey, Michael, Koen and Shelby





Kindergarten Buddies – 2015

I would like to thank our senior students – Phoebe, Tayisha, Lauchlan, Nic, Jai and James for being the Kindergarten buddies this year.



School Captains – 2015

Our school captains for 2015 are Phoebe and Jai. Congratulations to Phoebe and Jai.



P&C Annual General Meeting

Our first P&C meeting will be held tomorrow at 9.00am. All P&C positions will be open and vacant. The meeting will take place in the library. All welcome. Please bring along a plate to share at the meeting.

Term One Dates – 2015

This term is a ten week term. School finishes on **Thursday, 2nd April** with **Friday, 3rd April** being **Good Friday** and a **Public Holiday**.



Ambulance Cover – 2015

School students are covered by Departmental ambulance cover while at school. This provides assurance that if a student has an accident or falls ill whilst at school or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, the cost will be met through the scheme.

Seafood Free Zone

This year we have a student allergic to prawns on site. I am please asking for your cooperation in not sending any kinds of seafood to school at any time. Thank you.

Lexia Core 5 Reading / Symphony Maths

Students will continue with their Lexia reading this year. As your child progresses through the levels a certificate will come home to inform you of their progress. New students will sit a placement test and begin the program at their level.

Also this year all students will begin a new program called Symphony Maths. Many students struggle with math because they rely on arbitrary memorization techniques to answer specific questions. This program is visual and a highly intuitive interface. Symphony Maths helps students understand at a conceptual level. Instead of being overwhelmed by numbers, students move at their own speed and learn how math works. Therefore, students gain a strong foundation in underlying principles and become better equipped to take on basic and advanced areas. Going far beyond rote math drills and test practice tests, this special teaching solution illuminates the core of learning and produces confident, more capable learners. All teachers will receive training in Symphony Maths before students begin the program this term.



History

This year Ms Phelps will teach the history component of the syllabus to the K/2 class. The first topic for term one will be Changing Families. In Term two the topic will be Different and the Same. Term three will be Describing Time and term four will be Celebrations. Look out for some homework tasks on these topics.

Guitar Lessons

All students in years 1 to 6 will be having guitar lessons with our guitar teacher, Paul Nickerson, every Tuesday. These lessons will be starting tomorrow, **3rd February**.

The cost of these lessons is **\$45.00 per student / per term**. The payment for term 1 is due to the school office by Tuesday, 17th February.

Please forward your payment in a clearly marked sealed envelope with your child's name and the correct amount enclosed so it can be passed on to the guitar teacher.

School Contribution

The school contribution for 2015 is **\$45.00 per student**. Please forward this payment to the school office as soon as possible.

Swimming Carnival

The Small School's Swimming Carnival is being held at Beresfield Pool on **Friday, 13th February**, starting at 9:30am and finishing at approximately 2:30pm.

All students in years 3-6 are expected to attend the carnival. Students in year 2 who are turning 8 this year and can competently swim 50 metres can also attend the carnival.

A detailed note about the carnival will be sent home with this newsletter. Please return the permission note to the office as soon as possible if your child is attending the carnival.

Young Leaders Day

Stage 3 students from our school have been invited to attend a Young Leaders Day at **Thornton Public School on Friday, 20th February**. The students will have the opportunity to listen to special guest speakers and participate in leadership workshops.

A permission note will be sent home with all Stage 3 students with this newsletter.

Important Dates to Remember

Annual General P & C Meeting	Tuesday 3 rd February, 2015 9:00am
Guitar Lessons Start Years 1 to 6	Tuesday 3 rd February, 2015
Small Schools Swimming Carnival	Friday 13 th February, 2015
Guitar Payment Due	Tuesday 17 th February, 2015
Young Leaders Day Stage 3 Students	Friday 20 th February, 2015

2015 Homework Planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year. Find out more <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips>

Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school>