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Term 1 - Week 4

Friday, 21st February, 2014

Principal's Message



Another busy week at Middle School saw classes back in the pool. Our new surface around the pool and in the shower area looks great! Didn't happen overnight, but it did happen.

Thank you to our families who have engaged with our annual ILP meetings. These meetings are pivotal to your child's education and learning progress. If you are unable to make a meeting in person please contact your child's classroom teacher to organise a phone meeting. Your time is greatly appreciated in assisting us to plan learning goals for your child.

NDIS INFORMATION

This week I spoke with a representative from the NDIS office in relation to why some families are yet to have their planning meetings and access to support etc. whilst other families have this in place.

It seems that those families who did not have any active attachment to another service provider (ADHC, Lifestyle Solutions, LWB etc.) have been able to access the support process straight away (including families from Lake Macquarie LGA). Families who have an active support (speech therapy, OT, respite etc.) through any service provider will be gradually introduced into the NDIS system over time.

April will see the beginning of the next roll over, and as I understood it those families with ADHC active attachments would begin to roll into the NDIS system from April onwards.

If you would like more information on your specific circumstances please contact the **NDIS office directly on 4942 9200**. I found the person I spoke to, to be very helpful, even though I asked a lot of questions!

Please let school know if there is anything we can to help.

Regards
Belinda Ryan
Principal

School Fees

\$100 per year or \$25 per term.

Please contact the office for more information.

Diary Dates - Term 1

Week

Tuesday, February 25th	Morning Tea to Thank Bunnings Staff
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Week 6

Thursday, March 6th	New Families Morning Tea
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Week 7

Monday, March 10th	Year 7 Immunisations
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Office News

School Uniforms

School uniforms will be ordered next week.

Now is the time to start thinking of the cooler weather. If your child requires uniforms please ask for an order form to be sent home or call in at the office to collect one.

Entertainment Books

Just a reminder that we will be selling the 2014/2015 Entertainment Book this year.

The official book launch is in March and the books should arrive sometime after that.

If you, family or friends are thinking of purchasing one this year, please keep the school in mind.

The school receives a commission from the sale of each book.

New Payment Options

The office now has the facility to accept payments by eftpos, Mastercard or VISA. If this option suits your lifestyle then please ring details through or send details in with your child. (These will be shredded once payment has been made). We have attached a payment slip if this helps.

School Newsletters

If you would like to have our school newsletters emailed to you please fill out the attached note and send back to school.

As a school we are trying to reduce our environmental footprint.

Regards
Susan and Kristy

School Newsletters

We do / do not want the school newsletter emailed.

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Email address: _____

Please return this slip back to school.

Credit Card Payment Slip

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Payment for: _____

Amount: \$ _____

☐ VISA

☐ Mastercard

(✓ Please Tick)

Card Number: ____|____|____|____ - ____|____|____|____ - ____|____|____|____ - ____|____|____|____ - ____|____|____|____

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