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NEWSLETTER

Term 1

Week 1

27<sup>th</sup> January

2015

## Dairy dates

<b>Feb 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>GC AGM and Acquaintance Night</b>
<b>Feb 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>NRM Day at St. Columba's (6/7 students only)</b>
<b>March 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Combined Sports Day at Curramulka</b>

Welcome to the 2015 school year. I trust all families had an enjoyable holiday with family and friends. We are looking forward to a successful year for all students.

This year we extend a warm welcome to several new staff as well as those who have returned.

- Georgie Inglis who will be taking the R-3 class for the mornings and all students for several afternoons during the week
- Stacey Bishop who has returned from accouchement leave. Stacey will work with all students on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.
- Krysia George (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) who will be providing some student support, manage the library and undertake some administration tasks
- Sue Hutchinson (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) will return to provide student support in the Lower Primary class.
- Julie Johnson (Monday, Thursday and Friday) will continue with the finance and administration role.

We also welcome two new students Skye Greenwood and Jett Deroos.

There is some exciting news to begin the year and provide support to students and families during

2015. Our application for a Pastoral Care Worker was successful. The process to appoint a suitable person to the role is underway and we hope to have the positing filled before the end of term 1. The **2014 School magazine** is now available in the front office. If you ordered and paid for one please collect it. There are some extra copies if you would like to have a copy at the cost of \$20.00. The dates set so far for 2015 school year are already making it a busy time. Please put the dates on your calendar.

- Monday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>: Governing Council AGM and Acquaintance Night
- Thursday Feb 26<sup>th</sup>: NRM day for 6/7 students
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Combined Sports Day at Curramulka

Included in this pack are

- **Personal Detail Forms.** Please update any information on the forms and return them to school by the end of this week. It is essential we have up-to-date information for your child/children at all times
- An **Acceptable User Agreement** for use of the school's IT. This is an updated form and required your signature.
- A **Local Excursion Note** so we can take the students on excursion within the town boundary.

- A **Photo Permission Note** for use of your child's photo in a range of publications, local and site.
- A draft copy of **this year's timetable**. To ensure all areas of the curriculum are covered we have revised break times to allow adequate time to cover all areas, in particular the new areas that have been introduced and we are required to address in the Australian Curriculum. The timetable may undergo change as the year progresses.
- **Newsletter Survey**. We are seeking your thoughts on the publishing of the newsletter. In the past we have produced a newsletter once a fortnight, with information often being repeated. We ask you for your response to having a newsletter produced twice a term and provide more student work and we seek your suggestions for inclusions in the publication. Please complete the attached survey with your response.
- A letter outlining the role of a **Governing Council** member and why you should consider nominating as well as a **Nomination Form**.

I would like to remind families of school requirements

- A **hat** must be worn everyday in term's 1 and 4 and by negotiation in terms 2 and 3
- **Fruit** is for the first recess break and we urge parents to ensure their child has fruit for this break. It is a good start to support learning during the early part of the day. It is also important for the students to have healthy and nourishing lunches with treats being saved for times at home.
- Daily **attendance** for continuity of learning. Absence is unavoidable during times of illness and we request a phone call and note explaining the absence. This is as DECD

requirement. This avoids the absence being coded as unexplained. We are aiming for a 95% attendance rate this year.

- If your child has an identified **health issue** (e.g asthma, allergy etc) that may require medication during schools hours the school must have a health plan. All forms are supplied in the front office. Please speak with the Principal for directions on completing the form.

### Governing Council AGM and Acquaintance Night February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The AGM of the Edithburgh Governing Council will be held in conjunction with the Acquaintance Night on Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>. Attached to the newsletter is an informative article as to why you should consider being on GC as well as a nomination form if you would like to become a member of GC, to be returned by Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Once again we would like to begin the evening with an informal BBQ at the school with the food to be ready by 5.30 and the GC AGM to start at 6.15pm followed by presentations by teachers. Please complete the attached slip if you are able to help with the preparation and cooking for this evening. The school will provide sausages, patties, bread and sauce. Please BYO drinks and salad.

The following members are continuing on GC after being appointed in 2014.

- Darren Braund
- Shona Emery
- Walter Crawford
- Annie Zoumis
- Jo deroos
- Wennie McConnell

The following members have completed their 2 year term and are able to be re-elected if they choose.

- Jo deGroot