



30th January 2017

Term 1 Week 2

Welcome back for the start of the new school year 2017.

Welcome also to our new students and their families. Happy New Year everyone we hope you had a lovely Christmas with your family and friends. This is going to be a wonderful year with lots of activities planned. We are looking forward to working as partners in the education of your children. As always, I would like to remind our families that the school doors are always open for discussions. I believe in an open door policy. Everyone is encouraged to voice their opinions or issues whilst respecting those of others. I have high expectations of myself, staff and my students and assure you our aim is to give your child the best education possible. The term is starting to get very busy, please check calendars each week to make sure you are all prepared for upcoming events.

Thank you to our 2016 Year six students and Flanagan family for all their efforts in gifting the school a notice board to inform parents and the community of school events and student achievements. The wooden sign is being refurbished and it is hoped that the old will join with the new and gives us a sign to be proud of.

Class Structures and Staffing: The class structuring for 2017 will be Mrs Moore on K-3, and I'll be on the senior class of 4-6. On Thursdays students will attend the school

library with Mrs Slaveiro and may borrow books. Mrs Williams will be our teacher on Fridays, this will allow for me to attend meetings and conferences which are part of my role as School Principal. This year we welcome a new staff member, Mrs Peta Robinson, who will be working as an Instructional Leader to support K-3 students with literacy and numeracy. This is possible due to additional funding under the Early Action for Success program.

Mrs Teale is our School Administrative Manager, Mrs Flanagan is our school Learning Support Officer and will be in the school from Monday to Wednesday. Cherie Hay is our School Liaison Officer and will be at school from Monday to Thursday. Mr Moss is our General assistant working every Wednesday and Felicity Cochrane helps the school by keeping it clean for our students.

School Leaders Induction Ceremony - Meet and Greet:

Last year Joseph and Nikita were elected as our School Captains for 2017. We will be holding a School Leaders Induction Ceremony along with a meet and greet session on Wednesday 8th February at 2:00pm. We would like to invite you all to join us for lunch at 1:30pm followed by the official induction ceremony, meet staff & classroom visits. I would especially like to invite parents of School Captains, House Captains, SRC and Library Monitors to be present to formally pin the badge on their child's uniform as part of the ceremony. Congratulations to all our school leaders for 2017.

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Small Schools Swimming Carnival: The very first event, the Small Schools Swimming Carnival is on Wednesday 1st February in the Orara Valley Community Pool at Nana Glen. Transport is by private vehicle, all students are encouraged to take part. Permission forms are being sent home, please return them with \$3.00 pool entry. The carnival starts at 9:15 and pick up time is 2:00pm. Details are on the permission note.

School contribution: It is very important that families pay their school contribution as it helps the school to provide your children with exercise books, text books, online learning programs (that can also be accessed at home) and all the stationery required for the year. The contribution is \$40.00 for the first student and \$20.00 for each subsequent student. This will make it equitable and affordable to everyone.

Home work: Homework will be sent home every Friday and should be returned, even if incomplete, the following Friday. However, this week we will send it on Monday. It is very important that every child spends at least 20 mins every day revising the days work at home. It will be included in their homework. If you do not wish your child to do homework please inform us. If home work is not returned continuously for 3 weeks we will stop sending it home.

General Consent and Emergency Contact Details:

These forms are being sent home to all families. Please ensure they are completed and signed for each student. All emergency contacts need to be updated along with your current address and phone numbers. These forms are mandatory and very important in case of an emergency.

Daily School Routine:

- 8.40am School is open.
- 9.15am morning assembly takes place .
- Approx 9.20 students go to class - fruit break is taken in the morning session with a piece of fruit or vegetable provided from home.
- 11.15am - 11.45 Recess
- 11.45 am - 1.15pm Mid Session
- 1.15pm - 1.45pm Lunch Break
- 1.45pm - 3-00pm Afternoon Session
- 3.00pm afternoon lines, notes etc distributed, students are escorted to the gate where they are picked up by parents or walk home.
- Please inform the school if your child's pick up arrangements change. ie they are being picked up by someone else or if you are running late. Thank you.

I Look forward for another productive year.

Regards

Surinder Kaler (Principal)



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Kinder - Year Two fantastic new workspace



Thank You Mrs Moore, Cherie and Connie it looks fabulous.



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SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 27/1/17					SDD
Week 2 30/1 - 3/2			Small Schools Swimming		
Week 3 6/2- 10/2			School Leaders Induction Meet and Greet		Orara Valley Swimming Carnival
Week 4 13/2 - 17/2			Debating Enrichment day		
Week 5 20/2 - 24/2					
Week 6 27/2 - 3/3		Red Balloon Day			
Week 7 6/3 - 10/3					
Week 8 13/3- 17/3					
Week 9 20/3 - 24/3		Harmony Day			
Week 10 27/3 - 31/3			Great Debate		
Week 11 3/4 - 7/4		Orara Valley Cross Country			

Staff Return 24th April, ANZAC Day 25th April,
Students return 26th April

*What ever you do,
do well.*

