

Calendar of Events

Term 1

Week 1

Tuesday 29 January	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 30 January	Years 1 to 6 return
Thursday 31 January	Kindergarten starts

Week 2

Wednesday 6 February	P&C Meeting – 6:00pm
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Week 3

Tuesday 12 February	YSS Swimming Carnival
Thursday 14 February	Mrs Gordon @ PPA Start Up Conference – Wagga
Friday 15 February	Mrs Gordon @ PPA Start Up Conference - Wagga

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all of our students. We hope that everybody had an enjoyable and restful holiday and that you are all ready for a busy term.

Our kindergarten students, Gracey Rose and Conner Fawcett, started school yesterday and are settling in really well. They have enjoyed their two days of school this week and are having lots of fun making new friends.



Staff for 2019

K-2 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) - Sonia Wheatley

K-2 (Friday) - Lynne Watt

3-6 (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) - Monica Gordon

3-6 (Monday & Tuesday) - Lynne Watt

Office - Kim Cormack

Cleaner - Fran Cannon

General Assistant (GA) - Col Chapman

Sport

PE is to be held on Tuesdays for all students.

Sport is to be held on Fridays for all students.

Please ensure your children wear their sports uniform and joggers on these days.

Library

Library day this year for all students will be on a Thursday.

Our library books are very precious and in order to keep them in good condition, all students are asked **to bring a library bag** to put their books into. Can you please ensure their name is clearly marked on their bag.

We had a lot of library books go missing last year. Our new policy is that books **have** to be returned each week. If your child has not finished with a book they can reborrow it. Students will not be able to borrow new books until all previous borrowings are returned. If a child misplaces a book, an invoice will be sent home to help pay for the cost of a new book.

To help your child learn to look after and return their school library books, we suggest that you ask them to put the book back into their library bag each time they have looked at the book. They may be able to hang their library bag on a door knob or chair in their room.

Term Planner

Attached to this newsletter is a Term Planner so that you can put important dates into your diary. Please remember that other things will be added as the term progresses and that occasionally, dates change as well, but you will be notified of these changes in the newsletter calendar.

Also attached to this newsletter is an information card to hang on your fridge. It tells you which uniform they need to wear each day, when PE and sport is, which day library is and which day their homework is due back.

Absentee Notes

Don't forget that if your child is absent for part of the day or a whole day, the school needs an explanation as to why your child was absent within 7 days. You can either:

- Send in a note
- Email the school
- Use the Skoolloop App
- Ring the school

Please be aware that it is a legal requirement for you to provide an explanation for your child's absence from school.

Please find attached a fact sheet regarding Compulsory School Attendance.

Personal Details Update

From time to time addresses, phone numbers and emergency contact numbers change. Please find attached an update for your details. It is very important that this form is returned to school so that we are able to contact you or your emergency contact if your child becomes sick or an emergency arises.

Can you please return the form to school no later than next Friday, 8 February so that we may update our records.

Uniform

Can you please ensure your children are wearing the correct uniform.

The boys summer uniform is: blue shirt, grey shorts, grey socks and **black** school shoes.

The girls summer uniform is: school dress, white socks, **black** school shoes.

Sports uniform is: royal blue shorts, school sport shirt, white socks, joggers.

On the days the children don't wear their sports uniform and they want to run around in their joggers at recess and lunch, they are to bring them in their school bag to change into, not wear them to school.

The school has a "no hat – no play" policy. All children are to wear the school hat (not caps). These hats are available to buy at the school, either new or second hand. A new hat costs \$12.

Please make sure that your children's names are clearly marked on their uniforms including hats.

Medications

If your child is sick and requires medication to be taken at school, a note needs to be sent in outlining the name of the medication, the reason for taking it and the dosage. This applies to medicine prescribed by a doctor or any over the counter medication such as painkillers, hay fever tablets, etc.

All medications are to be taken to the office and **at no stage** are students to have medications in their bags or pockets during school hours.

Excursions

Over the previous couple of years, the P&C has been in a position to pay for the cost of the bus when we have had to travel away for excursions.

Unfortunately, the P&C is not in a position to pay for the cost of the bus for excursions this year. This means that the school will be asking for parents to pay.

If you are not in a position to pay, at the time of the excursion, please contact the school so that we may come to an arrangement.

If you wish, you can send in a lump sum of money from which we can deduct payments for excursions, canteen or anything else which my crop up.

This money will be securely locked away and a record will be kept of each transaction so that you know exactly how your money has been spent.

Class Requirements

Pencil Case	Lead Pencils
Blue Pen (Yr 5-6)	Red Pen (Yrs 3-6)
Coloured Pencils	Rubber
Pencil Sharpener	Ruler
Glue Stick	Scissors
Textas	Library Bag
Spare Undies (Kindies)	2 boxes of tissues per family



YSS Swimming Carnival

The Young Small Schools Swimming Carnival is being held on Tuesday 12 February 2019. All students are expected to attend.

They need to wear their sports uniform with their swimmers underneath.

The carnival will begin at 9am so please be at the pool by 8.45am to ensure a prompt start.

You will need to take your children to and from the event.

Students will need to take their recess and lunch or they can purchase food from the canteen.

The carnival will finish about 2pm. A list will be sent home next week with what events your children are in.

If the carnival needs to be postponed due to bad weather, it will be held the following Tuesday, 19 February.

School Bus

Now that we are back at school, just a reminder that it is a **REQUIREMENT BY LAW TO OBEY THE 40KPH WHEN THE LIGHTS FLASH** on the back of a school bus. If you are travelling between 41kph and 79kph a hefty fine and loss of points will apply. If you are travelling 80kph or over it is a loss of licence.

Please be aware of this when passing school buses that stop for children along our roads.

Nut allergies

Due to the increasing amount of allergies in children, we would like all parents not to send food to school which contain nuts. This will include peanut butter, some muesli bars, some biscuits – just to name a few.

Head Lice

There has been a case of Head Lice at school this week. Can you all please check your children's hair and treat if necessary.

If your child has long hair, it needs to be tied back and braided each day they come to school.

Bookclub

Please find attached Issue 1 of Bookclub. If you would like to place an order, please return your order with the money enclosed no later than Friday 15 February.

P & C News

Canteen

The P&C will once again be holding canteen every fortnight. A lunch order will be sent home with each newsletter and needs to be returned before the following Friday.

Money needs to be enclosed with the order, otherwise the lunch order will be sent back home.

P & C Meeting

The first P & C meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 6 February at 6:00pm. We hope to see as many parents there as possible.

Please note that the AGM will be held on Wednesday 6 March with a general meeting immediately following the AGM.

Everybody is encouraged to come along.

Term Contributions

The P & C would like each family to pay a voluntary contribution of \$10-00 per family per term. This goes towards purchasing prizes for raffles, which in turn, raises money for our school.

If you are unable to help with working bees, and other P&C/school functions, this can be your way of helping raise money for our children.

You can send your contribution in to the office.

Reminders

Personal Details Update form to be returned by Friday, 8 February

Canteen Order Form to be returned by Friday, 8 February

Bookclub Orders due Friday, 15 February



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- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission slips

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