Welcome back to all our families for 2016. I trust you had a happy and restful break. A special welcome to those students and families who are beginning their time with us.

The weekly newsletter is a most important form of communication in the school and it will be emailed home on Thursdays or Fridays to all families. The newsletter is also available on the school website.

Our School Leaders and House Leaders for 2016

Class Organisation
KK Miss Sarah Kendall-Kelly
KW Miss Adele Wyson
Year 1/2B Ms Bea Gliozerys
Year 1/2C Miss Kerry Cawsey (Assistant Principal)
Year 2/3B Mr Christopher Barker
Year 2/3K Ms Ruanne Kelly (Mon-Wed)/Mrs Cathy Fullerton (Thurs-Fri)
Year 3/4 Mrs Debra Blackshaw
Year 4/5 Miss Jessica Conroy
Year 5 Mrs Elizabeth Frost (Mon-Wed)/Mrs Rebecca Barrett (Thurs-Fri)
Year 6 Mrs Gill Bennett (Acting Assistant Principal)

Support Staff
Library Mrs Lyn Spies (Mon, Wed, Thurs)
RFF Teacher Mrs Sarah Edgar (Mon, Tues)/Mrs Rebecca Barrett (Wed)
Support Programs Mrs Lama Kort (Mon)
Mrs Janene Morrin (Tuesday)
LaST/EAL/D Mrs Mercia Millingham (Mon-Wed)
Mrs Bal Josan (Tues)
SLSO Mrs Donna Sicurella (Mon, Tues, Fri)
Ms Natalie Boyd (Wed, Thurs)
Admin. Manager Mrs Carol Vanderlight
Admin. Officer s Mrs Maureen Jarrott (Mon, Fri), Ms Julie Peake (Tues, Wed, Thurs)
General Assistant Mr Mark Ohrynowsky (Mon, Wed)
School Fees
On Monday a note outlining the school fees will be emailed home. These fees include the cost of digital sites (Mathletics and Reading Eggs – being trialed for the first time in 2016), workbooks, photocopying and the general school contribution. Your prompt payment of school fees would be appreciated. Cheques should be made payable to Burnside Public School.

Parent/Teacher Meetings
Parent/Teacher information mornings will be held during Weeks 4 and 5 of this Term. Meetings will commence at 8.30am and conclude by 9.15am. The purpose is to outline what teachers have planned for their class this year and detail particular requirements they may be expecting, work to be covered in various learning areas, homework etc.
Your attendance at these sessions is encouraged.

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School Uniform
I commend all students who have returned to school wearing correct school uniform and thank you for your cooperation. The school policy is ‘No school hat no play’. If a student forgets their school hat they will be reminded and asked to sit in the shaded area of the playground. All students are also required to wear black shoes and ankle length socks. No jewellery (including bracelets, large ear rings and necklaces) is to be worn.

Ethics and Special Religious Education (Scripture) Classes
Special Religious Education and Ethics Classes will commence 17th February. Please contact the office if you require any information regarding these classes.

Clothing Pool Shop
The Clothing Pool Shop will be open every Friday morning (8:45am – 9:15am) or orders for uniforms may be placed through the school office.

Parent Helpers
This year we will be holding a ‘Parent Helper’ workshop. This workshop is designed to assist parents with helpful hints for assisting in our classrooms. During this workshop we will also be discussing Working with Children Checks and confidentiality. If you would like to assist in the classrooms this year we hope that you can make this valuable workshop.
Tuesday 16th February 9am in the hall, morning tea will be provided.

Annual Swimming Carnival
The swimming carnival will take place at the King’s Preparatory School on Thursday, 18th February. A note will be sent home outlining details of the day and parents are most welcome. Please note that students will be leaving school at 8.30am.

P & C News
The Annual General Meeting of the P & C will be held on Wednesday 17th February commencing at 7.30pm in the staff room. All positions will be declared vacant and nominations called for. Please consider attending and volunteering for one of these important positions.

The Music Bus 2016
Lessons commenced in the Music Bus on Monday. Thank you for your support of this initiative.

Student Safety
Please note the following request:
- Always use the pedestrian crossing in Masons Drive and Pennant Hills Road
- Follow the footsteps painted on the ground when entering or leaving through the main gates (The driveway should not be used by pedestrians)
- Please don’t drive into or park in the staff car park (unless authorised by the Principal)
- Park safely on the road and students should enter and exit a car kerbside.
Crunch and Sip Program
During class time students can refuel on fruit and vegetables and rehydrate on water. This assists students with physical and mental performance, and concentration in the classroom.

Crunch & Sip encourages fruit and vegetable snacking and drinking water. Healthy eating behaviours are modelled in the classroom and reinforce the nutrition messages in the PD/H/PE curriculum. By making fruit and vegetable eating and water drinking normal in the classroom, healthy habits can be formed and continued into adolescence and adulthood.

The Crunch & Sip gives students the opportunity to eat the piece of fruit that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox. Students are also more likely to eat their fruit or vegetables and drink their water if their friends and peers are all doing it too!

Children are asked to bring a piece of fruit or vegetables and small bottle of water. Younger children will need to have the fruit cut into small pieces.

Assembly Award Recipients Week 1

Welcome Kindergarten 2016!
What a wonderful start to your educational journey. The students will welcome Kindergarten to the school on Friday during assembly. Year 6 will be working with their kindergarten buddies tomorrow now that they have had a chance to settle into school. On Monday, kindergarten will be lining up outside in their class lines, supported by our school leaders, at 9am with the school. If parents have any concerns about separation anxiety with their child please let the class teacher know. All kindergarten students have settled in very well and I look forward to watching them grow throughout the year.

Congratulations to all students for a settled start to the year.

Gae Bromwich
Principal
Grandissimo Music
Tuition in Piano, Violin and Viola: Beginners welcome! $12 per half hour, $23 for one hour!
Contact Ally on 0435 905 107 for more details.

North Rocks Physical Culture Club
Fitness, Dance, Fun and Friendship – Come and Join the “Rockettes”
Physical Culture or Physie (pronounced ‘fizzy’), is a sport for girls and women of all ages, which aims to build confidence, good posture, strength, fitness and flexibility through dance. The syllabus, updated annually, is performed to modern music and comprises standing and floor exercises, aerobic warm-ups, basic ballet and modern dance.

Classes are held at Don Moore Community Centre, Corner North Rocks Rd & Farnell Ave, Carlingford on Mondays for girls from 9 Years through to Ladies and Wednesdays for girls from 3 Years to 8 Years.

All newcomers are very welcome!
For further information please phone
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