Second Step
This term as part of our social and emotional program Second Step, children are learning about how to solve problems in a respectful way. Children will be learning how to put their problem into words first and then to think of a number of solutions before acting. Through these lessons children learn how to be successful by being problem solvers. Teachers will send home more detailed information about the lessons throughout the term.

Late for School
We have a number of students who are always late for school. It may seem as though children are only missing a short amount of time, however the time builds up and often the children arriving late feels anxious. Our morning assembly time is 8.55 am and school starts at 9.00 am. It would be appreciated if all children can arrive on time for classes.

School Council
There is a School Council meeting at 5.00 pm tomorrow afternoon.

P & C Meeting
There is a P & C Meeting tomorrow night at 7.00 pm.

Kindergarten Orientation
The first visit is tomorrow - Wednesday 15th October between 10.00 am and 11.00 am in the kindergarten rooms.

Tricks for encouraging kids to read
Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they’ve enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at http://bit.ly/HLPmB9

How much water does your child really need?
Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don’t feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child’s school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child’s age at http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo

Private tutoring
Are you thinking about a private tutor to complement your child’s education? School A to Z explores questions about what to look for in a tutor, what you would want your child to achieve and tips on what to ask a potential tutor. http://bit.ly/K5aczo

Important Dates
22nd Oct Wizard of Oz
27th Oct – 7th Nov Year 2 swimming school
$75 per student. Limited numbers.

Student Election Timeline
The Student Election process for the 2015 Student Executive has begun. Year 5 students have brainstormed a Quality Leadership Criteria with the Stage teachers. They may now nominate themselves as a candidate in the pre-selection process for Student Executive. Nominations are to be in writing to Mr Morrison by 12.00 pm on Wednesday 15th October.

Aboriginal Dance
Last Friday, Fred Reid an Aboriginal Performer, visited our school. He told stories, sang songs and performed animal dances. He also taught us some Aboriginal phrases. Students and teachers were invited to learn and perform the dances. He was thoroughly entertaining and everyone enjoyed the show.
Ben Plowman and Baelee Clifford-Ward
### Library News

#### Borrowing

The library has a great selection of new books for students to borrow this term. Term 4 is always a busy time for the library and we will be beginning our annual stocktake in a few weeks. Due to this, student borrowing will finish in Week 5 (the week ending November 7). I would love to see students borrowing lots of books until then! If your child has overdue loans please ensure that they are returned to the library promptly.

Happy reading
Mrs Troup

### Canteen News

- **Wednesday 15th October**: Jess Mandie
- **Thursday 16th October**: Kristy, Natalie
- **Friday 17th October**: Mandie, Sarah (recess)
- **Monday 20th October**: Gayle
- **Tuesday 21st October**: Jane

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### Quality Kids

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### 2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

*Eligibility criteria apply*

**WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?**

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- **A $150 credit** on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer.
- **A $165 direct payment** to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

**AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?**

To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident and:
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

**WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?**

Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

**HOW TO APPLY**

- **ONLINE** – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

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