Term 2
Week 6

Assembly Roster
No Assembly this week

Important Dates
17th February  
Swimming Carnival Yrs 3 – 6
P&C Meeting 7pm

24th February  
Zone Swimming Carnival (Lambton)

26th February  
Sport shirt orders due

4th March  
Year 6 Transition Day

Swimming Carnival
The swimming carnival for 3 – 6 students is tomorrow. Students who have returned their notes and payment will be attending. We are hoping for a nice sunny day. Students are reminded to wear their house colours, school hat, bring water, lunch and recess and money for the canteen (optional). Students not going to the carnival need to come to school as normal.

Parent Information Sessions
Thank you to the parents who attended the information sessions last week. We had a large number of parents into the school to meet their child’s teacher and to get information about what will be taught and how the class is organised.

Kindergarten Best Start Assessment
Kindergarten Best Start Assessment information is going home today with kindergarten students. The assessment was carried out in week 1 or 2 of the school year. If there are any questions regarding the assessment, please make an appointment to see the class teacher.

Payment for Resources
All students are currently engaged in learning new work. Resources can only be given to students who have paid for their resource pack. Please ensure payment is made so all students can use their resources.

Morning Assembly
It is important at morning assembly for students to hear the messages for the day. We would ask that parents remain quiet during the messages and not block the pathway to classes. Thank you for your cooperation.

After School
Students need to be collected promptly at 3.00pm each day. Last week we had a number of students here late. Staff have professional learning to attend or meetings directly after school and are not able to wait with students.

Absences from School
Every time students are absent from school a note is required. Students need to attend school every day possible and unexplained absences need to be followed up by the school. Already after three weeks some students have been absent a number of times and notes have not been received. School is full time and students who are frequently absent often have trouble with their academic work as well as problems socially. Letters requiring explanations for absences will be emailed to parents and these should be filled out and returned promptly.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from the school. The school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Contact Details
Please ensure that contact details for students are up to date. If you have recently changed phone numbers let the school know so that we can contact you if needed.

Helping with homework
Our new homework policy asks students to read every night. This is very important. Students also have some written homework to complete to revise concepts taught at school. How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework
Dogs
Dogs are not permitted in the school grounds. This is an obvious safety issue and we ask for your cooperation.

Hats
Hats are required for outside play. This is to ensure that students are protected from the sun when they are in the playground. Hats can be purchased from the uniform shop or the canteen.

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P&C News
The P&C would like to say a warm welcome to all of the new MWDS families.

The MWDS P&C meets in the staff room on the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm. We would love to see some new parents at our first meeting for 2016 which will be held this Wednesday, 17th February.

This week’s agenda items:
- 2016 fundraising activities
- Increase to the canteen debit card limits; and
- Thank you gift for the 2015 auditor

P&C Executive for 2016
President – Larissa Sewell
Vice President – Toni
Foot Treasurer – Melissa Shannon
Assistant Treasurer – Melinda Bradley
Secretary – Lauren Wright
Assistant Secretary – Naomi Knoblauch
Canteen Liaison – Sarah Walker
Uniform Shop Liaison – Natalie Brown

We look forward to working with the school community throughout 2016 and assisting the school to improve the learning experiences of our children.

Uniform Shop
Sport shirt orders will be finalised on Friday 26th February. Please return all orders to the office.

Canteen News
Wednesday 17th February Canteen open for K – 2
Thursday 18th February Anne
Friday 19th February Mandie, Laura
Monday 22nd February Kristy
Tuesday 23rd February Jane

Sausage Sizzle
Coming home today with your child will be an order form for our Sausage Sizzle. Forms need to be returned to either the canteen or class lunch baskets before Wednesday 24th February. Children need their own forms. If you require another form please contact the canteen.

Thompsons Pie Drive
The Snack Shack is holding a Thompsons Pie Drive. Order forms will be sent home next Tuesday 23rd February 2016.

Community Notices