Welcome to 2015
Welcome back to the 2015 school year. We currently have enrolment numbers to form 6 classes.

In many cases, you may feel the need to talk with class teachers early. Please do not be upset if the teacher asks that interviews wait until week 3, while they spend 2 weeks getting to know the children. This way they can have a more informed interview with you. As we did last year, class teachers plan to have an interview, either in person or by phone, with all parents by the end of term 1.

Classes & teachers
We are starting the year with 6 classes. Children were placed in their new classes today.

Our teachers for 2015 include a replacement for Mrs Knight. Our new teacher will be teaching Year 1 but will not start until the merit selection process is finalised. This should be by the end of February. Mrs Van Nispen is teaching Year 1 until our new teacher starts.

Teachers for 2015 are:
Kindergarten - Mrs Jenny Hambly
Year 1 - Mrs Judy Van Nispen (then new teacher)
Year 2 - Mrs Lisa Sawras (then sharing with Miss Julia Slingsby later in the year on her return from Maternity Leave)
Year 3 - Mrs Ginny Latta & Ms Kristie Talbot
Year 4/5 - Mrs Lee Macdonald
Year 5/6 - Mrs Sam Lasserre

Library - Ms Kristie Talbot
RFF and Learning Support - Mrs Leigh Toscan

What’s on …

28th January
Years 1-6 return WELCOME BACK

28th-30th January
PLAN appointments Kindy

28th January - 3rd February
Uniform shop open 9.00-9.30am

2nd February
Kindergarten start school
Mobile Library 11.30 to 12.30

3rd February
Netball clinic notes due

6th February
Swimming Carnival 8yrs or older

16th February
Mobile Library : 11.30-12.30

24th February
P & C meeting

25th February
School photos

Thinking of our Year 6 2014

We hope all our Year 6 2014 students have a wonderful start to their new adventures at High School. All the best boys and girls.
Medical & Authority to Publish Forms
Each year we are required to get an update of medical conditions, Medicare numbers and emergency contacts. This needs to be completed BEFORE children can attend any excursions, including the swimming carnival. EVERY child is required to return the note, provided today, ASAP.
The authority to publish note will roll forward from 2014. Please let the office staff know if you have any changes you wish to make in regard to permissions.

School captains
Congratulations to our new captains and vice-captains:
School captains: Ethan Bagatan and Eliana Brown
School Vice-Captains: Harrison McMaster and Kate Schaefer
House captains
Blue: Zac Perrot & Taylah Dorey
Green: Jackson Cheong & Airlie Hunter
Gold: Pia Wild & Brayden Gow
House Vice-Captains:
Blue: Lachlan Mahon & Saoirse Grew-Carey
Green: Coen Wallace & Brooke Bishop
Gold: Erin Fudge & Diego Garcia-Lyon

Attendance
Last year several of our students had poor attendance patterns. We are hoping that a new year brings better attendance habits.
The DEC has a process in place to monitor attendance. Children with poor attendance patterns (including lateness and frequent early leaving) will be referred to the School Education Director who may then involve the Home-School Liaison Officers.
If arriving late, parents MUST escort late children to the office. Children are late even if they arrive 1 minute after the 9.25 bell.

Assembly
There is no school assembly this week. This year assembly will be at 3pm on WEDNESDAY afternoon, starting from next week 4th February. Kindergarten will join us on Wednesday 11th February.
Swimming carnival
With today’s newsletter there is a Swimming Carnival permission note for all children who turn 8 or older this year. These notes (and money) are due back to class teachers by Tuesday 3rd February. There are strict guidelines about the participation of students in water activities. Please read the note carefully, as teachers will return incorrectly filled notes. You will NOT be able to make changes between RED-BLUE-GREEN wrist bands on the day of the carnival. If your child is a NON swimmer, they are still expected to attend the carnival as a participant.
7 year old Year 2 children are invited to participate in this program as spectators only. This gives them a taste of what the carnival is like as they cheer on their classmates.
The swimming carnival program will be sent home in next week’s newsletter.
Please note: as we only have a small number of children in some age groups, we will be running some races as one group, but times will be recorded as per district carnival rulings, where there are sometimes separate races for 11 year olds. Example: if in one race, there was an 11 yo and a 12 yo. Both could technically ‘win’ the race as they are in different age groups.
More information about sports results can be found in our Sports Policy, which is available on the school website.
The permission note and program are also available on the school website.

Guitar Students
Lessons for 2015 will commence Wednesday Feb 4.
If for some reason your child is not continuing with lessons this year please let me know ASAP as other students are waiting for spaces.
Invoices regarding fees will be mailed home this coming week.
Thank you,
Fiona Clarke. PH: 0428 116 969
Lessons for 2015 will commence Wed Feb 4.

New Music Students
This year we will be running a series of introductory programs for any students in Years 3-6 who are interested in learning a woodwind or brass instrument.
Each program will run over 5 weeks and will give students an opportunity to try an instrument without having to make a long term commitment. Students receive 30min tuition once a week over 5 weeks. The fee is only $50 which includes tuition and instrument hire. Several programs will be run throughout the year, the first one will commence on Wed Feb 11th.
Information sheets are available at the school office. Any enquiries please ring 0428 116 969.

Combined Band
Rehearsal will still take place on Mondays during school term, 4pm at Lennox Head P.S. The first Monday rehearsal for 2015 will be on Monday February 9. Invoices regarding fees will be mailed home this coming week.
Fiona Clarke and Mark Whitney