Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back for 2013.

The staff and I hope you have had a great holiday. We have already started the year with challenges. The school phone system and our computer network went down during the holidays and yesterday was like a visit to a no technology theme park. We now have the computers up and running but phone connection may not happen until next week. All calls are being diverted at present so please continue to use the school's number 4930 3137, if you need to contact us.

We are also unsure as to the class structure for the year. At this point we welcome Miss Gardoll on K-1 with her wealth of experience teaching in both Australia and England. However, we are just short of the magic number of 78 students to retain 4 teachers at the moment. We will be running 4 classes at this point but if we do not have 78 enrolments on census date, 13 February, we will return to three classes. An any point during the year that we reach 78 enrolments, a fourth class can be formed.

If a change is necessary, classes will be
K-1  Mr Braye
1-2  Mrs Strickland
3-4-5-6  Mrs Adamthwaite (Term 1)

Fees and Text/Subscription Charges

The school fees (Voluntary School Contributions) this year remains the same as last year at $35.00 per student.

The cost of class texts and computer program subscriptions this year are:

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Please pay these as soon as possible at the office. Funds are available for texts to help families experiencing genuine financial hardship. Please contact the office.

Sausage Sizzle

One again, its time to organise the roster for sausage sizzle which runs every Friday, once the roster has been collated. If you can spare a couple of hours on Fridays, once or twice a term, please complete the following slip and return to the school mail box asap.

Sausage Sizzle 2013

Name: ________________________________
Phone: _______________________________

Active After School

This year the Active After School Communities program will be held on Tuesday and Wednesdays all year, starting in week 3. More specific details and note will follow.
Swimming Carnival
The school swimming carnival will be held on Friday, 15 February at West Wallsend Pool commencing at 10.00am and ending at approximately 2.00pm. Students from K-6 attend the carnival as it is a normal school day with activities planned for non-swimmers. Absentee notes are required if your child is unable to attend. Please be at the pool by 9.45am. The cost of pool entry for both spectators and competitors is $2.55, payable at the pool gate on arrival. Transport will be by private arrangements. Kindly complete the following permission note and return to the school mail box by Friday, 8 January. Please indicate on the permission slip if your child/children require/s transport.

Packed recess and lunch will be required. Students will need swim suit, towel and goggles. Goggles are mandatory, as required by the pool, and can be purchased at the pool from $9.00.

Volunteers (timekeepers and some generous people to actually get into the water to assist weaker swimmers) are required to make our carnival a success. Our carnival cannot run without your help. Please see Mr Adamthwaite if you can help. Without volunteers, it will be necessary to cancel the novelty events.

School Photos
Tuesday, 12 February
The School Photographer will visit in week 3 on Tuesday, 12 February (yellow sport shirts). It is vital for the smooth operation of the pre-payment system adopted by this school that each child returns his/her own envelope, even if the payment is enclosed in a sibling’s envelope. Pre-payment envelopes are attached with full details of available packages. Please return by the morning of photo day at the latest, fully completed with full correct payment enclosed.

Cheques should be made payable to “The School Photographer”.

No packages will be issued without full pre-payment.

Families (children enrolled at this school only) may choose also to order family portraits at a cost of $12.00 for a family photo pack. Other options are available as listed on the envelope. These orders need to be submitted in a separate envelope. Please enquire at the office if you would like a family envelope.

Students should wear full sport uniform (yellow shirt) as is the usual practice for Tuesdays.

Mosquitoes
We have returned to school along with many mosquitoes. Please ensure your child has his/her own personal roll-on insect repellent (no aerosols) in their bag and it would be wise to apply it before coming to school in the morning.
Activity Note

Event: Swimming Carnival 2013

Destination: West Wallsend Swimming Centre

Date: 15 February 2013  Commence: 10.00am   End: 2.00pm

Dress: Sport Uniform

Cost: $2.55 for both students and spectators

Payment: At pool entrance

Permission Note: Return to school mail box by Friday, 8 February

Requirements for the day: Swimsuit, goggles (essential), towel

Food Requirements: Packed recess and lunch, adequate drinks

Transport: Private

Kindly complete the permission slip below and return to the school mail box by Friday, 8 February.

Permission Note—Swimming Carnival 2013

I give permission for my child/children ____________________________ of class/es ________________ to participate in the swimming carnival at West Wallsend Swimming Centre on Friday, 15 February, 2013. I understand travel will be by private cars.

Please tick where applicable

My child/ren will require transport  □ yes  □ no

I will take my child/ren directly to the pool  □ yes  □ no

I can assist with transport  □ yes  □ no  □ I can take ____ passengers.

I can assist at the pool  □ yes  □ no

Signed: ___________________________  Date: ____________________

(Parent/Caregiver)