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North Eton State School

Newsletter

Week 2 | Wednesday 3 February, 2016



Dates to Remember

09 February

Playgroup

10 February

P & C Meeting 6pm

12 February

Tuckshop

Parade @ 2.15pm

16 February

Playgroup

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to 2016 and what a great start to the year we've had! Our attendance has been high and engagement in the classroom has been great. I'm seeing some wonderful behaviour which is contributing to quality learning experiences.

We have welcomed 3 Preps this year, which has brought our enrolment to 11 to date. What a dynamite little crew we have on board this year, I'm thoroughly looking forward to the fun times we will be having!

This year, a few changes have been implemented for the benefit of the students. The biggest change is **splitting our day into 4 sessions and 3 lunchbreaks**. This is giving the students more time to get up, walk around, have a drink, have a break and of course have something to eat to fuel their inquisitive minds. The shorter sessions are also holding the student's concentration which in turn is seeing more work being completed.



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Another change is our **before school routines**. Before school is a crucial time for staff to prepare resources for the coming day. In the mornings, please encourage your child to put their lunch in the fridge, homework in the homework box, bag on the bag rack and to come into the classroom for quiet play so that staff can both supervise and continue preparations. Children are not to be playing in the playground as they cannot be effectively supervised.

Communication Book – this year each student has been issued with a school produced communication book. Its purpose is for both staff and parents to write messages, notations, observations, reading journal entries and/or events so that everyone is kept fully “in the loop”. Please check and initial it each day and ensure it is returned daily.

Wet weather – according to the local weather radars, there is “big rain” coming over the next few days and possibly into next week. If it is raining at drop off or pick-up time, parents are welcome to park in the undercover shed so that students don’t get wet.

Parent helpers – This year, I am asking for parent helpers to assist with our guided reading groups. This will involve taking a group of students, reading a set book with them and completing some activities about that book. If you are available between 10:30- 11:30 on either a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday and are interested, please let me know so I can draft a timetable.

As per the timetable located in the communication books, please note that Library day is Wednesday, PE is Wednesday and Music is Thursday.

Please remember that parents are NOT to park in the **staff carpark**. This area is for STAFF parking only.

I would like to thank and congratulate the P&C, staff, playgroup members and community members for joining forces and catering for and attending, the Pioneer Valley Australia Day event. I think it goes to show (again) that *alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much!*

Next Monday, Mrs Bell and I will be attending the annual workshop to set our budget for the year. Mrs Lyons will be teaching for the day.

I know that this year is going to be AMAZING and I can’t wait to work together with parents and community members to give the students the very best education and opportunities.

Till the next fortnight....
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WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT SCHOOL

- Put your lunch in the fridge
- Put your homework in the homework box
- Have you got your hat?
- Put your bag on your name in the bag rack
- Make sure you have your drink bottle
- Go inside classroom for quiet play

REMINDER

Parade is now held
every Friday afternoon
commencing at 2.15pm

All Parents, family and
friends welcome.

P & C News

We have started 2016 with a BANG with the success of the Pioneer Valley Australia Day Ceremony, morning tea and sausage sizzle. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff, parents and playgroup members who donated such yummy home baking for the morning tea. We had such lovely feedback and had more than enough food. I would also like to thank Walkerston Country Meats who donated half of the sausages and the Robinson Family who donated the other half. A special thanks also to the Keen family who not only made a record amount of cakes, but donated the tea, coffee and sugar. The day ran very smoothly with the help of the Browns, Doyles, Hildreds, Robinsons, and Grieves who served drinks, cooked the bbq, prepared the platters and more. What a wonderful school community we have and it was such a great opportunity to represent our mighty school at a large community event. I am pleased to say we raised \$1110 in total which is such a great result!!

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held next Wednesday the 10th of February at the Marian Railway Hotel at 6pm. The meeting will commence at 6.30pm if you would like to attend without dinner before hand. All families are welcome to come and be apart of our wonderful P&C. It is a great opportunity to contribute to the management and improvement of our school. If you have any questions or you can't make it to this meeting but would like to become a member of the P&C then please feel free to chat to me anytime.

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