PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome

We welcome all new students and families to Newling and are happy to see all our students and their families returning for the 2015 school year. We had a number of extra new enrolments yesterday and our classes are just able to accommodate all the students.

The 2014 school year was one of great success and growth for Newling and 2015 will be even better with plans for some exciting new additions to our programs. Technology, Languages and Music will be prominent with all children having the chance to learn a second language and we have a partnership with the Conservatorium of Music to deliver high quality Music programs at the school.

At this point we have stage classes operating. These being: K– Mrs Peasley, 1/2 - Mrs McMillan, 3/4 - Ms Norman and 5/6 Mrs Creighton. Mrs McClenaghan continues in her role as Reading Recovery teacher and will also teach History in 2015 as we start implementing another new syllabus. Mrs Lyndal Knuckey will be our Librarian and support teacher in 2015.

The teaching staff will be assisted School Learning Support Officers Mrs Jo Clyde-Smith (3-6) and Mrs Kerry Tasik in the School Administration position.

Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 3rd February the Annual Swimming Carnival will take place at The Monkton Aquatic Centre (Armidale Pool).

The Swimming Carnival is for students in Years 3-6 and any Year 2 students who are 8 years of age in 2015. K-2 students will be involved in a “Water Fun Day” at school instead if travelling to the pool.

A note with further details of each event has been given to students today.

School Uniform

The start of the year often means new uniforms and sparkling new school shoes. Our students look fantastic in full uniform each day as they did today.

Wearing the uniform is an important part of taking pride in the school community and all efforts should be made to have children in full correct uniform each day. This includes black shoes, with runners only being acceptable on Friday when worn with sports uniform.

Each Friday students should be dressed in the sports polo shirts and joggers. Sport is held every Friday afternoon and students will need to be suitably dressed for this each week.

Crunch and Sip

Crunch and Sip is a set break each day to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom to encourage healthy eating and allow our students to re-energise.

Please ensure that your child has with them suitable fruit/vegetable for this time. No other food items are allowed during the Crunch and Sip break each day.
Every child in the school has been supplied with a water bottle that will be kept in the class room for use at the Crunch and Sip break.

**Canteen**

*No canteen this week*

Our Canteen will commence operation each Friday from the 6th February.

**Dare to Lead**

This week our school will be involved in a school evaluation to help inform our planning for 2015-2017 and best meet the needs of our students in the coming years. I have organised this very early so that feedback can be collected and acted upon starting in this school year.

Any parents who would like to provide comments are invited to contact school. Mr Mark Crouch from Dare to Lead, who I have engaged to complete the independent evaluation, will talk with parents on Friday 30th.

All comments are confidential and all opinions welcomed.

**Guitar Lessons**

Guitar lessons will be available again in 2015. Any student interested in continuing lessons or starting lessons should notify Mr Cox immediately. Cost is $50 per term. Lessons will commence on Thursday 12th February.

Murray Cox  
Principal

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