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Term 1 Week 2

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 1 Feb	Kindergarten 2023 Best Start Assessments continue Competitors only Swimming Carnival - Ages 8 and above
Thurs 2 Feb	First day of Kindergarten 2023 Tea & tissues provided by P & C for Kindergarten parents in Hall until 11:00am.
Monday 6 Feb	9am Whole School Assembly in the hall (not for Kindergarten 2023 – they will join us soon!)
Tues 7 Feb 'Meet and Greet'	3.30pm Meet and Greet – in the Library ES1 & Support Unit in K/6P's room. 3.30-4.15pm Welcome BBQ – share a sausage sizzle with our families and staff 4.15pm Meet and Greet – in the Library S1
Thurs 9 Feb 'Meet and Greet'	3.30pm Meet and Greet S2 3.30-4.15pm Welcome BBQ – share a sausage sizzle with our families and staff 4.15pm Meet and Greet our Stage 3 team – in the Library S3

Hello Parents and Carers

A huge welcome to our new and returning students, community and staff! We are very excited to be welcoming you all back to school for 2023! The schooling journey is an exciting one and we are hoping that our students in Years 1-6 will move into their 2023 classes as I type. These classes are subject to change until all our students return and our final numbers are compiled.

Tomorrow we will be holding our competitors only swimming carnival for students 8 years and older. The permission notes and payment were completed at the end of 2022 due to time constraints. We are excited to be welcoming spectators and parent volunteers to the carnival! We wish all competitors the very best of luck and extend a big thank you to Mrs Jager for all her organisation.

We will start 2023 with some COVID-smart measures in place. They are the same as those that were in place at the end of last year. These measures been developed in partnership with NSW Health to help to minimise transmissions at school. The health and wellbeing of our students and staff remain our priority, and these key measures are designed to help to keep our students learning in the classroom. These key measures include:

- Reminding students, staff and families to stay home if unwell and test for COVID-19 if showing any symptoms
- Boosted day cleaning of high touch areas
- Strongly encouraging masks to be worn by all students, staff and visitors, particularly when indoors.
- Requiring masks for staff and volunteers who interact with students at greater risk of serious illness if they were to contract COVID-19 – including in support units and some mainstream classrooms
- Maintaining natural ventilation with windows and doors open whenever possible, including when cooling/heating systems are
- RATs are available from our front office. Please be reassured, no students will be tested by staff at school.

Thank you to our invaluable Uniform Shop volunteers who worked tirelessly to have uniforms available for collection last Friday. Our P&C and volunteers will have our Canteen up and running from today. Please use My School Connect website or make an order over the counter.

Last Friday and yesterday our staff were kept busy undertaking professional learning in the new K-2 syllabus in English and Maths, CPR and are ready to begin our year's journey of learning. On Friday we joined the other schools from our Brisbane Water Learning Community and listened to the inspiring words of Kath Koschel. Kath founded the not-for-profit, Kindness Factory and her story is one of grit, determination, kindness and laughter. She has certainly inspired our staff!

There have been some staff changes across our school, and we are hoping to have a list of staff in next week's Homenote. You may have also noted at the front of today's Homenote – Dates For Your Diary – that we will be hosting two 'Meet and Greet' afternoons for parents/carers. In between the sessions, we will be offering time for our parents/carers to have a sausage sandwich and hopefully some time to meet each other too. These afternoons are not the time for individual parent meetings, if you need to speak with your child's teacher, please make an appointment via our office. If you cannot make the afternoon, any information will be distributed to your child the following day. A reminder note will be sent home this Friday, February 3 with the venues and further details. You will have also seen in this section, that we are returning to whole school assemblies! Did you know that we haven't been together for a full school assembly since March 2020? Our 2023 Kindergarten students will join us in a few weeks. We will let you know when this occurs because at this time, our families will be invited too. Mr Wagg will pop some chairs out for those wishing to attend after Kindergarten join us. We are looking forward to celebrating our weekly draws for positive behaviour and attendance, house point winners and Principal Award winners with each other.

Stay safe!

Jodie Campbell

Rel. Principal



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!

