Principal’s News

What a great start to the new year. I would like to congratulate the year 5 children who have been Kindergarten buddies this year. Thank you for your responsible efforts and wonderful work in helping our new children settle into school smoothly.

Now that the classes have settled and teaching and learning is well underway, the School Learning Support Team (SLST) will be ensuring that children with extra needs are well catered for. This involves co-ordination by Mrs Filan-Davis, communication and formalised transfer of information from teaching staff, meeting with teachers and parents and development of a range of support programs and interventions for children. Learning Support Team meetings will occur on Tuesdays.

In accordance with our risk management plan and Departmental policy and guidelines we must ensure we are following all necessary measures to minimise the risk of exposure to known allergens for any student who are diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis. We therefore ask that parents and carers do not bring in birthday cakes / cupcakes / any form of celebratory food that can be shared in a classroom setting. We would appreciate your co-operation and understanding with this matter.

Next week we will have the first of our Parent Information Sessions. Early Stage 1- Kindergarten parents and carers are reminded your meet and greet session will be on Thursday 12th February, in the school Library from 5pm. Stage 2 – Year 3 and 4 parents and carers are reminded your meet and greet session will also be on Thursday 12th February, in the school Library from 3:30-4:30pm. Stage 1 – year 1 and 2 and Stage 3 – year 5 and 6 will have their Parent Information sessions announced next week.

I’d like to remind all parents and carers to please have your child’s name clearly marked on all belongings. As we move throughout the term into our cooler Autumn days, jumpers and warmer school gear is required and can often become misplaced throughout the course of the day. We do have a designated lost property area, please ask your child’s teacher if you appear to be short a personal belonging as the term progresses.

Our annual School Swimming Carnival for students in years 3-6 will be held at Swansea Pool next Friday 13th February. All notes have been distributed. We are looking forward to a terrific day out.

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held in the library on Wednesday 18th February commencing at 6:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend and this will provide an opportunity for new parents to get to know our school and school community.

Please be reminded our school canteen is up and running on Wednesdays and Fridays each week for this term. We are constantly on the search for more volunteers to assist with food preparation and serving of food. If you are interested please inform our office of your availability.

Stage 3 Camp: Next week a detailed set of notes with all the information about our upcoming camp will be sent home. Thank you, Mrs Mansfield.

Uniform Shop will open Wednesdays 8.30am-9.30am We need volunteers to keep our shop open. From 2015 we will open on a Wednesday 8.30am-9.30am. Our Uniform Supervisor will take care of the financial transactions, your role will involve helping parents with sizes and filling orders. If you can help on any Wednesday please contact Kellie Byrnes at the office 49487300 or just turn up, thank you.
Girrinbai Community Preschool

We currently have vacancies for 3 and 4 year old children at Girrinbai Community Preschool. If you or any of your friends would be interested in finding out more about our preschool you can visit our website at www.girrinbai.com.au.

You can also contact us on telephone 0249473044 or email girrinbai@hotmail.com.
New Dance School Opening!!

Black Swan Dance Studio will be offering fun classes to get fit, flexible and learn more new styles of dance in our school hall this year starting this week!! Classes will run before & after schools hours at a affordable $7.00 per class.

Classes will be run by Chelsea Nisbet who has 5 year teaching experience and 18 years dance experience in Jazz (BBO). Tap (PDA), Ballet, Contemporary, Hip-Hop and Latin.

Timetable:
Monday: 4-4.45pm Kindy Jazz,
        4.45-5.30pm Year1/2 Jazz,
        5.30-6.15pm Contemporary.
Thursday: 4-4.45pm Year 3/4 Jazz,
        4.45-5.30pm Year 3-6 Contemporary,
        5.30-6.15pm Year 5-6 Jazz

Prices per student: 1 class = $7/lesson or 2 classes = $6.50/lesson. Classes are scheduled to commence on Monday 2nd February, 2015. Families interested can email chelsea nisbet@hotmail.com for a newsletter including more information and how to register. (Chelsea's email address has underscore between first and last names). Alternatively you can call her on 0403 406529.