

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
As we approach the half way mark of this term we have well and truly hit the ground running and have seen some amazing progress already. Literacy and numeracy groups are in full swing and all the teachers report that all the students are working hard and achieving some fantastic results.

A reminder about school uniforms. It has been wonderful to see so many students coming to school dressed for success. I tell the students almost every morning that if they come to school and look good, then they feel good which will lead onto success for the day. Uniforms are available for purchase at the front office.

Staff at this school have begun their training on the new NSW syllabus documents. These documents have been written to ensure they align with the Australian Curriculum which was developed over the course of the last couple of years. Throughout 2013 we will be holding staff meetings to familiarise ourselves with the new documents. The English syllabus is the first one we are working on and is due for full implementation in 2014. Maths will be next followed by Science and History.

In case of an emergency, it is important that we have up to date contact numbers for parents. When there is an issue with your child we need to be able to contact you quickly. In the event of an emergency it may lead to unnecessary delays for your child. If you haven't done so recently can you please contact the office to ensure we have the most up to date contact details for you.

All about apostrophes

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here's an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership

When older kids struggle with reading
Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading>



DATES TO REMEMBER

21 March	Clean up Australia	
28 March	Easter Hat Parade	
29 March	Good Friday (no school)	
1 April	Easter Monday (no school)	
11 April	Excuse Me I Was Here First—2pm	\$9.00



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Biripi people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Biripi Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginals.

CONGRATULATIONS

11 Year Boy Champion—Leonard Cunningham

11 Year Girl Champion—Kiralee Ridgeway

Swimming



Junior Girl Champion—Letitia Baxter

Swimming



Junior Boy Champion—Serge Morcome

Swimming



Senior Girl Champion—Zoe Morcome

Swimming



"Our School's a Great School"