FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Farmborough Road Public School for 2013. Students have settled into their new classes and routines and we look forward to a productive year, both in and out of the classroom. There are many programs and activities on offer at our school and I hope all students and their families will be able to become involved. It was great to see everyone in school uniform and I hope this continues throughout the year. However could I remind parents that the school uniform for girls includes shorts or skirts and not bike pants. Bike pants are part of the sport uniform and should therefore ONLY be worn for sport on Fridays.

Farmborough Road P.S. is part of the Better Buddies Programs and our Kinder students have been introduced to a Year 6 buddy who will help them in their transition to “big school”. Some of our Kinder students had the opportunity to meet their buddies last year during the Transition to School Program, which will mean there were some familiar faces for them in the playground. There will be a number of events throughout the year and I’m sure both the Kinder and Year 6 students will enjoy this partnership.

On Friday the Swimming Carnival will be held and I’d like to congratulate all of those students who have entered and wish them good luck. Students who qualify will represent the school at the Dapto District Carnival on 22nd February. Thanks to those parents who have offered to help out with timekeeping and judging and to Mr Richardson for his organization.

Yesterday we commenced the new school times during the day. As indicated in the note sent home last week, Lunch One: 11:15am will be the main eating time and Lunch Two: 1:20-1:55 will be the time for a brief snack. It may take a little time for everyone to adjust, but we believe it will allow for productive learning time.

Our school values of “RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and EXCELLENCE” continue to be reinforced as part of the Positive Behaviour for Success Program. I am sure all parents would agree that values such as these are important and we have introduced new tokens and mini rewards which reflect these values and will be used to reward students who display these values around the school. Last year expectations for the playground were introduced and this year we will be focusing on how the values should be reflected in the classroom. Each week there will be a focus for class lessons to reinforce these values and expectations and we ask that all parents discuss these at home.

In staff news, we welcome Mrs Nadine Egan-Scott to Farmborough Road. Mrs Egan-Scott will be working on Tuesday and Wednesday as a Learning and Support teacher. We also have a number of temporary teachers employed this year. Mrs Candice Wall will be teaching K/1FW with Mrs Farrugia on Wednesday - Friday. Mrs Cheryl Truskett will be teaching K/1CT with Mrs Crossingham and Mrs Sharyn Daly will be working on Thursday and Friday in the Learning and Support Teaching role. Ms Alison Charlton will be teaching 4/5C until the position is filled permanently.

Dale Green
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Asthma Alert

In the February-March period each year, there is an increase in the number of children presenting with asthma to Emergency Departments. The Illawarra Asthma Service encourages parents of children with asthma to prepare them for the new school year by:

- Review by your GP
- Review the use of asthma medications and symptoms
- Review and update asthma action plan

With this in mind, could parents of students with asthma contact the school in the next two weeks to update action plans held at school. Also, could parents of children with other medical conditions contact the school to update health care plans.

P&C NEWS

Welcome back to school. I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year and had a great holiday. It now seems so long ago. On behalf of the P&C, I would like to welcome all of our new students and their families to our school. The P&C will be organising a number of activities and fundraisers through the year and we hope you can all enjoy what we have planned.

As you will be aware, the times for lunch breaks will be slightly different this year. The ladies in the canteen have asked if all lunch orders could please be placed by 9am, as they will need to have lunches prepared for 11am. We would really appreciate your help. Due to a lack of volunteers, the canteen will only operate on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. If you feel you can help out please leave your details at the office, or pop down to the canteen. You will receive training and the big smiles of the children visiting the canteen.

Our Uniform Shop has been very busy with the back to school rush. If you need any extra items the Uniform Shop is open every Thursday from 8.30 til 9.15am. If you have any uniforms which are still in good condition and are no longer required, the 2nd hand cupboard is getting low. If you have any uniforms to donate, they can be left in the Uniform Shop or at the office. Thank you.

I hope everyone enjoys their first week back. Stay safe.

Rachael Joyce
P&C President
STUDENT QUIZ
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Dragon’s Blitz ~ 12.25pm
22.2
District Swimming Carnival ~ Dapto Pool
4.3
School Photos

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