From the Principal
Welcome back from what I hope have been relaxing holidays. The teachers worked very hard on the School Development Day to learn more about the new curriculums that we will be implementing in 2014. They will be participating in a range of ongoing professional learning throughout the year as they demonstrate that teachers are indeed, lifelong learners.

Next week is Education Week, a time when we celebrate the diversity and excellent work being done in schools every day by your children, by the staff and by the community. I look forward to seeing you either on Open day on Tuesday beginning at 9.45 with a morning tea in the library, or at the 3-6 Athletics Carnival on Thursday – or at both!

I have been asked about why the grass area is closed. While we try to keep this grass area available for the students to run around, when it becomes very wet, we close it to protect both your children’s clothes and the playing surface as well. There may be the rare occasion when a particular child’s playing area is restricted for health or behaviour issues, but this is uncommon.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2014 are being accepted at the front office. Could I please encourage all parents with children who will be starting school in 2014 to come in as soon as possible and obtain an enrolment form. Remember too that with the enrolment form we require birth certificate, proof of address and immunisation certificates.

A couple of reminders:

With the cooler weather, please check that all your children’s clothes have their names clearly
marked. After frequent washing, some labels become difficult to read so I would recommend checking all their clothes every 2-3 weeks.

While I know that everyone respects the no smoking on school grounds rule, I would request that if you have to smoke outside the school, it not be done at the gates in front of students entering or exiting the school grounds and that you take any cigarette stubs with you. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

Finally, as the winter weather is well and truly here, a short poem for the season. Perhaps you might like to talk to your children about the imagery in this poem. What other ways could winter elements be described? How would they describe fog? What images do you have fog that you can share with your children?

FOG

The fog comes on little cat feet.
It sits looking over harbour and city on silent haunches and then moves on.

Carl Sandburg

All the best for a fog-free fortnight!

Janet Chan
Principal

K-2 Assembly Cancelled (Week 3)

Due to Open Day celebrations next Tuesday 30th July, those students who are supposed to attend gymnastics on this day will have a catch-up lesson next Thursday, 1st August. As the hall will be occupied for these lessons, next week’s K-2 assembly has been cancelled. K-2 assemblies will resume in Week 5 on Thursday, 15th August at 2.15pm.

Mrs McCauley
Stage 1 Team Leader

2013 Athletics Carnival

The 3-6 Athletics Carnival is on Thursday 1st August.

Please remember this is a compulsory school day and all 3-6 students are expected to attend the carnival. We encourage students to participate for enjoyment not just to win. Permission notes and money need to be returned to school ASAP.

Parent helpers are also needed for the day so please contact us if you are able to help out on the day.

Thank you
Mrs Urquhart and Mrs Lynch
Carnival Organisers

Library News

Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be running during Open Day for Education Week on Tuesday, 30th July.

EFTPOS facilities will be available on the day. The school receives 20% of all sales. Our profit last year contributed to new shelving in the Library and we are hoping to do the same again.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.

Mrs Chenoweth.

P & C News

Next Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be on Monday, 26th August at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the P & C; it only costs $1.00 to become a member.

Canteen Stock Sell Off

We would like to thank everyone who supported our canteen stock sell off. It was a great success, raising $310.00 for our school.

A big thank you to our lovely parent helpers, Jenny, Karen, Loretta and Louisa for giving up their time
Day Club News
The next Day Club meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st, August at 9.15am in the staffroom. These meetings are a great way to find out what is happening in your school. Everyone is welcome including babies and toddlers.

Please meet our Day Club Committee below. Sharon De Silva, Christine Johnstone and Jen Alton.

Notes that went home this week:
Open Day update

Payments that are due:
Athletics Carnival Years 3-6 - $8.00 due 29/7/13

Remember to keep making payments for the Stage 2 and Stage 3 camps.

Copies of all notes that go home are on the school website.

We are currently accepting enrolment for Kindergarten 2014.

If you have a child turning 5 before 31 July 2014 please come to the office to collect an application form.