MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2013 school year. We have enrolled quite a number of new students to begin this year and we look forward to meeting all our new kindergarten friends this coming Thursday.

Staffing
We have around 230 students enrolled this year which gives us 9 classes. The class allocations are:

- KM: Mrs Murray (Assistant Principal Stage 1)
- K/1B: Mrs Burden
- 1/2W: Mrs Walker
- 2B: Mrs Burrows
- 2/3O: Mrs O’Connor
- 4N: Mrs Newman (Assistant Principal Stage 2)
- 4/5B: Mrs Broadfoot
- 5/6R: Mrs Boyd
- 6M: Mr McWhirter (Assistant Principal Stage 3)

We also have these teachers in the following roles:

- Mrs Jolly: Reading Recovery and Stage 1 classroom support.
- Mr Newman: PD/H/PE Sport and Stage 2/3 classroom support.
- Mr Clifton: Teacher librarian and IWB Coach
- Mrs Cooling: Learning and support teacher.
- Mrs Pasolini: Stage 1 support

We also have the following learning support officers employed across the school in varying roles:

- Mrs Reeve, Mrs Tisdell, Ms Burke, Mrs Debono and Mrs McWhirter.

Our administrative staff consists of Mrs Saville (School Administrative Manager), Mrs Ryan (School Administrative Officer) and Mrs Yarnold (School Administrative Officer). We have a new School Counsellor in 2013 and that is Ms Christian Fieldhouse who replaces Ms Libby Purcell. Mr Steven Reeve is our general assistant and go-to man if something needs fixing. Mr Arnold and Mrs Kershaw are our cleaning staff.

As always, we have a busy year ahead. Our educational focus will continue to be implementing NINA methodology in mathematics and improving our spelling performance across all grades. We hope to further develop our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) practices as an important part of our overall welfare program.

Important Information
In order to ensure that we provide the best possible care for your children, it is important that we have the following information:

- Updated addresses and updated contact details, including emergency contacts.
- Information about medical conditions, particularly information concerning allergies which may provoke an anaphylactic response. All staff have been trained in CPR and Anaphylaxis awareness with our emergency care to be updated this year. We have a number of staff with updated first aid qualifications.
- If you do not want your child photographed for any reason please let us know.

Communication
If you have any concerns about your child, please contact your child’s classroom teacher in the first instance. As has been the case in previous years, interviews will be conducted in Terms 1 and 3 and written reports will be provided at the end of Semester 1 and 2.

Our newsletter is our key communication device. The newsletter is sent home each Wednesday via the eldest student in family and contains important information about upcoming events and changes of routine. Our Parents and Citizens Association meets regularly and this is another way of finding out what is happening within our school.

I look forward to seeing many parents at Friday’s swimming carnival.

Regards,
Phil Rees, Principal

BRUSH SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Friday February 8 we will be having our Annual School Swimming Carnival. If the weather is fine or “light rain” all children who have returned
The catalogues will be available from the library. The order form together with payment needs to be completed and returned to the Library. Payment can be made in cash, online using a credit card or cheque (made out to Ashton Scholastic and not the school).

There will be 8 issues of Book Club throughout the year, 2 issues each term. Issue 1 has been distributed and all orders need to be returned to the library by Thursday February 14.

P.Clifton

COMMUNITY NEWS

WINGHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE REGISTRATION DATES
Holding registrations on Thursday February 14 at Central Park from 4pm till 5.30pm and on Saturday February 16 at Coles Complex from 9am till 12 midday. Cost is $60.00 x 1, $110.00 x 2 and $140.00 x 3 or more. All enquiries to Helen Cross 0429 153 798.

WINGHAM NETBALL CLUB REGISTRATIONS
Our registration dates are Thursday 7, Friday 8 February 3-30 to 6pm and Saturday 9 February 9-30 to 11-30am. All registration fees to be paid at the time of registration. Competition begins Saturday 9 March.

WEP - THE JOY OF HOSTING!
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon. For more info please contact: Phone: 1300 884 733 Email: info@wep.org.au

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STROUD PUBLIC SCHOOL LEGO DAY
Sunday February 17- 10am-2.30pm Cost $3 per adult, $2 per child or $10 per family. Lego building competitions
- Age group & gender sections with lego prizes for each group.
- Judged by a “special judge” on the day.
- People’s choice award voted on the day.
- Pick up your registration form from Stroud School Office.

REGISTER NOW Cut off day for competition registration is 3pm Friday 15 February 2013. Hand all registration forms in at Stroud School office. Lunch and yummy snacks available. Market stalls and fun fete stalls. Bring the family for a fun day out great for all ages and Lego lovers! Tickets available for pre-purchase from the school office! NOTE This event is not affiliated with the Lego company.

School Security Number: 1300 880 021
To report unauthorized visitors to the school after hours or on weekends