November
19th Wednesday 2015 Foundation transition 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.
24th Monday Assembly 3.00 p.m.
26th Wednesday Pyjama Day & Breakfast

School Assembly
Monday 24th November, 3.00pm

School Hours and Break Times
Playgrounds supervised 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 -3:45 p.m.
Students arrive 8:50 a.m.  Classes start promptly at 9.00 a.m.
Morning Recess is 11 – 11:30 a.m.  Lunch 1:40. – 2:30 p.m.
School finishes at 3.30 p.m.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
Items sent home will generally be colour coded.

BREAKFAST CLUB for whole school
PYJAMA DAY & BREAKFAST
9.30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, 2014
Further details in this newsletter

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Please read this newsletter, as it is an important communication between school and home
Principal's Page
Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the news this week.

EVERY DAY COUNTS
Primary School Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things are school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early
Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

Day off – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice. If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Averil Nunn (Principal)
PYJAMA DAY & BREAKFAST

9.30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 2014

For a GOLD coin donation come dressed in your PJ’s, dressing gown & slippers. Please have underwear under your night attire. You can stay in PJ’s all day or bring other clothes to change into.

Breakfast for all students is free

TERM DATES

Term Dates 2015

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HELPERS REQUIRED

As a fundraiser at our School we are seeking volunteers to assist with a sausage sizzle on Election Day on 29th November between 9am – 2pm. If you are able to assist please call the office on 9700 4488 or come in and see our friendly office staff

TWILIGHT SPORTS!!

Twilight Sports will be held on December 4 .......... 5pm – 7 pm (weather permitting). There will be a sausage sizzle, chocolates, soft drinks and water available on the night. Activities will include sack, egg & spoon, relays and three legged races. Bring a picnic rug or chair and come along and join in the fun!!
CHaTS NEWS!

Thank you to all attendees on Wednesday morning. It was great catching up with all of you.

It was unanimously agreed that we celebrate the end of another school year by partaking in a lunch (organised by us) on Wednesday 10th December from 12 noon to 1.20pm in the school staffroom. Thank you ladies for your continued support!

Our next CHaTS gathering is on Wednesday 3rd December.