NOTICES HOME THIS WEEK

- School Camp – Pioneer Settlement – Gr. 3-6 students
- eSmart Agreement – all students
- Information & Communications Technology Information & Consent – all students

Blue and Red HATS now available from the office $5.00

February
29th Monday Foundation students – finish at 3.30 p.m. each day for remainder of year

March
2nd Wednesday Playgroup 9.15am – 10.30am In BER Hall
22nd Tuesday AGM and General Meeting of School Council at 3.45 p.m.
24th Thursday Last day of Term 1 - dismissal at 2.30 p.m.

April
11th Monday 9.00 a.m. School resumes

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

Items sent home will generally be colour coded.

Gold Excursion
Incursion
Pale Blue or White General Notices
Orange Important Messages
Bright Pink Fundraising

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Please read this newsletter, as it is an important communication between school and home
What's happening in Our Principals Page

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the news this week.

Foundation Students
Our children who are in the Foundation Class have had a great start to the year and are fast becoming curious happy learners. Next week another milestone will be reached when they start attending for full days. A few of them may be a little tired for a week or two but they certainly are all ready for this step. Exciting for everyone.

School Tours
We are currently taking many school tours. The majority of these are for next year’s Foundation grade. However, we are also taking tours for children who will commence school in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Some of these families have already enrolled and we have very healthy numbers for our next year class. If you know of any families with children who will be starting school next year, please remind them to collect their enrolment forms and complete the process so that they are on our books.

Student Leadership Badge Presentation
Thank you to all families who were able to attend the badge presentation for our Student Leadership students on Monday morning. It was so lovely to share that special event with you and for you to be able to see the talent and confidence of these amazing young people. We all look forward very much to working with them throughout the year ahead.

I wish you all a happy and healthy week ahead.

Averil Nunn
Principal

Student Banking
Due to an unforeseen circumstances, Debbie Mikkor from the Commonwealth Bank did not attend assembly on Monday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} February. She will be attending assembly on Monday 7\textsuperscript{th} March, when you will have the opportunity to open a Dollarmite Student account for your child if you wish. Don’t forget banking day is every TUESDAY.

Dear Parents/Guardians/Friends,

Our Playgroup is now up and running in the school hall on Wednesday mornings from 9.15 a.m. for one hour. So come along with your little ones and let them explore learning through play, as well as other activities such as story time, learning colours and the alphabet.

Hope you are able to join us for this fun session whilst watching your little ones make friends and you are socialising with school community members.

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Singh (Leadership & CHaTS Co-ordinator)
HEAD LICE
There have been a number of cases of head lice in the school recently. Could all parents please check their child’s hair for these little nuisances and treat them accordingly. Thank you for your help in eradicating the spread of head lice in the school.

Finding head lice
Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them. Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can’t be brushed off. Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

**Step 1** Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.
**Step 2** Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.
**Step 3** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
**Step 4** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
**Step 5** Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times. If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated. If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.

Treating head lice
Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:
1. Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product
2. Using the conditioner and comb method (described under ‘finding head lice’) every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

If you choose to use a head lice product always read and follow the instructions provided with the product carefully.

The following points may also be helpful:
- Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.
- No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart. The first treatment kills all lice; the second treatment kills the lice that may have hatched from eggs not killed by the first treatment.
- Cover the person’s eyes while the treatment is being applied. A towel is a good way to do this.
- If you are using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair.
- If you are using a shampoo, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.
- Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.

There is no need to treat the whole family - unless they also have head lice.
Concentrate on the head - there is no need to clean the house or the classroom. Only the pillowcase requires washing - either wash it in hot water (at least 60ºC) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.

Head lice combs
Combs with long, rounded stainless steel teeth positioned very close together have been shown to be the most effective, however, any head lice comb can be used.

![The life cycle of head lice](image)
What’s on in Foundation?

WELCOME!!!!

Welcome to all our new foundation students for 2016. We have had a successful start to the year. We have been learning all about school. Below are some of the areas of focus for our foundation start-up program.

Our Classroom Rules

As a class we developed the following rules to ensure we are safe. We are attentive listeners who follow our class rules:

- No throwing in the classroom
- No running in the classroom
- Put your hand up when you want to say something
- Keep the classroom clean
- Care for others
- Tell the teacher if you need to leave the classroom.

Why do we come to school?

So far this term we have talked all about why we come to school. We have read books and walked around the school to investigate some of the exciting things we do at school. Below is a list of ideas of what we brainstormed as to why we come to school and what we might like to do at school:

- To learn
- To draw
- To have fun
- To paint
- To colour
- To play with and make new friends
- To learn French
- To use the computers
- Learn to read
- To write new things like our name
- To count

READING: We encourage parents to read with and listen to their children read every night. This encourages students to begin to understand reading formations. We have had lots of fun so far, learning to read new words and sentences in class and have been looking at pictures to help us read new books.

PARENT REMINDERS

Show & Tell: Every Friday

Students are to bring in one item they would like to talk about each week.

Library: Library is on Fridays; students are to bring a library bag and return their book each Friday in order to re-borrow.

Our Classroom Mission

Our classroom is a safe, happy and fun learning environment where everybody always has a go and gives their best effort. Here are some photos of our classroom:

Practising writing the number 3 and our names

Daily 5 Literacy “Read to someone”

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