



# Lyndhurst Public School

# NEWSLETTER

Term 1 – Week 1

29<sup>th</sup> January 2014



## ***Welcome Back!***

It's lovely to have everyone back here at school. We hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday with your children. Welcome especially to our new Kindies: Tia, Albert, Chelsea and Mia; our 3 new students in Years 3 and 4, Emilee, Katania and Jake, and a big warm welcome back to Mrs Hawken who will be with us 2 days a week permanently.

## ***Swimming Carnival***

This term, as always is starting off with a bang. The Heritage Small Schools swimming carnival is this Friday – my apologies for the short notice! This year we will keep a teacher at school to allow non-swimmers to come to school and enjoy the air-conditioned comfort while participating in a fun water themed program. This decision was made due to the large absence rate at the carnival for non-swimmers.

## ***Absence/Late notes etc***

As part of the tightening up of procedures, parents/caregivers **MUST** go to the school office if your children are late or you want to pick them up early. Please don't drop them at school or go to directly to the classroom without filling in the note. As well, if your child is absent, please send in a note or contact the school otherwise the absence will be recorded as unexplained.

## ***School budget***

Due to the new school finance model which was introduced this year, we will no longer have the extra funding in our budget to subsidise many of our costs – and, like everything in life, these are going up! Our voluntary school contributions, which we have set at the minimum amount, cover part of the cost of your children's text books and school supplies such as pens, pencils, glue and exercise books. Therefore, we are asking that these be paid as soon as possible. ***The amount for 2014 is \$30 for 1 child and \$50 for a family.***

## ***Student records***

It is a legal requirement of the Department of Education that our student records are complete and up to date. Just to give you prior warning, we will be sending home requests in the near future for birth certificates and immunisation records for quite a few students.

## ***General permission for 2014***

Attached to the newsletter is the general permission note for 2014 which includes a section for updating your contact details. It is really important that we have your current details in case we need to contact you urgently and also to keep you informed of happenings at school. Please fill in all the sections and return it to school as soon as possible.



### **Crunch & Sip**

Our healthy eating program will continue this year. We encourage each child to bring a piece of fruit, or vegetables (for example carrot and celery sticks) or cheese to have every day. We usually have this snack around 10am which is the time when most of us need a bit of a brain boost.

### **Uniforms**

We have had to increase the price of our uniforms slightly to cover the cost of having the logos put on them. Please contact the office if you would like an order form with price list

### **Hats**

In our current heat wave it is really important that we wear our hats. Please ensure your child has a school hat to wear every day!

### **Friday lunch**

This will start again from next week, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. As in 4<sup>th</sup> term last year, we will be serving up delicious salad rolls. Please order by Thursday to ensure we have enough supplies.

### **Library**

Our library has been undergoing some re-organising so we will commence borrowing in Week 3. This will give you lots of time to find library bags or get a new one if you need to.



## ***Birthdays***

