Welcome to all our new and returning families for 2013.

The year has certainly started off very busy, we have lots of exciting activities planned for 2013. I would really encourage parents to take an active role in their child’s education. The children love to share their experiences with family and friends and we certainly appreciate anyone that is able to come along to school and listen to the children read.

This week we had a very special visitor to our school. Mr Seon Kee Min the Principal of our Korean sister school Jukseong Elementary school came to visit.

Both Mr Min and I signed the sister school agreement, this agreement means that our students will once again be given the opportunity to participate in combined Video conference lessons each week.

Literacy Recovery
Our school has decided to fund a literacy recovery program for eligible students in 2013. This program will provide students with individually tailored lessons with our reading recovery teacher, Mrs Jeanette Bush. This is a great opportunity for students and will really help those students that may be struggling with their reading. Please encourage your children to read every night whenever possible. Formal homework will be sent home next week.

A blank student absentee note can be found on the bottom of the newsletter, please remember to send in notes for student absences before the week ends. If an absence is not explained within seven days unfortunately it has to be noted as unjustified.

Special welcome to Mrs Jill Roberts who is working as our School Administration Manager. Mrs Roberts and Ms Nicole Johnson are...
replacing Mrs Lightfoot who retired at the end of 2012. This position will be advertised and will be filled some time during Term 2.

Please note that the office is unattended on occasions. The school is funded for a School Administrative Manager for 3 1/2 days per week. Previously the school allocated additional funding so that we had someone in the office five days per week. Those funds this semester are being redirected towards supporting students in the classroom. Please go to the classrooms if the office is unattended or ring 0267322459. On occasions we have had trouble with our phones, if you need to contact me urgently please phone my mobile 0418248142. Finally I would like to say a huge thankyou to our teachers and support staff who gave up a number of days in the Christmas holidays to repaint the school hallway and partially repaint the classrooms. The new painting has certainly brightened the place up and it was fantastic to see the looks of surprise on the children’s faces. In the next two months more repainting will be undertaken by maintenance workers as part of their cyclic maintenance program.

Robyn Parnell
Principal

School Canteen will begin on Thursday 14/2/13.

We do need a few volunteers to help keep the canteen running throughout the year. If anybody is willing to help (it is very easy) could you please fill out the form below and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Many thanks,
Carol Fiddes

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**School Canteen Volunteers**

Name:
Contact:

Please circle the dates that you are available to help.

28/2       7/3       14/3       21/3       28/3       4/4
Classroom News

Year 1/2 News
In Year 1/2 literacy we have been focussing on capital letters for the start of a sentence, important names and days. We have begun reading groups and we will be sending home Home Readers next week. Students have made a strong start to their spelling and have been looking at the features of recounts in reading and writing.
It is fabulous to see all the children keen and excited to learn new concepts. I look forward to working with them all this year.

Nicole Hutton
Year 1/2 Teacher

My child ........................................................ was absent from school on ........................................................ for the following reason:

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Signature of Parent/Guardian: ..................................................
Date: ..........................................................