Calendar

Term 1

Uniform Shop

Wednesday 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Thursday 8:45am – 9:30am

(see note in newsletter re opening times for week 1 and 2)

Dates to Remember

Swimming Carnival 11th Feb
Glenwood HS Info Night 19th Feb

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back
Welcome back to another exciting school year full of prospect and adventure! The new year brings many new possibilities with the launch of the Australian Curriculum and the NSW Board of Studies Syllabus documents. Yesterday our staff had the opportunity to begin the familiarisation process for the new Years K-10 English syllabus. This term all staff will complete a registered course with the NSW Institute of Teachers focusing on the ‘Learner and the New Curriculum.’ This course encompasses the new pedagogies for 21st Century Learning and thinking and creativity skills as outlined in the Melbourne Declaration which has been signed and endorsed by all state education departments.

We are confident with our current understandings in this area and we will work with our new staff in the coming terms to ensure they are up to speed with our whole school approach to the teaching of inquiry-based learning at Parklea PS.

School Organisation Week 1 (and beyond)
For the first week of term (and possibly longer), students have been placed into holding classes with their 2012 classmates. New students will also be placed in the holding classes until more stable classes are formed for the 2013 school year. This may be for a number of days but can be up to 3 weeks (when our final numbers are due to the Department of Education and Communities.) During this time, we will be carefully considering class placement information in light of exiting students or new enrolments to our school. We will advise you as soon as we form permanent class structures.

Positive Press
For those of you who were able to drop your children off at school this morning, you may have noticed an entourage of TV reporters and camera crews. We were approached during the final week of the school holiday to host a prestigious delegation from the NSW State government including Premier, Barry O’Farrell and the NSW State Minister for Education, Aadrain Piccoli, as well as our MP for Riverstone, Kevin Conolly.

The delegation were given a grand tour of our school’s facilities with a particular focus on the care and maintenance of the grounds and buildings (including the newer buildings and technology provided to our school under the Building the Education Revolution Project.) The segment should air on the news channels tonight.

Best wishes,
Ross Sutherland
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Book Lists
It’s great to be back! This morning we welcomed quite a few new students and families. If you find a parent or family living in your area that are new to Parklea PS, please introduce yourselves and take the time to share your local knowledge and understandings. It will really help with their integration and settling in to a new school and community environment.

Student Materials
If you have not already purchased your child’s materials please find attached to this newsletter the 2013 book and materials list.

Sport Update
Our annual swimming carnival will be held on 19th February. Information and permission notes will be sent home this week to those students eligible to attend the swimming carnival. Please return the permission note and payment as soon as possible.
Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) trials begin this week! Our coaches are already organised and ready to go, beginning this Friday. Please encourage your child (Yrs 3-6) to trial for a spot on one of the various teams. It is a highly rewarding experience where they have an opportunity to represent our school community.

Parent Information Night
Parent Information night will be held in week 5 Term 1. A separate flyer will be distributed next week detailing further information. Please inform us if you intend to come to the night by returning the attendance slip on this flyer.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will then be open on Wednesday 30th January 8.45-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm, Thursday 31st January 8.45-9.30am and Friday 1st February 8.45-9.30am. In the following week, the shop will be open on Monday 4th February 8.45-9.30am, Wednesday 6th February 2.30-3.30pm and Thursday 7th February 8.45-9.30am. After that the shop will be open during regular hours which are Wednesdays 2.30-3.30pm and Thursdays 8.45-9.30am. Please feel free to pop in at any of these times and we will be happy to help you.

There are 2 other ways to purchase uniforms. The first is to e-mail the uniform shop with your order (order forms are on the school website under the P&C tab or on the uniform shop door). One of the uniform shop volunteers will call you for your payment details and send the uniform to your child’s class. The second option is to fill in an order form, include your payment and place it in the P&C post box found in the front office. Your order will be processed by a volunteer on the next opening day and send it to your child’s class.

Natalie Walker – Uniform Shop Coordinator

and have a wonderful week!
Mrs Grace and Ms Denham