Welcome Back Bulletin

Thursday, February, 4th

Our first full fortnightly newsletter will be sent home next Thursday, February, 11th. This bulletin is just to welcome everyone back for 2010 and to inform you of some things that are happening at school this week. At our morning assemblies and in class this week, we are having a major focus and reminder about our four school rules and what they mean.

The rules are cued by the initials of our school name: B.P.P.S.

Be friendly and respectful to others at school.

Play and work safely.

Persist when you face challenges.

Strive to do your best.

These rules go hand in hand with our five school values of: Respect, Responsibility, Friendliness, Honesty and Caring

Staffing Changes for 2010

This year both Mrs Susan McSweeney and Mrs Maree Renowden have the roles of Assistant Principals. We have three new staff: Ms Jayne Perara (Yr 2), Ms Lucy McLeod (Yr 4), and Mr Michael Ennis (Music). We welcome back from family leave, Mrs Sandra Davis who is sharing a Year 6 with Mr Matthew Petrucci. Mr Mark Moorhouse will be working at school with us two days a week as a Teaching and Learning Coach. Mrs Sue Gahan is on leave for semester 1.

Twilight Athletics Meeting

There is a twilight athletics meeting (that does not involve our school) at the Ballam Park Track on March 12th. This may cause traffic congestion around the school and affect your ability to find a car park after school on Friday, March 12th – next week.

We are having our own evening family fun sports event on Wednesday, Feb 17th

Mark this in your diary. It will run from 5p.m. to 7p.m. There will be more information in next week’s school newsletter.

Ice Cream Containers to water our school gardens

Mrs Stafford requests ice-cream containers to put under our student drinking taps to catch overflow to put on our school gardens.

Walking to School (from the website)


Since the early 1970s there has been a dramatic decline in the rate of children walking to school. Then, 40 per cent of children walked, in 1994 it was 24 per cent and it is now thought to be as low as 15 per cent. This decline represents a lost opportunity for children to achieve the one hour of physical activity required a day for good health.

Without learning how to walk their neighbourhood, children are more vulnerable to traffic injury when they do start walking independently, when they start secondary school for example.

As our school is next to Ballam Park, perhaps you might try your children walking to school or part of the way to and from school every day or on some days.

IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

It is very, very important for every child to be at school every school day as long as he or she is not unwell.  

Mark Renouf  (Principal)