



# Newsletter

## CALENDAR DATES

WEEK 1 TERM 1

2 FEBRUARY 2017

10 FEBRUARY

Assembly 9:00am

16 FEBRUARY

Small Schools  
Swimming Carnival

24 FEBRUARY

Grafton District  
Swimming Carnival

2 MARCH

MNC Swimming  
Carnival

### WELCOME BACK

We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break. It is great to see all your familiar faces returning and we warmly welcome the new families to our school community. Our Kindergarten students arrived on their first day full of enthusiasm and eager to begin their first year of school. We hope 2017 will be a great year with lots of adventures and many new memorable experiences.

### MS CAVANAUGH'S RETIREMENT

We would like to officially farewell Helen Cavanaugh who retired this year after many years of service at our school. Helen has been on long service leave and announced her intention to retire late last year. She has been a valued member of our teaching staff and will be greatly missed. We wish her happiness and good health for the future.

We are awaiting notification from the Department for Helen's replacement. In the mean time we would like to welcome Keana Thornberry to our teaching staff and Aleeshia Kilduff who will be assisting Mrs Brodin in administration one day a week.

Classes for this term are as follows:

K-2	Mrs Essex / Mrs Patch
3-4	Mrs Parnell / Ms Thornberry.
5-6	Mrs Hummelstad/ Mrs Patch

### NEW BUS PASS APPLICATIONS

New bus forms are required for all new students wishing to travel on the school bus. It is also a requirement of Transport NSW that a new application be completed for students entering Year 3. Thank you to those parents who have already completed their online applications. A reminder note has been attached for those students still needing a completed application.



**WELCOME  
KINDERGARTEN  
2017**

Please visit [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students) to complete the online form. Students are not to travel on the bus until the application has been completed. If you are having any difficulty in completing the online form or do not have a computer, please contact the school.

### SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well once again we have hit the ground running with our school swimming carnival on the second day back.

We had perfect weather for the swimming carnival. We had a few 'first time' competitors whose efforts were tremendous. Thank you to everyone who attended and represented our school at the carnival. Everyone had a fun filled day. The waterslide was a welcome relief at the end of the day for everyone.

Next Friday morning our swimming champions will be announced at assembly at 9am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Nominations and permission notes for the students competing at the Small School Swimming Carnival on Thursday 16th February will be sent home tomorrow and will need to be returned to school as soon as possible so transport can be organised for the event.

### 4/5 NEWS

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful relaxing break spending time with family and friends.

You're welcome to come and see our new classroom in our 5/6 demountable. We have wonderful literacy and maths groups already up and running. We are beginning a history unit called We have access to the iPads this year to support and enhance student learning. Students will require their own headphones for iPad activities.

Students are encouraged to come prepared for school each day in full school uniform including their school hats, a pencil case and a healthy lunchbox with water as the preferred drink.

I am happy to offer maths and or literacy homework for students at your request. Please send in a note requesting homework if you would like it prepared and sent home for your child to complete each week. I will, however, always encourage reading at home. Students are always encouraged to read what they enjoy and practice their reading skills daily. Home reading should be achievable and not a struggle for the reader. Students have all demonstrated they know how to choose an appropriate book for their reading ability and interests.

If you have any questions please call or come in and see me.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year.

Mrs Hummelstad

### EMERGENCY CONTACT SHEET AND GENERAL PERMISSION FORMS

Attached to this newsletter are important forms that need to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible. The Emergency contact form is kept in a folder for quick access to student contact details and need to be completed for each child. If you change any of your details during the year, please make sure to let us know so that we can keep our records current.

### MUSIC PROGRAM

Our music program will be up and running again this term. An enrolment form is attached to the newsletter. Please complete and return as soon as possible so that classes can be established. If you require any further information, please contact Jamie on the phone numbers provided.





## ACTIVITIES For K-2 WEEK ONE



**FREE KITTENS  
TO GOOD HOMES**  
2 MALES- BOTH GREY TABBY  
2 FEMALES-1X BLACK, 1 X BLACK AND WHITE  
VERY CUTE, READY TO GO NOW HAVE BEEN HANDLED & RAISED AROUND KIDS  
AND A DOG  
TIOLET TRAINED AND WORMED  
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