Welcome back to the start of the new school year. This year we especially welcome Eddie, Krystal, Kobi, Aiden, Luke, Jenna, Cody, Elke and Jeffery into kindergarten as well as Laiza (year 4) and Scarlett (year 1).

Our students are organised into three classes as follows:

K/1/2 – Ms Parnell, 3/4 - Mrs Andrews and 5/6 – Mr Patterson. Mrs Simkus will work with students from years 2-4 in Literacy groups and Year 2 for Maths from Monday to Thursday as well as having all classes one afternoon per week in the library. Our School Learning Support Officers Mrs Ware and Mrs Foley will work in the K/1/2 class as well as delivering individual speech programs and supporting class Maths programs. Mrs Gorton-Smith is our Learning Support Teacher who works two mornings per week to support student improvement in small groups.

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, Ms Parnell will not be able to commence work until term 2. Fortunately we have been able to coax Mrs Watts out of her (very short) retirement to take our K/1/2 class for first term. Sometime in the next couple of weeks we will be holding an information evening for parents where teachers will explain class routines and answer any questions. A note will come home shortly with details.

Next Thursday is our school swimming carnival which is held at the Grafton Pool with students from Lawrence Public School. Parents are encouraged to attend but there will also be a bus from school available to transport children to and from the pool. Please complete the note attached indicating if your child will be requiring the bus. Our swimming carnival is for all students with activities for our infants and non-swimmers organised as well as the water slide included.

Please contact Rhonda in the office if you would like to have your newsletters emailed to you this year.

Help keep our children safe!

As we have been away for over 5 weeks, it is timely to remind parents of the appropriate pick up and drop off points at school. The bus stop is clearly defined by signs and parents should not park in this area when dropping off or picking up children. Parking across the road from the bus stop in the afternoon and having kids cross the road between buses and cars is extremely dangerous. The best place to park when picking kids up in the afternoon is at the top of the school above the tennis court. This keeps cars away from kids who walk home or who are waiting for buses. I’d appreciate your cooperation in ensuring our kids’ safety when coming to and from school.

Cheers,

Andrew