From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and caregivers

Welcome back
Welcome to all our returning students and families. I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas period. Also a special welcome to our new Kinder students and newly arrived students. The first week back is one of establishing routines and assessing students in literacy and numeracy skills. Please keep an eye on developments over the next few weeks.

Classes
Following a review of our student numbers, we have made some changes to classes. In an effort to ensure smaller class sizes for K-2 students, we have increased the numbers of students in the upper grades. This will provide our youngest students the best opportunity possible to develop a firm foundation with their literacy and numeracy skills.

Mrs Bellamy will have a Kindergarten/ Year 1 class with approximately 20 students
Mrs Raymond will now have a Year 1/ Year 2 class with approximately 23 students.
Mrs O’Brien will now have a Year 3/ Year 4 class with approximately 25 students.
I will have a Year 5/ Year 6 class with approximately 30 students.

Captains
Our Captain for 2013 is Taylor, Sarah is our Vice Captain. Jackson and Teneille are our prefects. I’m sure they’ll do a fantastic job.

Assemblies
Parents are invited to attend our 1st assembly being held on Friday 8th February at 9.30am. Our assemblies are held on Fridays, every second week. Unfortunately, because of clashes and other important events cropping up, sometimes we have to change this, so keep an eye on what’s happening – or ask at the office. Good luck to our Captains and Prefects who will be running their first assembly as school leaders.
Assistant Principal's Position
This term, Mrs O’Brien will relieve as Assistant Principal. In the event of my absence, please leave a message with Mrs Rowe in the office or speak to Mrs O’Brien.

Kindy Buddies
Very shortly, Mrs Bellamy and I will organise our Year 6 students with Kindy buddies. Big buddies help our newest students settle in to the school, support the class in their learning and technology use when necessary and provide the kindies with friendly, smiling faces amongst the ‘big kids’ in the playground. This program will also provide a valuable learning opportunity for the role models in our school.

Updating Family Information
Today you will receive a copy of your child’s Emergency Contact Detail Report. Can you please alter any information that is out of date and return to the school office no later than Friday 8th February.

P & C Meeting
Our first P & C Meeting for this year will be held on Monday 11th February. Come along and find out what is happening in our school. This meeting will be held in the school staffroom commencing at 7

School Visitors/ Helpers
May I please remind you that it is mandatory for all visitors to our school to sign IN and OUT of the front office during the hours of 9:30am and 3:30pm. This is an OH & S regulation and necessary for Child Protection reasons. We have many visitors during school hours, for a range of reasons (contractors, class helpers, assemblies, morning assembly, canteen etc.) and it is crucial that office staff are aware of who is on school grounds during school hours.

Parents in classrooms/ canteen
I would love to see parents helping in our classrooms once classes have settled into routines and our canteen. More importantly, the students love having parents helping in their class. If you do wish to help out you will need to fill in a ‘working with children’ declaration form which can be obtained from the front office.

Home Travel arrangements
If there has been any change to your home travel routines, be sure to let us know. This can save you and the school a lot of heartache.

Christopher Herbert
Principal
## WHAT’S HAPPENING

### 2013
#### Term 1

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2013 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our 2013 Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow, Friday 1st February 2013 at the Richmond Pool from 12.30pm to 3.00pm. The carnival involves children from Years 3 – 6 and any 8 year olds from Year 2 2013. All students attending will have the opportunity to swim either in structured races or fun activities.

STUDENT ABSENCE

It is a legal requirement that your child attends school every day unless an illness or other important matter prevents this.

When your child is absent from school a note of explanation should be sent on the day your child returns.

The note must indicate the specific reason for the absence. This information is required for Departmental records. Please notify the school if your child is going to be away from school for more than two days.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

Parents are reminded that they can pay all school payments by Electronic Funds transfer. You must include your child’s name with payment, then send in the permission note with your receipt number and total amount paid. When this shows on our bank statement a receipt will be issued.

Please note the following details:
BSB: 032-001
Account: 142 461

Please note that the school cannot accept P & C payments by transfer.

All P & C payments (OOSH, Canteen, etc) need to be paid directly to the Kurrajong East P & C Association or directly to their account as follows
CBA BSB: 062 622
Account: 1007 1958
We have a number of items in surplus from 2012 and would like to offer them to families preparing for 2013. Items for sale at the school office are as follows:

**Pencil cases**  
$1.70

**Faber Castel School set**  
2 pencils  
2 erasers  
3 pens  
1 sharpener  
$2.50

**My Useful Word Book**  
(Year 1)  
$4.50

**Oxford Dictionary**  
(Years 2 & 3)  
$18.90

**Australian School Dictionary**  
(Years 4, 5 & 6)  
$13.30

**Protractor Set**  
(Years 4, 5 & 6)  
$4.45

**Canon calculator**  
(Years 5 & 6)  
$4.45

**A4 96 pages Exercise Book**  
$0.55

**A4 128 pages Exercise Book**  
$0.65

While stocks last – no reordering possible at these prices.

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**P & C NEWS**

**Canteen**  
The canteen roster for February is as follows:

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The canteen will open for 2013 on Monday 4th February. Term1 menu will continue to be the same as last terms summer menu until further notice.

Please remember that all lunch orders must be pre-ordered on a brown paper bag and handed in at the canteen before 9.30am each Monday and Thursday mornings with child’s name class and order clearly written and money enclosed inside the bag.
Student Requirements 2013

Kinder
4 glue sticks
1 pencil case
paint shirt
2 boxes of tissues
12 Coloured pencils/
4 x 2B lead pencils
12 twistable crayons
Small scissors
1 eraser
1 big hole pencil sharpener
1 hand wash

Year 1
An A4 homework book (128 page)
1 small pencil case
12 colour pencils
12 twistable crayons
4 x 2B lead pencils
Sharpener
Small scissors
1 eraser
2 glue sticks

Years 2
An A4 homework book (128 page)
Plastic folder/wallet
2 boxes of tissues
1 small pencil case
12 colour pencils
12 twistable crayons
4 x 2B lead pencils
Sharpener
Small scissors
1 eraser
2 glue sticks per term
A ruler

Years 3
An A4 homework book (128 page)
Plastic folder/wallet
2 boxes of tissues
1 small pencil case
12 colour pencils
12 twistable crayons
6 x HB lead pencils
Sharpener
Small scissors
1 eraser
2 glue sticks per term
**Year 4**
- coloured pencils – Staedtler or Faber-Castell
- 30cm ruler
- Protractor set
- Small/medium pencil case
- 1 eraser (plain white)
- Sharpener (metal or with shavings catcher)
- 2 glue sticks per term (UHU)
- 2 x boxes of tissues
- 4 x HB lead pencils
- A4 Homework book (128 page)
- Small scissors

**Year 5**
- coloured pencils – Staedtler or Faber-Castell
- 30cm ruler
- Protractor set
- Small/medium pencil case
- 1 eraser (plain white)
- Sharpener (metal or with shavings catcher)
- 2 glue sticks per term (UHU)
- 2 x boxes of tissues
- 4 x HB lead pencils
- A4 Homework book (128 page)
- Small scissors
- Faber-Castell Pen Pack (red, blue, black ballpoint pens)
- Sticky tape

**Year 6**
- coloured pencils – Staedtler or Faber-Castell
- 30cm ruler
- Protractor set
- Small/medium pencil case
- 1 eraser (plain white)
- Sharpener (metal or with shavings catcher)
- 2 glue sticks per term (UHU)
- 2 x boxes of tissues
- 4 x HB lead pencils
- A4 Homework book (128 page)
- Small scissors
- Faber-Castell Pen Pack (red, blue, black ballpoint pens)
- Sticky tape

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELLED WITH CHILD’S NAME**

**CHILDREN DO NOT NEED:** Liquid paper, spirit permanent textas, fluorescent pens, mini-garbage bins as pencil holds, any valuable items or toys.

Items such as bracelets, necklaces and ear-rings (especially the long dangling variety) can be very dangerous in the school situation. Students with pierced ears should wear ‘studs’ or ‘sleepers’

GRAFFITI on pencil cases, rulers, inside covers of books is discouraged in our educational classroom situation. Please ensure that new pencil cases, rulers etc are only labelled with the child’s name.
Mr White will be conducting tennis lessons at Kurrajong East Public School before school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8am during 2013.

Children in Years 2 to 6 who are interested in tennis lessons are asked to see Mr White at school on Monday 4th February at recess.