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 students, hope you enjoy your time at Kurrajong East.

We are looking forward to Monday 1st February when our Kindergarten students commence their time with us. Exciting times!!

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**
At this early time in the term we cannot make up classes until our enrolments are confirmed. At this stage it is looking like classes will be made up as per the following however this may change in the next week or so:

Mrs Bellamy will have Kindergarten/ Year 1

Mrs O'Brien will have Year 2 / Year 3/ Year 4

Mr Haynes will have Year 5/ Year 6

Classes are formulated by an enrolment limit that the department sets particularly relating to infant numbers.

**Captains**
Our Captain for 2016 is Lachlan J, Tom is our Vice Captain. Emily and Tia are our prefects. Congratulations to these students.
Assemblies
Parents are invited to attend our 1st assembly being held on Friday 5th 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.

At this first assembly our Grade Leaders/SRC representatives will receive their badges.

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 Can you please alter any information that is out of date and return to the school office no later than Friday 5th February.
Please ensure we have your up to date email address so you can receive all school correspondence.

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 a WH & 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.

As notified at the end of 2015 Parent helpers are also required to have a “Working with Children’s Check”. This is a mandatory requirement for any volunteer to work at our school. If you have not already done so please apply online for this, lodge your application at the RTA (NSW Service Centre) and present your letter with your number and approval to the school office on receipt.

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.

Swimming carnival
A reminder that our swimming carnival will be held next Wednesday 3rd February at Richmond Pool. (more information further in this newsletter)
All ribbons will be handed out at the conclusion of the carnival.

Brendhan Haynes
Principal

Please note
Our school canteen will open on
MONDAY 1 February 2016
## What’s Happening?

### Term 1 2016

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We ask all parents and caregivers to observe Department rules that state that pets are not allowed in school grounds (including dogs, cats, ducks, chickens etc.)

We thank you for your assistance in this matter.
AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL PLAN

Car Park - Mornings and Afternoons
It would be appreciated if parents could park either in the street, along the neighbouring fence (rear to fence) or the rear car park when dropping off or collecting children. Parking in the bus area and along the school fence restricts access and creates a safety hazard. Parking signs are in place and should be observed. Please do not park in front of staff cars when leaving your vehicle.

It is essential that all parents observe the Bus Zone and No Stopping signs. This is essential to ensure the safety of our students. Parents are asked to leave the access at the front of the school for bus travellers only and parents to come and leave the school grounds via the back gate.

We ask all parents to leave the area between the front gate and the seating area free so movement to and from buses is free of parents and children not catching a bus.

We ask drivers to think about the speed in which they enter and leave the crown land we use as a car park.

Parents and carers are reminded that children are not allowed to leave the school grounds by themselves after school.
We ask all adults to come into the school and collect their children from the silver seats and escort them safety to the car park.

Please slow down and care for our kids!
Has your child been away from school?

Remember to send a note to school when your child returns explaining why they were away.

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, and 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, Uniforms 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

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.

2016 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our 2016 Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at the Richmond Pool from 12.30pm to 3.00pm.

The carnival will involve only those children from Years 3 – 6 and any 8 year olds from Year 2 2016 who are competing in races.

Children who are poor swimmers or non-swimmers may attend but are unable to enter the pool due to WHS guidelines. These children must attend in their sports uniform and not swimwear.

If your child does not wish to attend they will be supervised at school.

Children will need to wear their swimwear ready to swim along with their sports clothes and bring their towels, hats, sunscreen along with any food and drinks required for the afternoon. It is strongly advised that children wear a sun shirt on the day as normal t-shirts do not protect well enough and are not allowed to be worn in the pool.
Parents are required to drive their own child/children to and from the pool.

The cost for the carnival will be **$7.55 per student**. (This includes pool hire and pool entry fee.)

Parents and preschoolers are welcome to attend and will need to pay the entrance fee at the pool. Students wishing to stay after the carnival and swim are required to leave the pool and return paying normal entry fees.

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**MUSIC LESSONS**

Blake Morrison will be offering music lessons to the students of Kurrajong East Public School. He will be teaching the children the fundamentals of performing either guitar, piano and drums as well as how to read music and basic music theory.

There will be 8 weeks of lessons this term, starting Monday 8th February 2016. If you wish to cancel a lesson please give 24hrs notice on the phone numbers below.

The lessons will cost $20 per week for a 25 minute private session.

Payments are to be made to Blake in cash – monthly or per term. Tax receipts will be issued upon receipt of payment.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me

- Home phone: 4565 9224
- Mobile: 0458 700 188
- Email: blakemorrison@live.com.au

Please return the slip to the school office no later than Monday 1st February when Blake will be at school to talk with each interested student.

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**P & C NEWS**

**Canteen**

The canteen roster for the next fortnight is as follows:

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Dear Parents

We are in need of assistance with our canteen. All new helpers are rostered on with an experienced canteen worker to enable our new helpers to learn the canteen routine. Please feel free to bring your pre-schoolers with you.

Canteen Duties involve:
- Sorting the lunch orders at 9.30am
- Sorting bags into individual piles i.e. pies, pizzas etc
- Take the required amount of food from freezer and put into oven
- Prepare rolls, wraps and sandwiches
- At 11.25pm place all lunches in bags, then into allocated class baskets ready for collection at 11.30pm
- Set up for 2nd break selling at 1.40pm
- Sell ice blocks, drinks etc at 1.40pm and close canteen at 2.15pm
- Wash up, tidy up, before leaving.

If you are able to spare some time on a Monday or Friday please complete the attached form and return it to the School Office as soon as possible.

Thanking you

Canteen Committee

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KURRAJONG EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C CANTEEN

I would be pleased to be added to the canteen roster for Term 1 on the following days:

**Monday** ☐ **Friday** ☐

Name: ___________________________________________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________________________________

Phone No.: __________________________
**Student Requirements 2016**

**Kinder**
- An A4 homework book (128 page)
- 2 glue sticks per term
- 1 pencil case
- paint shirt
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 small pencil case
- 12 Coloured pencils/
- 4 x 2B lead pencils
- 12 twistable crayons
- 1 eraser
- 1 big hole pencil sharpener
- 1 hand wash
- 1 pair bud-earphones

**Year 1**
- An A4 homework book (128 page)
- 1 small pencil case
- 12 colour pencils
- 12 twistable crayons
- 4 x 2B lead pencils
- Sharpener (metal or with shavings catcher)
- 1 eraser
- 2 glue sticks per term
- 1 hand wash
- 1 pair bud-earphones

**Years 2**
- An A4 homework book (128 page)
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 small pencil case
- 12 colour pencils
- 12 twistable crayons
- 4 x 2B lead pencils
- Sharpener (metal or with shavings catcher)
- 1 eraser
- 2 glue sticks per term
- A ruler
- 1 hand wash
- 1 pair bud-earphones

**Years 3**
- An A4 homework book (128 page)
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 small pencil case
- 12 colour pencils
- 12 twistable crayons
- 6 x HB lead pencils
- Sharpener (metal or with shavings catcher)
- 1 eraser
- 2 glue sticks per term
- 4GB USB
- 1 pair bud-earphones
Year 4
- coloured pencils – Staedtler or Faber-Castell
- 30cm ruler
- Protractor set (available from office - $4.45)
- Calculator (available from office - $4.45)
- 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
- 4GB USB
- 1 pair bud-earphones

Year 5
- coloured pencils – Staedtler or Faber-Castell
- 30cm ruler
- Protractor set (available from office - $4.45)
- Calculator (available from office - $4.45)
- 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
- 4GB USB
- 1 pair bud-earphones

Year 6
- coloured pencils – Staedtler or Faber-Castell
- 30cm ruler
- Protractor set (available from office - $4.45)
- Calculator (available from office - $4.45)
- 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)
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ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELLED WITH CHILD’S NAME