

# N/C Chronicle

## WELCOME BACK

It was fantastic to see and hear the children return today. Their excitement and enthusiasm was so infectious and filled our school with such a warm and welcoming "buzz". Thanks to the many parents, especially our new prep parents for their attendance and interest in our school. First day of school is so special to all our new preps. They were so confident and excited about starting school, so much so that they all nearly forgot to say "bye" mum and dad. It was a simple and very positive and happy start to 2011.

During February staffing will remain similar to 2010, and depending on confirmed enrolment at February 28th census, a decision will need to be made about time fraction reduction.

### **We need some more pupils.**

Prep—1 (18) - Mr & Mrs Wright, Mrs Hicks

Gr 2-4 (22) - Mrs Johnstone & Mrs Moore

Gr 5-6 (23) - Mrs Sleep & Mrs Nulty

**PREPS**—Just a reminder that you all have Wednesdays off as a rest day for the month of February.

## SWIMMING PROGRAM—STARTS MONDAY FEB 7TH

All children will be expected to be involved in our swimming program. If there is a genuine reason why your child is unable to participate please provide a note. Grade 2-6 will travel to Colignan Pool on Mon, Tuesday, Thurs and Frid. Wednesday will be at our school pool. Grade Prep—1 will swim at our school pool on Mon, Tues, Thurs & Frid. Grade 1 and 2 pupils will travel to Colignan on Wednesdays (when Preps have the rest day). Swimming Sports will be held on Wednesday Feb 23rd.

Permission note attached for pupils to be involved in the swimming program. It is important that this note is returned by Monday 7th Feb.

**COST**—Cost for this swimming program, which covers bus fare and hire of pool (Colignan Pool) will be \$8.00/per day per child. This equates to \$72 per child for children in grades 3-6, \$88 for grade 2 pupils and \$24 for grade 1 pupils. (This also includes swimming sports day). **If you choose to pay schools fees these costs will be included in the school fees for the year.**

## ARTS TO GO

Our first performance for 2011 will be held on Monday March 7th. Commencing at 9.15am. It is titled 'Big Game.' All parents are most welcome to come along and enjoy the performance. Cost will be \$5 per child if you choose not to pay school fees.

What's Happening Next Week:

**Monday Feb 7th**  
—Swimming Program commences.

If you hold a current Centre link Card please bring it into the school office to claim for EMA.

## **SCHOOL FEES**

Our school budget is very tight this year. We would like all families to please support us by paying school fees. This year the fees have gone up slightly. Our fees haven't changed for several years and despite the slight increase they are still well below all other schools in the Sunraysia area.

If you have 1 child attending our school the cost will be \$150.

For 2 children the cost will be \$250 and for 3 or more children in the same family the cost will be \$300. These fees can be paid in term instalments. Please let the school office know of your intention as accounts for the swimming program will be sent out to families in early march.

It would be appreciated if all fees were finalised by Feb 28th. Remember this is a one off payment that covers for all school expenses. Eg. Local excursions, swimming program, all visiting performances (Vic Arts, Arts to Go etc). Arts performances cost approx. \$5/child, any bus travel costs \$5/child and we have many of them throughout the year. If you choose not to pay school fees an account will be sent out to you listing all activities your child/children have been involved in. If you are eligible for EMA this can be used to cover these costs. \* **Basically we need the money to balance our budget.**

## **MOSQUITO REPELLANT**

As we are all aware the mozzies are shocking this year. As a school we have purchased a natural repellent which we are encouraging the children to apply when necessary. If any parents have an objection to their child using the repellent please notify us and provide your own suitable replacement. It would also lower our expenses if all children did have their own. Must be a lotion, no aerosol cans (asthma problems).

## **LUNCH ORDERS**

We have a limited stock of Ziggy's products (Rice, Pasta) and nuggets and will commence sales on Monday Feb 7th. We have plenty of slurpee and they will also be on sale every day for 50c each. An updated lunch order price list will be compiled and sent home very soon.

## **LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH**

Our school have been invited to be part of a very special language program. We are one of 4 schools in the Mildura region to be provided with a weekly visit from 3 Chinese teachers. They will visit our school every Tuesday and teach all grades about Chinese culture and language.

## **READER BAGS**

It is important that all children remember to bring their reader bags to school every day.

**LIBRARY BORROWING.**

Children can borrow from the school library every Friday. They need to return any books they have read to be able to borrow new ones. If you have a reader bag of some sort the children can use would be fantastic as it protects our books and therefore they will last longer.

**STUDENT BANKING**

If your child has a Dollarmite account at the Commonwealth Bank he/she can bank money into this account through our school every Friday. For every \$100 deposited through our school we receive \$5. We also receive \$5 for each new account opened through our school. If you open a new account at the bank we will not receive any commission. We only receive commission if the forms are filled out and returned to us at school. If you child doesn't have one of these accounts and you wish to open one up please call into the school office for a form. This is a Parents Club initiative.

**COMMUNITY BENEFIT**

We are also registered with Fishers stores through the community benefit program. All you need to do is fill out a registration form (from the school office) and get an key tag. When you shop, you present the key tag to be scanned with your groceries and we then receive 1% of your total grocery bill. This is also a Parents Club initiative.

**BIG THANK YOU**

Would like to send out a big thankyou to Shelly, Jeff, Jakob, Olivia and Toby Robinson who spent several days getting our school tidied and ready for the 2011 year. Special thanks to Shelley for coming down yesterday and washing all the outdoor tables and chairs and today for cleaning the Fundzinc kitchen and the carpet in the shed. This was such a big help—thank you very much.

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**SWIMMING PROGRAM PERMISSION NOTE**

I ..... give permission for my child/children

..... to travel by bus to Colignan Pool to

participate in our annual swimming program and Sports Carnival to be held

during February.

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(signed)

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