Our first “official” newsletter will be published next Thursday, 9th February, and will be sent home that afternoon. But in the meantime this short newsletter will bring you up to date with a few things.

Welcome: I would like to welcome everyone back to the start of the 2017 year and express how excited I am about leading the school as Acting Principal over the next two terms. It was great to see so many smiling faces and witness the obvious excitement that the children felt on returning to school. I certainly have a quite a few names to learn and look forward to working with the teachers and the children.

Also I would like to extend a welcome to all our new families and encourage everyone to be actively involved in the school and the learning of their children. At Numurkah Primary School we believe our school values – ‘We are LEARNERS, We are CARING, We are RESPONSIBLE, We are RESPECTFUL’ can be practised by all and will provide our children with the necessary skill set for the future.

I encourage everyone to attend our ‘meet and greet’ BBQ on the 9th February and I look forward to saying hello.

Debbie Oliver
Acting Principal

Upcoming Dates: Some dates to remember for the coming weeks...........

- **Monday 6th February:** First Whole-school Assembly for 2017 (Library Courtyard area, 9.00am) (All parents welcome)
- **Monday 6th February:** Welcome “Cuppa” (after assembly, approx. 9.20am) (Kitchen area, Pr-2 Building) (All parents welcome, especially new families)
- **Thursday 9th February:** Meet’n’Greet - Welcome BBQ (front lawn area, 5.00pm – 7.00pm) (Please see separate invitation)
- **Monday 13th February:** Swimming commences for all grades (See below, & notes will be sent out tomorrow)
- **Monday 13th February:** Parents & Friends / FETE Meeting (Staff Room, after assembly)
- **Monday 13th February:** School Council Meeting (Library, 7pm)

Swimming: Our swimming program commences on Monday 13th February. All grades will participate in swimming over the 2½ weeks, including Preps. (No swimming on Wednesdays for Preps, as they do not attend school on that day). This is a valuable water safety & skills program and runs very smoothly with the fantastic support we get from parent helpers. If you are able to help with swimming please return the appropriate form attached to the swimming permission forms which will be handed out tomorrow. Because our Preps go swimming in their first weeks of school, extra help at the indoor pool would be appreciated, in the pool and helping in the change rooms. All swimming notes need to be returned by Thursday 9th Feb, so that we can have everything in place for the following week (including rosters). If you are unsure of anything related to swimming (especially if you are new to the school), please contact us. Swimming co-ordinators this year are: Nick Iorianni and Rob Smith.

Annual Confidential Student Information - 2017: This annual form is the main source of contact and general permission information, so please read the notes carefully, fill out the form and return it to school as soon as possible. **This year, the form is coloured ORANGE, and has been sent home today. We would like them returned by Wednesday 8th February.**
**Lunch Order and Canteen Information:** Attached is an updated price list for lunch orders and canteen items. Please keep this in a safe place at home to help when organising money for lunch orders and /or canteen items. PALS have requested that each student has their lunch order money in their bag (please don’t combine siblings money), as they are often unaware of which class a sibling may be in. **We have also attached a sheet requesting volunteers for our canteen. If you can help, please fill out and return a.s.a.p.**

**Sunsmart & Hydration:** Students must have bucket hats at school at all times (this will be “officially policed” from next Monday onwards). Children are allowed to access their water-bottles from their bags during the class-time day. (Drinks other than water during class-time are not accepted). Sunscreen is available in all rooms but it is preferable that children use their own familiar brands from home. Sun-glasses (UV & safety approved) are also accepted as part of the Sunsmart program. Please make sure all items are labelled.

**Yr 6 Specially-printed Bomber Jackets and Polo-shirts:** We have everything in place ready for the Yr 6 polo-shirts and bomber jackets to be printed. Yr 6’s will receive a separate note soon, outlining the process for this year, which means we can get the printed garments back as soon as possible.

**School entry and exit:**
- Just a reminder that each class has their own entry and exit doors. These doors are to be used before and after school as well as during school time, so to avoid confusion, please talk to your children about an appropriate drop-off and pick-up point when they arrive or are leaving school eg at the front gate or near the front lawn area, etc
- Please remember that the Pr-2 building has the Open Learning Area in the middle, where groups of children will be involved in activities, so we cannot have parents mingling in the middle of this open-learning area, particularly at the end of the day if there are activities in progress - please wait outside the main doors.

**Fete:** Our Term One Fete *(Friday 24th March)*, will come around quickly, so Parents & Friends will be meeting shortly to discuss the many things that need to happen prior to the fete. Parent support for our fete is really important so please consider coming along to this meeting, or letting us know how you can support us. Further information will be sent out shortly. **Also see date on previous page for first fete meeting.**

**School Facebook Page:** We have a “closed group” School Facebook page to help with school communication. The aim of the page is provide up-to-date information, reminders etc, quickly and conveniently, as most families have access to their Facebook accounts via their smartphones nowadays. We also used this to share some information and/or photos of special activities eg camps. We want to re-emphasise the following points which are part of our Facebook Policy:
- Our Facebook page will be for a “closed group” (our school community only – staff & parents/care-givers: adult Facebook users within our school)
- We want to model the positive sides of social media (sharing information, communication, positive acknowledgements, etc)
- Our Facebook page will be monitored carefully by our administrators for any inappropriate use, and follow-up action will be taken
- Any personal / individual issues or queries should be directly addressed through normal appointments, meetings, etc.

**How to join:**
- Open your Facebook page
- Click on the search icon in the top left corner and type in Numurkah Primary School
- Several choices will probably appear.
- Our “closed group” page is the top one, which indicates the number of members that have joined so far.
- Click on this one and request to join.
- If this is a genuine school community request (parents or staff), our administrators will add you as a member.

**School Uniform:** It was great to see all students in correct uniform today. Remember black shoes or black sneakers are the required footwear. Other sneakers maybe brought along to change into during sports sessions (this is mainly relevant to Yr 5-6 during their winter sports months).

**CSEF:** The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund is available to families that hold a current Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC), OR are a temporary foster parent. To be eligible families must submit an application form and provide proof of eligibility. Application forms are available at the school office. This can be used for the upcoming swimming program. If you have any questions please contact the office.

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**Welcome Back. Let’s have a wonderful 2017 school year.**
**PALS**

**Lunch Menu 2017**

**ROLLS:**
- Chicken Salad Roll $5.00
- Ham Salad Roll $5.00

**DRINKS:**
- Apple Juice $1.50
- Orange Juice $1.50
- Nipples Flavoured $2.50 (Chocolate, Strawberry & Iced Coffee)

**Wraps:**
- Ham & Salad Wrap $4.50
- Chicken & Salad Wraps $4.50

**Sauces:**
- Soy or Tomato $0.20 each

**Bags:**
- Charged @ $0.10

**Hot Food:**
- Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender Wrap with Lettuce $4.00
- Ham & Cheese Toastie $3.50
- Sausage Roll $3.50
- Hash Brown & Bacon Wrap with BBQ Sauce $4.50
- Party Pies 4 for $4.00
- Pizza Singles $3.50

**Available in:**
**Bacon & Cheese**
**Ham & Pineapple**

**Specials**

**TUESDAYS ONLY:**
- Dim Sims x 3 $2.50

**FRIDAYS ONLY:**
- Hot Dog $3.50
- Chicken Burger $4.50 (Lettuce & Mayo)

PALS Central Area Office (Numurkah) (03) 5862 3613
SCHOOL CANTEEN

- The school canteen will be open every day, Monday to Friday (unless volunteers are unavailable).

- Purchases will be restricted to one item per student, therefore students will need to bring no more than $2.00 on days they wish to purchase from the canteen.

- Canteen items are not to be considered a substitute for a lunch meal.

- Below is a list of current canteen prices.

- Occasionally we may have “specials’ which are advertised in the newsletter or on our Facebook group

- Students are only allowed to buy canteen items for themselves and not for other students. Please see office staff if you have any concerns.

CANTEEN PRICES

Price list as of 02/02/2017

Chips  $1.20
French Fries  $1.60
Moosies  $1.00
Paddle Pop Icy Twists  $1.00
Mini Calippo  $1.00
Zooper Doopers  60c
Cruncha Orange Fruit Juice Ice Block  80c
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

CANTEEN ROSTER 2017

HOURS 1.30pm – 2.10pm

If you wish to volunteer in the school canteen on a monthly basis, please write your name under the appropriate day of each month and return to the school office as soon as possible.

A reminder canteen roster will be printed in each Thursday’s newsletter for the upcoming week.

If you are new to the school, we will help you out with how the canteen operates.

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