Dear Parents,

We were delighted to welcome Mr Mark Smith, Principal of Lomandra School to our school assembly in week 4. He presented our Year 12 student leaders with their badges.

*School Captain:* Joshua Irlam

*Vice Captain:* Christopher Hristovski


Congratulations to these students.

University of Western Sydney Medical students will be involved in a Community Learning Program again in 2013. We welcome them to our school as we support the strengthening of their understanding of the needs of our students and their families.

Our school has received a generous donation from the management, staff and patrons of the Campbelltown Court Tavern. The generosity of our community is outstanding and contributes greatly to the success of our school, enhancing programs and resources for our students. Thank you!

Our students prepared a beautiful basket of herbs from the garden as a thank gift to the manager when he came to the school to present the donation.

Kind regards

Carmel Seeto

**Supportive Learning Environment**

The School Counsellor, Mrs Jennifer Mansour is at the school on Tuesdays. School Counsellors work with students, parents and carers in a variety of ways. Their work includes:

- Counselling students
- Assisting parents to make informed decisions about their child’s education
- Assessing students’ learning and behaviour
- Liaising with other agencies concerned with the wellbeing of students
- Supporting students and their families at times of grief and difficulty.

School counselling is a confidential service and school counsellors will check with parents before passing on information. Please contact the school to speak with the Jennifer.

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?**

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

Attached is further information about this bonus.

**School Development Day**

**Wednesday 5 June**

This year it is proposed to change the days for our school development day in Term 3. Students will attend school on Monday, 15 July, 2013 (day 1 term 3) but will not attend on Wednesday, 5 June, 2013. This will enable all teachers to attend the National Special Education Conference which is highly regarded for its outstanding contribution to best practice in teaching students with special needs. School Learning Support Officers will also be involved in professional training related to their role in our school.

I hope this is enough time for parents to make suitable alternate arrangements for your child’s care on Wednesday, June 5, 2013. Thank you for your support and please contact me should you have any concerns.
Harmony Day

Beverley Park School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 21 March. This will be a Mufti Day where students are asked to wear something orange. Orange is our colour for ‘Be Respectful’. Students are also asked to bring a gold coin donation that will be sent to our friends at the orphanage in Malaysia. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect widely celebrated across schools. This is a day to celebrate diversity. We each make up the pages of the bigger Australian story we share today. Our stories are all different but can also be similar.

In keeping with the Harmony Day theme of Many Stories- One Australia, we will welcome a special guest to our school on Wednesday 20 March, who will tell Dreamtime stories and play a range of musical instruments.

Student Health Care

General use Adrenaline Autoinjectors

The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit. This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his / her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

Promoting our school uniform with pride

It was a pleasure to see our students in their school uniforms when they returned for the new school year. Our students are encouraged to wear school uniforms. This is most important when our students are in the community. We ask parents to support the school by encouraging their child to wear the correct school uniform.

Assisted School Travel Program

Parents are reminded that variations for student travel program should be requested 7 days in advanced so this can be processed by the school and the Assisted School Travel Unit.

A change to residential address requires a specific application form to be completed by parents. Do not ask drivers to pick up and drop off students at addresses different from those on their run sheet. All changes are to be authorised by the Assisted Student Transport Unit.

Please give drivers early notification when your child is not attending school.

Student Permission Notes

Please check your child’s diary each day for permission notes. Prompt return of these would be appreciated to enable final organisation of community access, sport and leisure activities to occur.

School accounts have been sent home. Your attention to these would be appreciated. Please contact the school office directly if you wish to discuss any matters relating to the invoiced activities and payment options.

Upcoming Events

Dates for the diary

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