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Tuesday January 27 – Week 1 Term 1

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to an exciting new school year. Today we have seen many smiling faces return, some new faces in the classrooms and a sense of anticipation and renewing of friendships in the playground. Welcome to all the new families and new staff. Our playground is looking wonderful after the alterations which were completed during the vacation. Year Five are looking forward to being the buddies of the new Kindergarten students who will arrive tomorrow.

We have many things planned for this term including the swimming carnival for students in Years Two to Six on Thursday 12 February, The Healthy Harold Van visiting 19 - 24 February and Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday 10 February at 7pm and staff dedication service on Sunday 1st February beginning at 9.30am. Please write these dates in your diary. There are many changes this year which you, as parents, will want to know about.

Keep praying for us as a school. We have great plans, but know that any plans will go astray if they are not in God's plan for us. Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you", says the Lord, "Plans for good and not for evil. Plans to give you a future and hope".

Have a great week.

Mrs Steward

Value of the Week: Obedience

Welcome New 2009 Families

Welcome back to our continuing families and a special welcome to all our new families starting in 2009. We trust your time with us will be a blessing to your family and each of your children will be educated for their academic year and for eternity. Our weekly newsletter informs you of upcoming events, results of competitions and other information. Just a quick reminder of a few events that will be happening in 2009.

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| Mondays | Canteen available for lunch orders & recess. |
| Wednesdays | This is our school sport day. Students should wear their sports uniform all day. |
| Fridays | Our weekly school Chapel service is held every Friday at 9.00am in the church auditorium. All are welcome as we join together to praise God and celebrate the talents and achievements of our students.
Canteen available for lunch orders only. |

Welcome to our new teacher – Miss Dwyer

Miss Dwyer will be teaching Year 2 this year. We are pleased to welcome her to our school community. Please make her feel welcome if you pass her in the halls.

Tea and Tissues Morning Tea

If anyone is able to help with the Tea and Tissues Morning tea for our new Kindergarten families tomorrow could you please see Mrs Jeney in the office and let her know what area you are available for. We need help in catering, setting up, hosting and clean up. The morning tea will start at 9.00am.

School Fees 2009

Due to the current economic climate, the School Board has decided to take a big step of faith. In spite of CPI rising by 5% and teacher's salaries increasing next year, they are willing to bless each family in our school in 2009. Instead of the usual fee increase of up to 10%, they have decided for 2009 to increase the fees by only \$10 per term. That is about a dollar a week, or 20 cents a day, for a ten week term. This will mean fees for 2009 will now be \$700.00 per child per term. Praise God for a wonderful, faithful Board who stand on the promises of God.

Uniform Shop 2009 Opening Hours

Just a reminder of the opening hours for the Uniform Shop – Mrs Lebbos opens the uniform shop every day of the week from 8.30am – 9.15am and 3.00pm – 3.30pm.

If you are unable to get to the shop during those hours please collect an order form from the office and return it with your order and payment.

Helpers/Volunteers

There are many ways in which you can help in our school. A helpers letter is being sent home with this newsletter, giving you the opportunity to nominate some areas in which you may assist the students and school. If you have ideas or gifts in other areas not on the sheet, please bring them to the class teacher's or Principal's attention. Remember, many hands make light work.

Swimming Carnival

The school swimming carnival is being held on Thursday 12th February, at Birrong Pool, for students in Years 2 – 6. Start thinking about which events your child will be able to enter and any ways in which you could assist us on the day. Notes for this are being sent home today.

School Fees

Just a reminder that all school fees for term 1 are due and payable by Friday 6th February. If you are unable to finalise your account by this date please speak with Mrs Jeney to discuss payment options.

Class Locations

Kindergarten	Main building	Mrs Farmer and Mrs Linney (Mondays) Mrs Tarasenko – Teacher's Aide.
Year 1	Room 5	Mrs Burgess
Year 2	Room 6	Miss Dwyer
Year 3	Room 7	Mrs Fazio
Year 4	Room 1	Mr Bluhdorn
Year 5	Room 4	Mrs Veikoso
Year 6	Room 3	Mrs Nash
Library	Main building	Mrs Wilson (Mondays & Wednesdays) Mrs MacDougall – Library Assistant (Wednesdays)
Learning Support	Room 8	Mrs Linney (Tuesdays & Thursdays) Mrs Auckett – Teacher's Aide (Wednesdays to Fridays)
Computer Lab Music	Room 2	Mrs Steward (various days) Mrs Tobar (Tuesdays)

School Handbook 2009

The School Handbook 2009, will be distributed to the youngest member of each family next week.

Below is a reminder of a few of the important points covered in the handbook, it is recommended that you take time to read all of the handbook at your earliest convenience.

Drop Off and Pick Up :

Ensure the children know who is picking them up and from which place each day.

Please don't hover around their classroom waiting for them to notice you as this can be very distracting for both the teacher and other students, as well as embarrassing for your child.

All students will be brought to the courtyard for parents to greet and collect them at the end of the day, unless it is wet weather.

Wet Weather Pick Up:

Please collect your child from their classroom if it is wet weather. Signs will be displayed in the Kiss and Drop Zone if it is wet weather pick up. Please park in Beale Street Carpark, Ashcroft Street or Lionel Street before collecting your child on these days.

Appointments with the Teacher:

You can make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher most afternoons.

Teachers will not be making appointments to speak to parents on Wednesday afternoons as it is our staff meeting time, or before 8:40am any morning, as the staff are in our devotional time. If you want to or need to discuss anything with a teacher, please make an appointment so each of you is prepared and time can be allocated to your issue specifically.

Absence notes including late arrival and early release:

It is a requirement that a note of explanation be given to the teacher the days following an absence. If your child is late or needs to leave early, you are to accompany them to the school office to pick up the official form, fill it out and hand it to the class teacher. Reasons for late arrival or early release are to be written on the form. These are all recorded as absences (either partial or full) for the Department of Education and Training officers.

Birthday Cakes:

It is lovely to celebrate a birthday with friends. If you choose to send something to school to celebrate your child's birthday, please send individual cupcakes or pre-sliced cake (enough for each child in the class) or some other items sufficient for each child in the class to share.

Medication:

If your child needs any medication throughout the school day, please send it to school in the original bottle labelled with the child's name, dose and times for administration. This needs to be taken to the school office for safe keeping and administering. Remember to collect it at the end of the day. No medication is to be left in your child's bag, even if they know what to do with it. We do not want it ending up in the wrong child's hands.

Name your belongings:

Please remember to put your child's name on all their belongings, so that if it is misplaced it can be returned to them as quickly as possible. If your child is missing something, please check the lost property bin in the foyer.

Library News

Welcome back to all of our enthusiastic library borrowers! (And our new ones too!) I am delighted to be of service to the staff, students and families as our school librarian. I will endeavour to have the library running as smoothly as Mrs Bromhead did, although please be patient with me as it will take some time. Library lessons will be on a Monday or Wednesday, your class teacher will confirm this for you. The library will be open on these days at lunchtimes. I shall look forward to seeing you all. Please note on the slip for parent help if you would be interested in helping in the library, I am certain we could work together for the students as there is always a lot to do!! Looking forward to your support,
Mrs Wilson 😊

Change to Bus Route

We have had correspondence from Veolia Transport that as from Monday 8 December 2008 the morning bus 905 departing Bankstown Interchange at 8.10am will set down on Georges Crescent instead of diverting to the school. Children will then need to walk to the school.

BRAVOS

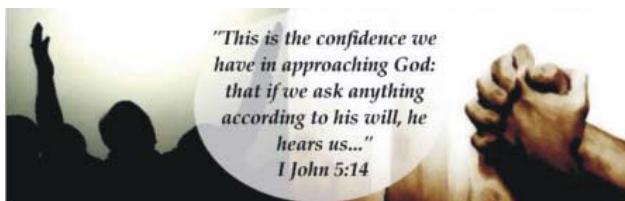
Congratulations to the following students who received Bravo awards in the final chapel of 2008.

Daniel Lilli, Martyn Conde, Rachael Kim, Joanna Kim, Seibin Kang,
Monique Gomez, Darlene Haryanto, Ethan Paulo, Danielle Nguyen

PRAYER & PRAISE

Praise God for:

- ✝ Teachers and students returning to school safely, ready to begin a new year of learning and spiritual growth.



Pray for:

- ✝ Our new Kindergarten students and their parents as they start school tomorrow.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bankstown Sport A Month – February

Bankstown City Council is encouraging all residents to come and try AFL in the month of February free of charge.

For a free brochure visit www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au or call Council's Recreation Officer on 9707 9641.

Everyone who registers and takes part in a 'Come and AFL' session throughout the month of February will receive a free **Active Bankstown Gift**.

Baby Furniture Needed

A baby car seat (5 point safety harness and recline position), and a cot (either a standard cot with mattress or a porta-cot) are required by one of the families in our school community. If you can help out with these items please see Mrs Lebbos in the Uniform Shop or let the office know.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 28 th January	First Day of Term 1 for Kindergarten – wearing Sports Uniform as Wednesday is Sports Day.
Friday 30 th January	Teacher's Chapel
Sunday 1 st February	Dedication service for staff 9.30am at Calvary Chapel
Friday 6 th February	Year 6 Chapel
Tuesday 10 th February	Meet the Teacher Night
Thursday 12 th February	Swimming Carnival – Birrong Pool
Friday 13 th February	Year 5 Chapel
19 th – 24 th February	Healthy Harold Life Education
Friday 20 th February	Year 4 Chapel
Friday 27 th February	Leaders Chapel
Friday 6 th March	Year 3 Chapel
Friday 13 th March	Year 2 Chapel
Friday 20 th March	Year 1 Chapel
Friday 27 th March	Kindergarten Chapel
	Year 6 Young Leaders Excursion
Friday 3 rd April	Year 5 Chapel
Thursday 9 th April	Year 6 Easter Chapel
	Last Day Term 1
Monday 27 th April	Term 2

CHURCH DATES

Saturdays 3pm – 4pm

Saturday 28th February

Children's Prayer

Nursing Home Ministry