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Included in next weeks newsletter will be advice for our School Council Elections as well as nomination forms. Please read this information carefully and feel free to contact John should you require further information. The are two nominating forms where you can nominate another person or yourself. Additional nomination forms if required will be on our website. Nominations close on Tuesday 18th February.

School Councillors are appointed for two years. We have three vacancies in the 2014/15 cycle. We also have one casual vacancy for 2014 (Amanda Ruzciska has resigned from council)

Prospective parents can follow the link for more details on the role of school councillor.


School Council generally meets twice a term at 7.00 pm on Wednesdays. Meeting are usually are of a duration of one to two hours.

School Council

We have students in our school who have food allergies. Reaction to consuming food to which they are allergic, can be severe. School Council made a policy decision that food containing nuts should not be brought to school. It is important that parents check the contents of food they give to their child(ren) before it is brought to school. Parents also are asked to reinforce that students are not to share food at school.

We also require updated asthma plans for students who are asthmatic. Forms to be completed by your doctor are available from John.

Student/Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 20th February and Monday 24th February after school. We hope to catch with any issues from the December reports as well as discussing student Individual Learning Plans for 2014. Please contact your child’s teacher to make an appointment. You can make an appointment for another time if you are unavailable on the nominated days.

From the Principal’s Desk

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Family Night

We are planning a family and meet new parents BBQ night on Wednesday 19th February @ 6.30 pm. We hope that every family can attend.

The school will supply sausages for everyone, you are free to bring your own meat if you choose. We ask that each family bring a salad or desert to share.

Please return the attached form for catering purposes.

Education Maintenance Allowance

The EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) provides financial assistance to families on a low income to help with the cost of essential educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

EMA is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink/Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

For more information or an application form see John. Applications must be completed and returned to school by Thursday 20th February for processing before the closing date Thursday the 27th February.

For more information about the changes to the EMA in 2013 please call 1800 060 970

Sunsmart

Bolinda Primary School is an accredited ‘Sunsmart’ school. All children are required to wear sunsmart hats in terms 1 and 4. Sunsmart hats have a wide brim or are legionnaire style where the back of the neck is protected. Caps are not sunsmart. Students without sunsmart hats will be asked to play in shaded areas. Please make sure that all hats and items of clothing have names on them. We have sunglasses for sale at $10 a pair.

Preps

Parents of Prep students are reminded that their children are not required to come to school on Wednesdays during February. Their first Wednesday will be 5th March.

Uniform

Thank you to uniform co-ordinator Kellie Bonnici for organising our uniforms. Please see Kellie if you have any uniform requests. We currently have low stock of most smaller sizes but we are happy to order as required.

Student Banking

Packages in relation to Commonwealth Bank school banking have been included with the newsletter. It is a parental choice as whether you choose to take up this offer. Bank day is Tuesdays.

Book Club

Book Club has been included in with this week’s newsletter. Order forms and money should be placed in the letter box in the office by Monday 10th February.

Chooks & Sooty

Thank you to all the parents who feed Sooty and the chooks over the holidays. This is much appreciated.

Netbooks

Student netbooks for year 3—6 students should arrive early next week. Lease agreements will be sent home shortly.

Contact information

Please make sure that we have your current telephone numbers on our records including mobiles and work numbers in case we need to contact you. Several times last year when needing to contact parents, their numbers weren’t current.

Camp

Camp is fast approaching, Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th February. Could all payments be made by Thursday 6th February. The balance is $180. Attached to the newsletter is a medical form and clothing list. Please see John should you have any queries.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Tana back on the 15th January and Lilli next Saturday. We hope you had/have a great day.

Guitar

Guitar lessons begin with the new teacher Alex Bryce next Monday 3rd February at 9.30 am. I do not have any further information at this time on cost.

SunFest

See the attached form regarding the possible attendance of our students performing at SunFest on Saturday 15th March. It would be appreciated if the form could be completed even if you are unable to attend.