2016 PREPS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PREPS!
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to the 2016 school year. In particular, I would like to extend a warm Kananook Primary welcome to our new families who have joined us for the first time this year. We have 22 Prep students and a number of new students across the school bringing our current enrolment to 199.

2016 STAFF

Welcome to our returning and new staff members for the 2016 school year:
Ms Jemma Bull – Grade 4/5/6 Class Teacher
Mrs Sarah Brand – Grade 2/3 Class Teacher

MEET THE TEACHER

Meet the Teacher sessions have been planned for Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th February. Details have been sent home and I urge you to make the effort to attend. A strong partnership between home and school is vital to achieve the best educational outcomes for your child.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

We have attached our Change of Details form in this newsletter. Please use this to notify the office immediately if you have changed any personal details so that we can update our system. Many schools in our region have had to enact emergency evacuation procedures in recent days and it is important that we have your up to date details. I strongly encourage you to load the tiqbiz app on your phone. This will enable us to notify you as soon as possible if required. If you have not already done so please go to the school web site and enter in your email details so we can automatically send the newsletter to you each week. This will also enable us to communicate to you in the event of an emergency.

SCHOOL DAY

Our school day officially begins at 9am each day and concludes at 3:30pm. Below is an outline of our daily structure. Please be aware that we would like all children to arrive prior to 9:00am.

Children must not be in the school grounds before 8:45am on any school day unless supervised by their own parent.

8:50 Morning Music / Teacher on Duty
9:00 – 11:00 Sessions 1
11:00 – 11:30 Recess break outside
11:30 – 1:30 Sessions 2
1:30 – 1:45 Children eat lunch in the classroom
1:45 – 2:30 Lunch break outside
2:30 – 3:30 Session 3

We encourage all children to bring small healthy snacks to eat at recess and lunch time. This can include fruit (must be cut into pieces), dried fruit, cheese, small dry crackers. Children are not encouraged to eat unhealthy snacks such as chips, sweet biscuits, lollies and chocolates during this time. No nut products are to be brought to school either. We also encourage all children to bring a water bottle to school. Children must only drink water from these bottles throughout the day (no cordial or soft drink is allowed). We have internal water fountains that can be used to refill water bottles.

HOAX PHONE CALLS TO VICTORIAN SCHOOLS

I would like to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days. Our school has not received such a call, but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority. If you have any questions please contact me.

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is produced weekly and distributed on a Thursday. We hope you find the newsletter informative. It will contain information regarding school events, children’s work and important dates. Additional copies are available on request in the reception area. It can also be viewed electronically on our school web site.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Information will be sent out soon regarding the School Council and the Election Process. We will have some parent vacancies. Please give this some consideration and feel free to contact me on 9786 6066 if you would like any further details about being a school councillor.

From The Principal,
Michael Block.

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Parents, Teachers and Friends (PTF) News

The PTF is a group who meet on average once a month to discuss school issues and organise events and activities that help make Kananook Primary School a better place for all our children and raise funds for the school. The PTF is a great way to meet other parents and get involved in the school. Some of the events the PTF organise include regular special lunches, Mother’s/Father’s Day Stalls, Easter and Christmas raffles and the School Disco. We can always use extra hands and ideas throughout the year.

Our first meeting will be held next Thursday 11th February at 9.15am. The meetings are held in the KOOSH room, we enjoy a cuppa together and toddlers are welcome to come and play during the meeting. All parents, teachers, grandparents and friends are warmly invited to join us.

We look forward to seeing you there!

NEWS:

Our Woolworths Earn and Learn products have arrived! We utilised our Earn and Learn points to purchase ten sets of headphones which will be used in all the classrooms across the school. Including a couple of games, we were able to purchase over $1,100 worth of resources for our school. Thankyou to all our parents, students and staff for collecting and bringing in Woolworths stickers during the campaign last year – a great effort!

Jenny and Trish
Co-Presidents

Join School Banking on an outback adventure!

School Banking is back for 2016! Tuesday is School Banking Day.

This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits.

There are 8 new reward items for 2016 from the Outback Savers range:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggley Glow Worm

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

PTF Second Hand Uniform Sales at Kananook Primary School

The PTF at Kananook Primary School runs a second hand uniform stall as often as possible throughout the school year. This allows all families in the community to purchase second hand uniform items at much reduced prices – something that is greatly appreciated as we all know purchasing new uniform items can be costly!

The sale of uniform items also enables families in the community to get a little bit of money back when their item(s) sell.

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Please attach a label, with the details shown here, to every item you would like to sell.

Items can be brought in on sale days or can be left at the school office in a bag clearly marked “PTF”.

Alternatively you may prefer to simply donate your no longer needed uniform items to the PTF.

If you are not at the sale, the PTF takes a $1.00 handling fee for every item sold on your behalf. All money raised by the PTF from these sales goes towards buying equipment and materials that the school requires.

There will be a sale on this Friday at 3.15pm in the Mirabooka courtyard.

Second Hand Uniform for Sale

- Parent’s name: ......................
- Parent’s phone: ....................
- Item: ...............................
- Size of item: .....................
- Asking price: ......................
- I am at / not at the sale (Please circle applicable)
Term 1 Important Calendar Dates

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Birthday Celebrations at Kananook

February
- 1st: Mason (Harlem)
- 4th: Zale
- 5th: Xander, Lily, Charlee-Ann
- 6th: Jasmine

Remember - ‘Every Day Counts’
Please be at school every day – even on your birthday

Friendly Stars

Watch this space!

Friendly Stars this week:

Friendly Stars are children who have been observed in the playground helping others, playing happily and safely with their peers and voluntarily taking care of their school environment.

KAAPA CUP: Starts next week
SPECIALIST CUP: Starts next week