Welcome back for Term 4 - We hope everyone had an enjoyable two weeks holiday. Term 4 will be a very busy term with many activities and events planned. Please make sure you read the school newsletter each week, check for any additional notes your child may receive and check the school website to keep up-to-date with what is happening and when at our school.

Leave - A reminder that Mr Corcoran is on leave for the first four weeks of this term. I am relieving Principal in his absence but will maintain my role as Year 2 supervisor. Ms Halabe is relieving Deputy Principal in my position and Mr Samuel is relieving Assistant Principal and Year 5 supervisor.

School Uniform - I would like to remind all students and their families that we have 11 weeks of school this term. All students are expected to wear full school uniform for the remainder of the year. This includes school hats and appropriate footwear. We have a clear set of uniform guidelines that we expect all students to adhere to. Our uniform policy has the support of the P and C. Please ensure you come dressed for school each day in the correct uniform. As the weather is getting warmer, make sure you are able to take your jumper off if it gets too hot during the day-you need to wear a school shirt underneath.

Important Notes - There will be a series of notes being sent home over the next few weeks. These will include the following:

2015 classes - This note provides parents with the opportunity to identify issues or concerns that we need to be aware of prior to class placements for next year. These issues may be related to emotional/social needs, academic strengths/weaknesses, and student combinations. If you have given us information in previous years, you will still need to provide that information again. This is not an opportunity to pick a teacher for next year. Requests for specific teachers are not taken into consideration in our planning or placement.

Returning in 2015 - Each year we stress the importance of having accurate numbers so we can form classes. Classes are based purely on student numbers. This note provides parents with the opportunity to let us know if students will return either at the start of the school year, or after the start of the school year due to extended family holidays. We are able to count late returns in our numbers if we have a note from parents.

Sports and Special Group Photos - REMINDER - These photos are on display in our office foyer. A reminder that orders close next Monday 13th October. They may be ordered by completing an envelope obtained from the front office counter. Please place payment of either Cash or Cheque in the envelope provided. Credit Card payments may be made online through the website (www.theschoolphotographer.com.au). Please put your order on the envelope and return to the front office. The photos are $14 each, 2 for $26, 3 for $36, 4 for $44 or 5 for $50. Any additional orders over 5 photographs are $10 each. This discount is only available per family order. Maxi size photos which are A3 in size are $20 each (e.g. whole school).

K-2 Athletics Carnival and Sausage Sizzle - New Date - This Carnival and the Sausage Sizzle will now be held on Wednesday, 15 October 2014 (Week 2). A reminder note will be sent home closer to carnival day. Miss Vella.

Active Challenge - Active Challenge will commence from Monday 13 October.

Mini Fete Countdown - 14 days to go!
2015 Enrolments - We have started looking at structures and staffing for the 2015 school year. We are requesting any families with students who will start Kindergarten next year to collect an enrolment form from the front office. This ensures students are included in the kindergarten orientation process and allows our school to be staffed based on accurate numbers.

Values Education - The value for Weeks 1 and 2 is Fairness/Justice. Fairness/Justice is when we treat people equally and without bias. When we are fair we treat everyone as the same. Fairness involves actions and decisions based on what is just. It also involves playing games by rules. When we practise fairness we are ready to accept our mistake, apologise and make every effort to correct it. Please encourage discussions about fairness with your children at home. Mrs S. Kumar, Student Engagement.

PSSA Sport - PSSA sport will commence on Friday, 17 October.

Topsy Turvy Day - This will be held on Monday, 13 October. A separate note has been sent home today.

School Website Class of the Week - Visit our school website to see if your class is the class of the week!

Instructions:
Click on 'School Years' tab
Click on side tab 'What's Happening in …’
Click on your grade under 'School Years' tab if you missed seeing your class!

Have a great week!
Judy Power
Relieving Principal

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Stewart House: Collection Monday 13th October - 6GH

Stewart House is asking for our help to collect clothing that your family does not need anymore. They collect and use this clothing with the Smith Family to raise money to support their programs. Stewart House provides health care and short-term respite care for children in need who are enrolled in public schools in NSW and the ACT. It is called a "Preventorium," because it aims to prevent chronic health problems. In 2013 they received $18,930 from these collections - a vital part of their income.

Bags are available from each class teacher and must be returned by Monday 13th October 2014. If you don’t have a bag, please donate in any plastic bag. Stewart House will be collecting them on Tuesday morning. Please send all bags to the wet area in the room 6GH.
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