Dear Parents and Carers,

Our swimming carnival was held in perfect conditions last week, with all students at the carnival displaying excellent manners and sportsmanship. A special thanks to the parents who helped on the day. Congratulations to Mr Bellamy for organising such a successful event. All parents would now be aware that the school gates in Osborn Avenue are locked during the school day. This is to ensure the safety of all our students, as well as those requiring some additional support. The main pedestrian access in Maitland Road is open at all times. Visitors to the school during school hours, before 3.15pm need to come to the office before approaching any classroom. The gate in Osborn Ave will be open at 2.20pm for 15 minutes on a Monday & Tuesday for parents to have access to our school assemblies. Thank you to the parents who are waiting in the bottom quad near the canteen, for their children to leave classes at 3.25pm. On 12th March, from 5.00pm to 6.30pm we will be hosting a ‘Welcome to the 2015 school year’. All Stages in the school will have a table set up in the school hall for parents to visit and speak to their student’s classroom teacher. There will be information packs available for each school grade. On the afternoon/evening the canteen will be selling drinks, snacks and sausage sandwiches. More information about the event will be sent home soon.

Yours In Education
Karen Rayner
Relieving Principal

Permission to Publish & General Consent Form 2015
Last Friday students in grades 1 to 6 received a Permission to Publish & General Consent Form (violet colour). Could we please request that parents/carers complete this permission form and return to the student’s class teacher as soon as possible?

The Department of Education and Training have issued a new Permission to Publish & Disclose Information form that we have incorporated with our General Consent form to have all important information easily acceptable and to minimise paperwork. Prompt completion and return of this paperwork is much appreciated. Regards

Tissues required
Each classroom would kindly appreciate a donation of a box of tissues from students. Many thanks.

Breakfast Club
Breakfast Club has started for 2015 and is available for 50c between 8:45am and 9:15am from the school canteen every morning.

Anniversary of the Apology to Members of the Stolen Generations Assembly

Last Friday 13th February marked the anniversary of the Australian Parliament making a formal apology to the members of the Stolen Generations. On Monday we were very lucky to have Aboriginal Elder, Mr Barry French, attend our assembly to recognise this special occasion.

Assembly
It is a whole school assembly next Monday 23rd February commencing at 2.30pm. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

Quote of the week: Develop a passion for learning and you will never cease to grow.
**P&C Meeting**  
The next P&C Meeting will be our AGM, all positions will become vacant and we can elect our new Executive Committee. Meeting is to be held in the School Library at 1.30pm Tuesday 17th March 2015.

**Uniform Shop**  
Open 9am – 10am Monday & Friday. 
Hats and Polos back in stock. 
The office has order forms for you to order over the counter at any time. 
We take cash, cheque and eftpos.  
**NOTE:** We also have a layby system available  
**No items can be taken without full payment**

**Canteen News**  
Welcome back to school. 
The canteen will be open 5 days a week as of next Monday 23rd February from 9am – 2pm. 
Lunch orders can be placed at the school canteen between 9am and 9.30am.

**DINO NUGGETS MEAL DEAL**  
AVAILABLE 5 Days per week  
6 Nuggets & an Orchy pop top $4

Eftpos is available for lunch order payments by adults only. 
Thank you to this week’s volunteers Catherine, Colleen & Jane. We are looking for new faces to help out in the canteen this term. If you have any spare time and would like to help please see Megan. Unfortunately due to the Breakfast Club & Uniform Shop now in the canteen we are unable to accommodate small children with parent helpers.

**Easter Egg Donations**  
The P&C are asking for donations again this year to make up prizes for this year Easter Raffle. If you are able to contribute please bring any donations to the school office.  
Thank you

**Muswellbrook District Junior Rugby League Football Club - Season Kicks off soon.**  
1st Child $85 - 2nd Child $75 - 3rd Child $65 - 4th and subsequent children are free.  
This price includes Sports insurance coverage for 2015, Rams club shorts and socks for re-registration, and club shirt, shorts & socks for each new registration....

Our Club Registrar is Bronwyn Pettit and her details are email: bbo55y@hotmail.com ; or via text/call on 0428 580 355. 
All players MUST register online – if you have any queries or issues our Club Registrar will be at Olympic Park on the following days:

Thursday 26th February from 4.30-5.30pm.

The direct link to our website is:  
http://www.foxsportspulse.com/club_info.cgi?c=7-2372-21638-0-0  
We also have an amazing Facebook page to keep up to date with details as well.

**Junior Coaching at Olympic Park Tennis Club is back!**  
Commencing Wednesday 18 February  
5.30pm to 6.30pm At Olympic Park Tennis Courts, Muswellbrook  
Cost is $30 for Term 1 plus annual Membership of $25  
For enquiries phone Sandra 0427 334 936  
Or Tony 0409 680 539

**Osborns Bus Transport**  
If your child is new and may not know their bus stop or you are concerned that they will not know where to get off we would like parents to be standing at the bus stop, not sitting in their car or waiting at their door as drivers cannot see this. Also if the parents can wave down their bus when they see it that way if the child is has not informed the driver they are ready to get off the driver will know to pull over.
OUT AND ABOUT IN KW

Class KW have settled really well into the Koala classroom with Ms Williams and Mrs Constable. There are eight girls and eleven boys in the class. The children are learning new routines and class rules. We are also practising to be Respectful, Responsible and Safe learners. Mrs Constable has taken some photographs of our classroom and outside activities.
What’s Happening in SA?

This year SA has already started being Strong and Smart, learning by being “detectives” of their own work.

This term every child will choose their Sergeant or Detective Name’s (Sergeant Wilson) and be responsible for their own learning.

We are investigating new ways to learn and we will have a “Wonder Wall” where we will investigate students questions about how, why or what? (Why is the sky blue? How can planes fly?)

Students in the class will vote each work through peer opinion and have a “Worker of the Week” based on working well in class, helping our peers, using good manners.

Every day we start the day with a physical activity to get our blood pumping and away we go, investigating Food Production, ways to spell stronger, how to discover ways to problem solve mathematical problems and how to be a good school citizen.

We are well on our way to graduating as we have some very hardworking Detectives and Sergeants!
WARRAE WANNI News

The Warrae Wanni program is operating at full capacity at the moment. Mrs Partridge’s Joeys have transitioned up to the Goanna class very smoothly.

On Monday the Goanna class went to the Town Library to participate in the National Apology Day ceremony. They performed a dance and listened to aboriginal dreamtime story telling by Ros Stair. The school leaders participated in an aboriginal art session with artist Les Elvin.

Thank you to Anne Watson from Family Insight for organising this event. Mrs O’Keefe and Mrs Deller for helping to organise the bus and the Warrae Wanni families who came along as well. Mrs Moore and Jeanine Pascoe.

Healthy Harold
Kindy have had a great start to their schooling
SCHOOL ZONE PENALTIES

Road Rules 2008

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Know your Parking Signs

NO STOPPING

What does it mean? You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there? To keep line of sight clear for drivers AND children, so both have more time to avoid crashes.

NO PARKING

What does it mean? You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers. You must stay within three (3) metres of your car at all times.

Why is it there? To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.

BUS ZONE

What does it mean? You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there? To provide safe place for buses to set down and pick up passengers.

Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of "their" safety zone.

NO PARKING ON NATURE STRIPS OR FOOTPATHS.
DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2015

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