Week 2 Term 1 Tuesday February 5th 2013

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the 2013 school year. Our current enrolment is 40 students.

We welcome new students Brayden Creek, Isaac Lieschke, Petrea Ofak, Bill Phegan, Charlise Walkerden and Orion Whittaker in Kindergarten, Nova Whittaker and Charlotte Foster in Year 1, Georgia Bruckmann in Year 2, Connor Bruckmann in Year 5 and Jordan Browne in Year 6. We also welcome back all of our 2012 students.

We hope that 2013 proves to be a happy and productive year for all students and that the school continues to grow in both student numbers and achievements.

We look forward to continuing support from the parent body and the community.

Painting and Grounds

The staff room and several doors in the senior classroom have been painted. They look very fresh and new.

We thank Mr Jacob for keeping the playground in order during the school holidays and for making sure that the children returned to a safe area.

Unfortunately we have located several beer cans, beer bottles and shot glasses in the playground. If you see anyone in our playground out of school hours, please let me know.

Life Education Van Visit

The Life Education Van is scheduled to be at our school on Tuesday March 5th. We are required to collect the van from Walbundrie Public School on Monday March 4th. If you are able to transport the van from Walbundrie to Walla Walla on the 4th of March, please let the school know.

Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival

Brocklesby Public School will run this year’s swimming carnival at the Jindera Pool.

Students who can swim at least 25 metres and who have nominated for events will attend. Lunch Orders will be sent home later this week. Transport will be by bus. Brocklesby has requested the names of parents who are willing to assist on the day.

Please complete the attached permission note and return it to school by Friday of this week.

Miss Widdison will supervise the Walla Walla team at the swimming carnival. The carnival commences at 10.00 am.

Senior Class Books and Homework

Thank you to the parents who covered student workbooks and purchased the items requested on the list sent home last week. Homework will begin on Monday February 18th. Students are to return completed homework by Friday each week. Homework will consist of a double page of work and a reader. If you have any concerns about homework, please contact the school.

Canteen

Canteen commenced yesterday. Parents are reminded that orders are to be written on a brown paper bag. Money is to be enclosed and the bag placed in the classroom basket. Thank you to the parents who give up their time to prepare the children’s recess and lunch food each Monday. We appreciate your efforts.

Library

Library borrowing will commence on Thursday. Please send a library bag with your child.

Encouraging your child to borrow from our library is a great way to foster a love of reading.
**P & C News**

- Welcome to all our new families and welcome back to our existing families. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to the busy year ahead.
- P & C AGM: we are looking at holding the AGM on Monday 18th or 25th February at 7pm in the library. Due to the books being with the auditor the exact date has not yet been set. We will inform you of the date as soon as possible. Please make the effort to come along as this is a great way to become involved in your school. The meetings usually last for about an hour and we would love to see you there!!
- Canteen: PLEASE NOTE -
  - Juicemans and Nippy’s flavoured milk are no longer available. Please DO NOT order these items. Pam is looking into getting some substitutes. We will inform you of the new drinks and prices as soon as possible.
  - Drinks are not to be ordered for recess. Lunch only
  - Milkshakes can be ordered as half serves for 70 cents if your child can’t drink a full serve.
  - we are looking for more parents to work in the canteen on Mondays. If you can assist please notify Karla on 60260065 or 0448260068. The roster for this term is attached to today’s newsletter. If you can’t work on your rostered day please arrange a swap with someone else.

Thank you. Selina Kohlhagen

**Scripture 2013**

The Scripture Teaching Team will be beginning our program next Friday the 8th February. We welcome Mrs Maree Seidel as a regular member onto the team this year. Maree will be taking the Kinder class. The classes will run at the usual time of 11.45am to 12.15pm on Fridays.

Special services are being held in our town’s churches over the next few weeks to “commission” the teachers for the year. It is very encouraging when the community supports us in this way.

The Scripture Material that we use comes from “Christian Education Publications”. The children all receive a brightly coloured, interesting workbook for which we make a small charge of $5 per student or $10 per family for the whole year.

We look forward to working with the children again this year, to teach them more about their Christian heritage and to expand their understanding of God’s love for them in Jesus.

Trish Anderson – Scripture Co-ordinator 2013

**Diary Dates**

**Term 1 2013**

*Thursday February 14th*—Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival—Jindera Pool  
*Tuesday Feb 19th*—SRPSSA Swimming Carnival  
*Tuesday March 5th*—Life Education Van  
*Friday March 8th*—Riverina Swimming Carnival