

Term 1 Week 2
Monday 30th January 2012

Welcome back to all our students and families and a special welcome to our new families and our new students Andre, Eve, Harrison & Shannon.

Let's Work together to make 2012 GREAT!

- GREAT FOR LEARNING!
- GREAT FOR CARING ABOUT & RESPECTING ONE ANOTHER!
- AND GREAT FOR FUN & GRABBING EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES!

How can we work together to achieve these outcomes.

1. Teachers – we will be working hard to provide quality literacy and numeracy programs to cater for individual learning needs.

We are embracing technology to support and motivate learning for a modern age.

We aim to provide comprehensive and enjoyable learning in Science, Human Society and its Environment (Social Studies for the oldies), Visual and creative arts (which includes art, drama and music) and Personal Development, Health & Physical Education.

We will continue to offer extra curricula opportunities through sport, gymnastics, camps, excursions, competitions, public speaking, chess club and extension or talented programs.

We aim to promote positive behaviours and attitudes through recognition, student engagement and effective welfare.

We will promote a harmonious and friendly environment.

And we will communicate regularly (and as needed with parents and students about their learning and social interactions.

2. Students – It is your job to CHOOSE!

Choose to learn.

Choose to be positive.

Choose to listen & focus attentively.

Choose to be friendly.

Choose to respect others.

Choose to take opportunities to improve yourself and represent your school and community.

3. Parents – You obviously have a significant impact on your child's learning and welfare. Talk about and model the above choices. Promote learning as important and as a positive experience with desirable outcomes. Encourage reading at home and home study habits (ie homework – if needed please negotiate with your child's teacher about how this may be modified to suit your child). Support and work with the school.

Give your child strategies for overcoming small obstacles and problems (Life is a mixture of highs and lows, successes and failures.)

Help them to learn to co-operate and work with others. They need this at school but will also need it for later in life.

2011 had many successes and I know that if we work together 2012 will be equally if not more successful.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

- Swimming Carnival with Cawdor at Picton Pool on Tuesday 7.2.12 for 8 years and above. (Note to come)
- School Information night 6pm -13.2.12 including a BBQ, general information about the year and classes followed by the P&C AGM at approximately 7.30pm.

New and past members welcomed and encouraged. There will also be discussion and community input in regards to the use of Personal Electronic Devices (ie iPads, iPods, etc..)

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (iPods, iPads, etc)

These devices may currently be brought to school as with the end of the year by students in 3-6 but may not be used in class unless there is explicit direction from the teacher. Devices will only be allowed to be used for a nominated time over specified lunch breaks as playing and being active will be encouraged for at least half a lunch break and the full recess break. Students must take full responsibility for their own devices security and damage.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO GET ON THE RIGHT FOOT FOR 2012!

Westbrook (3-6)

Please ensure you have the following

- Pencil case
- Lead Pencils (several)
- Blue pens & red pens
- Sharpener
- Eraser
- Ruler with cm and/or mm markings
- Dictionary (if you have an iPad or iPod you could use a dictionary app)
- Textas
- Colored pencils or wind up crayons
- Library Bag
- Glue Sticks

Optional or helpful items may include

- Tissues
- Mathematics geometry set
- Calculator (iPads & iPods also carry this function)

Traveller (K-2)

- Library bag
- Homework books – K – Scrapbook
1/2 – A4 Exercise book

Library Days will be

- Tuesday Traveller (K-2)
- Wednesday Westbrook (3-6)

Thanks everyone- Hope mums and dads that you aren't too sad to send your little or big ones off to school. Speak soon.

Sean.

Canteen Volunteers – Please see attached note

THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Check out our school website for lots of information and school activities – (www.mthunter-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.)



Don't forget Student Banking is on Thursday

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