



Pilliga Public School

The little school that's BIG on learning

Michael Lord
Principal

SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

Term 1, Week 1
Wednesday, February, 4th 2015

CALENDAR

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Week 1—Orange Group

Wednesday 4th

- Welcome back Students!

Friday 6th

- Swimming @ Wee Waa pool

Week 2—Red Group

Mon-Wed 9th-11th

- Taking Off With Numeracy training, Sydney (Mr Lord away)

Friday 13th

- Swimming Carnival—Baradine

Week 3 - Orange Group

Monday 16th

- Special Assembly
- Parent Meeting 3pm

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2015, An exciting year for Pilliga Public School!

A huge welcome back to students, parents and staff and a warm welcome to our new Kindergarten enrolments! It is great to see everyone and meet some new friends.

This year will be an exciting year as we move forward into new sporting opportunities with the school's inclusion into the Touch Football PSSA competition.

Also, academic opportunities with participation in the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) being offered this year.

We also have new enrolments and a new teacher starting as well!

Staff for 2015

Principal - Mr Lord

Teacher - Mrs Lord (Mon, Tues, Wed)

- Mr Fraser (Thursdays)

SLSO - Mrs Phelps

- Mrs Pfeffer

SAM - Mrs Wilkins

GA - Mr Currey

Pilliga Supported Playgroup - Lisa Pfeffer (Coordinator)

- Fran Doolan

School Routine

School Start (for Summer) - 8:30am

School Finish (Summer) - 2:30pm

Fruit Break - 10:00

Lunch - 11:15am to 11:55pm

Recess - 1:00pm - 1:25pm

Cooking - Thursdays. Alternate weeks - Week A and Week B

Scripture - Thursday - 2:00pm

Assembly - Friday Morning 9:00am

Playgroup - Wednesday - 10:00am

Attached is the timetable for this term. Please have a look and be familiar with our routine.

Classes

There will be two classes for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday again this year with Mrs Lord taking the class in the Library and myself in the main classroom. Classes will be made up according to the individual learning needs of each student and not necessarily just split infants and primary. If you have any questions regarding your child's placement in a particular class, please make a time to discuss the matter. I am available most afternoons and as always, happy to meet at the school or wherever is comfortable or have a conversation over the phone.

Leadership

2015 Captains will be chosen by 13th February with a special assembly being held Monday 16th Feb @ 9:00am. To announce our leaders.

This will allow sufficient time for potential Captains from years 5 & 6 to prepare a speech about why they would make a great School Captain. Candidates should practice their speech for their delivery to the class on Thursday 12th Feb. 2 Captains will be chosen and votes will be held after the speeches by students and staff. All students in year 5 and 6 are encouraged to have a go, but it is important to remember that being School Captain is a responsible role and requires dedication and leadership.

Playgroup

Playgroup will be starting next week, Week 2 @10:00am.

Transition

To be advised later in the year.

Swimming Carnival

The Pilliga/Gwabegar combined swimming carnival is on Friday 13th February, Week 2!

This is obviously very close to the start of term but allows us to cash in on the intensive swimming practice we had at the end of last year. To help freshen up our skills, we will be heading to the Wee Waa Pool this Friday. Please see attached note for both this week's swimming and the Swimming Carnival note.

Fruit Break

Please supply your child with sufficient fresh fruit each day. We have Fruit Break at 10:00am every day as this has proven to increase concentration and engagement in class.

Parent meeting

Monday 16th February a Parent meeting will be held at the school at 3:00pm.

Agenda

- 2015 at a glance
- School supplies (pens, pencils, eraser ,etc.) - \$20 a student per Semester
- possible school tuckshop—monthly?
- School Uniforms

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Phone number update

To keep communication open and reliable please update you phone numbers here and return to Mrs Wilkins or myself.

Name	Mobile Number