



# Kirkton Public School

## Newsletter

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## Week 1 Term 1 2014



### Welcome

A very warm welcome to all our families as we begin our sojourn through 2014.

Our new kindergarten had their first day today and I believe all went well.

Although we are down in student numbers this year, we still hold our three classes (at this point in time) and its business as usual. Staffing is similar to last

year so the faces will be familiar. We will be looking to bring a few more opportunities for our students throughout the year.

Please remember that if ever you have any concerns or questions our doors are always open. It's always best to move quickly on these.

Over the holiday break our toilet block was renovated. It is now much brighter, cleaner looking and hygienic.

Also there have been new windows built into the Yr. 4,5,6 classroom which enhances air flow, the appearance and security for this room.

Still to come - our septic system is to be replaced and a pump out system to be implemented. Hopefully this will be completed by the end of February.

Lots happening this year - stay tuned.

Hopefully we will see lots of eager faces at the P&C AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> February.



# Swimming for Sport Tomorrow

## Years 1 to 6 only

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## Swimming for Sport

Our swimming for sport program will commence this Friday 31st January for **Years 1-6**. **Kindergarten** will commence their swimming program on Friday 14th February.

Permission notes have been sent home. It is important that we receive a signed permission note advising that your child/children has permission to participate in this sporting program. If you haven't already returned your note, please do so, otherwise your child/children will remain at school.



## Swimming Carnival



The Central Hunter Small Schools' Swimming Carnival will be held @ Singleton Pool on Friday 7th February 2014.

Information and consent notes will be sent out home.

## Student Council

In the past Yr. 6 have had the responsibility of setting fundraisers, fun days for the student body as well as giving opinion on how the school could be improved. This year we will trial a Student Council as we have only three Yr. 6 students and they will need a little help. Therefore in the near future each class will select 2 representatives to be on the Student Council with the school leaders.

The Student Council will meet with the Principal in a more formal setting and have other meetings informally to prepare their events. Also, they will be able to commandeer other students to assist where appropriate. If successful, this structure may remain, regardless of the numbers in Yr. 6 in the future.

This type of structure also spreads the opportunity for developing leadership skills across the whole school.

## Student Attendance

It is important that your child attends school regularly if he/she is to benefit from the educational experiences and programs provided. Please note that it is a departmental requirement that all absences (for whatever reason) are explained - either by a note or in person to the class teacher or the office - when your child returns to school.



## Late Arrivals/Early Departures

If your child is late to school or will be leaving early, please visit the office to collect a yellow pass which should be given to your child's teacher.

## Changes to Routine

If there is a change to your child's transport arrangements of an afternoon, please let both your child and school know. A quick phone call to the school office will avoid any confusion for both students and staff at 3:30pm.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**OPEN**

**TUESDAYS**

**2:30PM to 3:30PM**

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## Permission Notes

Some of the activities your child will participate in at school will require a permission note. It is extremely important that all permission notes are returned to the school before the day of the activity so transport and other arrangements can be finalised. The worst case scenario of not having permission notes returned is that your child will miss out on the activity.

If a permission note is mislaid and time is running out—a quick note from home, with your signature on it saying that you allow your child to attend the activity will suffice.

Students in older classes can assist parents and take some responsibility in ensuring their notes are returned on time. To make things a little easier for Parents and Carers, we now print all permission notes on **blue** paper. Please look out for these and return them to school. A blue covered box is located on the counter of the school office for all notes etc.

## Notice of P & C AGM

Our 2013 P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday, 11th February at 7:00pm. All positions will be declared vacant. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Our first P&C meeting for 2013 will follow the AGM.

Our meetings are held in the school office building. All parents and caregivers and interested family and community members are more than welcome to attend our P&C meetings.

## Student Information Sheet

Student information Sheets have been sent home.

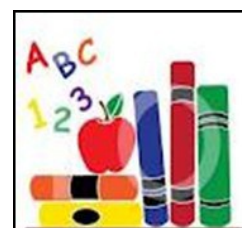
These forms need to be updated regularly to ensure all information is current and correct.

Please complete the form/s and return to the school as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the forms, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## Library Borrowing Days

Tuesday: Mrs Loss's Class 1/2/3  
Wednesday: Mrs Walter's Class K-1  
Thursday: Mr Douglas's Class 4/5/6



Each child will need a cloth or plastic bag with their name on it for borrowing.

Our new Kindergarten children may start borrowing on Wednesday 5th March. They will have a Year 1 partner to help them with the borrowing procedure. We have library bags available at the office. Parents are most welcome to come in and have a look at our selection in the library.

*Thank you—Ms Maxwell*

## Dates for the diary

31/1/14	Swimming for Sport Yr 1-6 only
7/2/14	Small School's Swimming Carnival
11/2/14	Let's Chat Habitat <b>P&amp;C AGM—7:00pm</b>
14/2/14	Swimming for Sport <b>All students</b>
21/2/14	Swimming for Sport <b>All students</b>
28/2/14	Swimming for Sport <b>All students</b>
7/3/14	Swimming for Sport <b>All students</b>
12/3/14	Young Teen Talk <b>Year 6 only</b>
14/3/14	Swimming for Sport <b>All students</b>
21/3/14	Swimming for Sport <b>All students</b>
28/3/14	Swimming for Sport <b>All students</b>
8/4/14	School Photo Day

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:**  
8.45am until 3.45pm

### BRANXTON DISTRICT NETBALL CLUB REGISTRATION DATES

Thursday 6th February 4pm - 6pm at the courts

Saturday 8th February 9am - 11am at the courts

Tuesday 11th February 6:30pm - 7:30pm at  
Greta McDonalds ( please note that 10% of  
sales between 6:30-7:30pm will go to our club)

### Would You Like Your Newsletter Emailed?

Some families have in the past  
provided us with their e-mail  
address - could you also fill out the  
form so that we can be sure that we  
have the correct and most recent  
address for you.

If you don't have an e-mail address or  
don't wish to participate at this time in  
this service then please indicate on  
the form; and a paper copy of the  
Newsletter will be sent home .

### **LOOKING TO PLAY NETBALL THIS YEAR!!!**

All Netta and Open division teams will be able to register for the 2014 winter competition on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February between 4 and 7pm. This is the only team registration date we will hold. We have teams looking for players and we will take names of players wanting to get into a team this year.

All players must register online prior to the team nomination evening.

We have a net set go programme for 5 to 7 year girls and boys designed to develop ball skills and coordination with fun activities each week. On the 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March we will hold come and try days. Girls and boys will be able to come and join the activities without being registered. This will give participants and parents a chance to try the programme prior to registering. All participants attending the programme from the 29<sup>th</sup> on must be registered.

All information on how to register as a player and a team can be found on the website at [www.singletonnetball.com](http://www.singletonnetball.com) and if you want to contact us please email [singletonnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:singletonnetball@hotmail.com) and we can help you.

The 2014 winter competition will begin on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Our new website also has much more information.