Red Cliffs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Week 1

Term 1

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IMPORTANT DATES

Whole School Breakfast—Friday 31st January
School Council - Wednesday, 5th February, 6.30pm
Meet the Teacher - Tuesday, 11th February, 3.30-6.45pm

Principal’s Report:

Welcome Back:
I sincerely hope everyone - staff, students and their families - had a fantastic and restful break over the Christmas holidays.
A special welcome to our 2014 Prep students and the following new students: Ashley Rogers-Brigden (gr.6); Sina (gr.2), Darius (gr.3), Nate (gr.4), Lani (gr.6) and Pedrin Taruia (gr.6) ; Jessica Wyld (gr.4); Loreta (gr.1) and George Stanley (gr.4) ; Sitiveni Raqauqau (gr.1) and Chavahl Turner (gr. 3).
We do have room for a few additional students. Parents are asked to direct new families to Red Cliffs Primary School.

Term 1:
I was very pleased with today’s start to the school year. Our new prep students have settled in really well. It is like they have been here for years!
It was obvious our existing students were very keen to be back. Everyone was smiling happily.
Term 1 will be a busy term. We already have a number of special activities and events planned.

Staffing:
On behalf of everyone at Red Cliffs Primary I welcome Miss Stephanie Knyvett back to our fantastic school. Miss Knyvett has been on leave inter-state for two years. Miss Knyvett will be teaching Grade 1/2K this year.

School Council:
The first School Council Meeting will be held next Wednesday, February 5th at 6.30pm.
Members are asked to contact me if they are unable to attend.

Whole School Breakfast:
A free “Whole School Breakfast” this Friday morning from 8.00am-8.30am.
All students and their parents are invited to enjoy cereal, toast and juice to help celebrate the start to the school year.
No reply is necessary, just arrive at the shelter-shed from 8.00am with a plastic bowl, cup and spoon!

Meet the Teacher:
Parents/carers, students and families are invited to our 2014 “Meet the Teacher” Information Exchange opportunity on Tuesday 11th February.
Classrooms will be open from 3.30pm. Our students will be asked to show mum/dad/carers around their classroom and introduce them to their 2014 teacher.
This is a great opportunity for teachers and parents to have an informal chat that will help individual students throughout the year. This is not a formal parent-teacher interview.
Parents are free to drop in at any time from 3.30-6.45pm.
There will be a continuous “Sausage Sizzle” from 5pm. Drop in and collect a free sausage or two before you visit the classroom or afterwards.

Presentations:
Mr Peter Crisp M.L.A. for Mildura will present the 2014 School Captains/House Captains with their badges at our assembly on Monday 10th February.
Junior School Council will also be presented with their badges.

Rod Beer
Principal
Education Maintenance Allowance (E.M.A.):
Those parents who have a valid pension or Health Care Card as of the 31st January 2014, are asked to collect an E.M.A. form as soon as possible please.
Parents will now receive $200 for each prep student, and $150 for students in grades 1-6. These amounts will be paid in two instalments, one in March, and the other in August. Parents are requested to direct their payment to the school to automatically pay the school levy.

School Materials Charge
The 2014 School Material Charge is $125 per student. This charge helps to pay for consumables used by students. It also pays for all local excursions and visiting performances.
All parents are required to pay the School Materials Charge by the end of February.
Parents in receipt of EMA are asked to direct their EMA payment automatically to the school. This will allow immediate payment of the School Materials Charge.

Dichiera Property—No Access:
The Dichiera family have advised me that parking and access to their property located in Murray Ave (opposite the school) is no longer possible.
They have been informed by their insurance company that they can no longer allow cars to use their property.
This does restrict available parking for parents but I do ask for co-operation in this matter.

OOSH Program Information:
The Red Cliffs Primary School Out Of School Hours Program runs every night after school until 6:00pm.
All children are welcome to enrol.
The program is available for working parents, those studying or looking for work and for those who believe their child could benefit from time socialising in a multi-age group.
Children can be enrolled on a permanent or casual basis.
The OOSH program begins the afternoon with a substantial snack and then the children are able to choose from the variety of activities that are available that session.
Fees are based on income with subsidies being allocated by Centrelink. Most families pay between $3.50 and $6.00 per session per child.
Some families will pay even less.
Call Liz on 0409 992 246 for further details.

January Holiday Birthdays……..
Patricia Douglas 9 Wednesday 1st January
Jaylee Payne 9 Friday 3rd January
Jackson Norris 10 Tuesday 7th January
Riley Milne 5 Thursday 9th January
Zavier Anthony 8 Thursday 9th January
Courtney Baird 11 Friday 10th January
Lisa Kellett 6 Sunday 12th January
Emma Giannelli 9 Monday 13th January
Kurt Wright 6 Tuesday 14th January
Josie James 6 Thursday 16th January
Jerry Markadonatos 12 Thursday 16th January
Jayde Johnson-Holland 10 Monday 20th January
Zae Shepherd 11 Wednesday 22nd January
Izabell Jones 7 Saturday 25th January
Finn Ellis Castle 12 Sunday 26th January

This Week’s Birthdays……
Noah Staley 6 Wednesday 29th January
Aamon Collett 11 Thursday 30th January
Ashlin O’Keefe 6 Friday 31st January
2014 Prep Students....

Our new students....