Important Information

It is DECD Policy if a student is going to be away for 5 or more days an exemption form needs to be filled in. Please see the front staff if you require a form.

If your child/children are away from school please contact the school by phone or a diary note the next day.

If students are late they must go to the front office to sign in and collect a DOCKET to give to their teacher. If a student is being picked up early, a parent/caregiver needs to attend the front office to collect a DOCKET to give to the teacher.

If you visit/volunteer in the school between 8.50am & 3.05pm, YOU MUST come to the Front Office and sign in before going to classrooms.

Science

Last term the various classes were learning about living things as part of our Biology unit. It was exciting to have so many students bringing in things they had found to share with their classmates.

This term in Science, students will be learning about Chemistry. We are looking forward to moving into our new Science room where we will have easy access to a wet area that will serve as our lab. Many of the experiments we will conduct use things found in the kitchen.

To introduce the students to Chemistry we have observed an experiment which demonstrates the effect of detergent on the surface tension of milk. If your child would like to share this experiment with you at home, here are the details.

You will need:
- Less than half a glass of milk
- Different coloured food colouring
- A few drops of dish washing detergent

Procedure:
1. Pour some milk in a shallow plate to create a large surface area.
2. Carefully drip different coloured food colouring around the milk.
3. Place a couple of drops of dishwashing liquid in the centre of the milk and watch what happens.

Students could experiment with different substances to see if they create the same effect. They could also try different materials that will float on the top of the milk like finely ground white pepper. Enjoy.

GUITAR/KEYBOARD LESSONS

Dear Parent/ Caregiver,

At long last we have found a really top level guitar teacher so we are now taking Enrolments for Guitar as well as keyboard Lessons are during school time. Please fill out the slip below & return it to the front Office & we will contact you.

Cost: Group $69.00 - Shared $107.00
Per term

Please tick

GUITAR
Group (4/5 for 30mins)
Shared (2/3) for 30/45mins

KEYBOARD
Group (4/5 for 30mins)
Shared (2/3) for 30/45mins

PIANO
SHARED ONLY

Parent/Caregiver’s Name:

Parent/Caregiver’s Signature:

Phone Number: [ESSENTIAL]

Principal

Welcome back, I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. We’ve had a busy start to the term with 15 new reception students starting school as well as a number of new students in middle/upper primary. Welcome to all the new families. We hope your time at Two Wells is both enjoyable and educationally rewarding.

We also welcome new staff this term. Mrs Anna White is our new librarian, replacing Dr H for the remainder of the year. Mrs Julie Hughes is working in room 11 with the receptions for 2/12 weeks a day to support the new student and staff with the transition.

Next week is NAPLAN — National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All year 3, 5 & 7 students will sit NAPLAN next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Notes were sent home with the students involved on Monday outlining the testing schedule as well as the process for exempting your child. All students are expected to sit the NAPLAN so attendance next week is very important.

NAPLAN should be taken seriously by students with their best effort given for all components of the test. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use this child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. If you have any concerns please contact me as soon as possible as testing begins next Tuesday morning.

I have noticed many students since the beginning of term entering the school grounds before 8.30am, some as early as 8am. Students should not be on school grounds until 8.30am, some are as early as 8am. Students should not be on school grounds until 8.30am when our duty of care begins. It is not acceptable for students to be dropped off early in the yard unsupervised without our knowledge. This is a very unsafe practice.

Two Wells Primary School has implemented Jolly Phonics in all Junior Primary classes this year. As well this term Jolly Phonics will be utilized to support students in middle and upper primary. We are also looking at running another parent workshop on Jolly Phonics based on parent request. More details will be in the next school newsletter.

Another Pupil Free Day is planned for Week 6, Friday 7th June. This has been approved by Governing Council. Staff will be working on the new Australian Mathematics Curriculum focusing on learning design, assessment and reporting.

Don’t forget when you shop at Woolworths, please collect the stickers for the Earn and Learn program 2013. We appreciate your support.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the lovely warm weather while it lasts!

Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown

Two Wells Primary School

Term 2, Week 2, 2013

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A warm welcome to Term 2.

**ATTENDANCE** At the end of Term 1 our data showed that 51 of our students were able to attend every day. **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following -

While good attendance is always encouraged, there are times when for sickness or family reasons, students will need to be away. A note is required in your child’s diary/communication book or parent/carer is also able to contact the Front Office to let us know that a student will be absent.

It is a DECD requirement that a medical certificate be forwarded for absences of 3+ days in the case of illness.

It is a DECD requirement that a Student Application for Exemption be filled in for 5+ days for all other long term absences e.g. family travel/holiday. Please collect application form from the front office when required.

**VOLUNTEER** training – thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Mandatory Training session.

A second opportunity will be offered early in Term 3.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL.** It is so appreciated that we have parents able to organise such events for the school.

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**Farnhams**

**BUS NEWS!**

There has been a rise in the number of children not being collected from the Lower Light and Farnhams buses outlining a few changes.

The following changes are effective from Monday 13th May.

Lower Light children will be picked up 15 minutes. These children will arrive at the school at 8:25 and the bus will then drive to Anuger Road to collect the children who currently meet the bus there. All other children remain unaffected by time changes. If you have any questions, please contact the school urgently.

**Uniform Blit**

There has been a rise in the number of children not dressing according to our schools Uniform Policy. Please be aware that blue denim, necklaces, fingernail polish and brightly coloured shorts are NOT acceptable. Over the next few weeks, we will be re-enforcing the need for students to be dressed appropriately and neatly. There is a brief outline of our policy in the parent handbook available on our website. If you require more details and would like a copy of the Uniform Policy, please contact the school.

**High School Transition**

An “Application for enrolment in year 8” form went home last week to all year 7 students. The zoned public high school for this area is Gawler and District College and this is the name that appears on the form automatically. This form needs to be returned to the school regardless of which high school your child will be attending. It is the first stage in ensuring that your child has a smooth transition to high school. If you have misplaced your form, please contact the office for a copy and return it ASAP.

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**Resource Ramble**

Welcome Back

The Resource Centre encompasses: the Computer Room; Library; Teacher Resource Compactors and an office/ workroom.

Within these rooms abound – computers, laptops; lexile readers; fiction & non-fiction areas; picture books; reference items; boxed books; graphic novels; new books and games.

Couches, cushions and chairs are provided for the comfort of everyone.

The library is a quiet, restful, relaxing, resourceful and safe place, where anyone and everyone is welcome – to read, study, dream, plan, talk, reflect, discuss, work, learn, imagine, collaborate, monitor, write, type, draw or just plain sit.

There’s a new Teacher/Librarian – for three terms – Mrs Anna White.

Please come and check out the exciting world at your Resource Centre, and introduce yourself.

Premier’s Reading Challenge:

How wonderful – last year Two Wells Primary School was represented at the PRC reception, due to the high percentage of students completing the challenge. MAGIC!!!

Wouldn’t it be fantastic if this year we had 100% participation?? If your child has not yet begun the challenge, please encourage him/her to do so – remember:

“The more you read, the more you know, the more you know, the further you go.”

**Volunteers**

As you can imagine there is always something to do in a library – shelving; checking in books; covering; repairing etc. etc. So if you have the time, inclination and enthusiasm to help, please come on down – we would love to have you – anytime and for as long as you like. Tea/coffee available.

Anna CTM White – Teacher/Librarian

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**Assembly Awards**

Room 11: Responsibility-Riley B, Persistence-Elisabeth, Honesty-James, Caring-Maddison, Respect-Karlia.


Room 6: Responsibility-Alex, Persistence-Kate, Honesty-Cohen, Caring-Liam, Respect-Seth.


Room 4B: Responsibility-Chloe, Persistence-Amy, Honesty-Riley, Caring-Brittney, Respect-Kelly.

Room 7: Responsibility-Emily, Persistence-Bianca, Honesty-Connor, Caring-James, Respect-Thomas.


Room 16: Responsibility-Taylor, Persistence-Alicia, Honesty-Callum, Caring-Jessica, Respect-Josh P.


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**Parents and Friends**

AGM on the 3rd June, 9.30am in room 5a. All welcome to come and join us.