Welcome back

A huge welcome back to everyone. We hope that everyone enjoyed a great break and that Santa was good to you all. We are all looking forward to 2009.

Another busy year is ahead and things begin almost immediately.

The Baxter Country Fair, our major fundraiser for the year is only 4 weeks away on Sunday March 2nd. Please contact your class teacher if you are able to help with donations for our Sideshow Alley. (Items such as small prizes, posters, caps, stickers, stationery, bags of lollies, bottles of drink or if you have a contact where items may be sought)

There are a few alterations to our regular timetable.

Senior School Aims

Throughout the year we will be focussing on developing and encouraging independence in all senior students. At home you too can help in this through encouraging students to take greater responsibility for their learning and organizing. Things like packing their own school bag, using their diary on a daily basis, allowing students to walk themselves into school each morning. Throughout the year we provide many opportunities to develop these skills and one of our best opportunities is during camp.

Timetable

Hats

Hats are compulsory during all of Term 1. They are expected to be worn during lunch, recess and for all sporting activities. All hats must have a broad brim, no caps.

Diaries

Please ensure that your child’s diary has been purchased, they are available from the school office for $5.50. This is a vital contact point and is used regularly for homework, reminders and communication between home and school.

Middle School News

October 7th 2016

Camp Update

Next week is camp week. Grade 3/4T students will be heading off on Monday morning at 9.30 and returning Wednesday afternoon. Miss Taylor will be returning early on Wednesday to attend a funeral. Mrs Palmer and Mrs Kupsh will accompany 3/4A to camp and return with 3/4T. Miss Taylor will be at school to greet the bus when it returns.

Grade 3/4A will leave at 9.30 on Wednesday morning, returning Friday afternoon.

Students not attending camp are required to attend school.

On your day of departure please stack your luggage behind the green shed for loading onto the bus when it arrives. If it is raining please place luggage on the portable side, undercover.

Please do not pack any aerosol containers, sunscreen and deodorant must be the roll on type.

Do not pack food or sweets for your child in their luggage. There will be plenty for them to eat with treats supplied by their teachers. Food in tents results in ants or sticky messes if it gets hot and things melt. Rest assured your children will not go hungry.

Don’t forget to bring along a yummy home cooked snack, packed in a disposable container, to share with your friends for morning and afternoon teas (no creamed items please). Please deliver these snacks to the classroom on the morning you are leaving.

Any medication that needs to be taken to camp is to be given to the classroom teacher, with administration instructions, on arrival at school on your day of departure.

Luggage will be stored in the tents with the campers so remember the less luggage the more tent space for the kids.

On the day of departure all students will need a packed lunch and a water bottle. These items are to be packed in a back pack for the children to take on the bus with them.

Everyone must have a wide brimmed hat: this is your ticket to get on the bus. NO HAT - NO TRAVEL.

A waterproof jacket is essential for every child. Camp activities go on no matter what the weather is like, and showers are predicted for next week. We do have a marquee but children will need to go out in the weather for activities, to move from their tents to marquee and to go to the toilet.

A WATERPROOF JACKET IS A MUST!

Homework Club

The grade 4 children have been invited to join the school’s Homework Club this term. The club operates on Monday afternoons immediately after school and finishes at 4.30.

Reminders:

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Mon 10th - Fri 14th
Sorrento Camp
3/4T Mon to Wed
3/4A Wed to Fri.

Fri 21st
Udderly Awesome free dress.

Term 4 Aussie of the Week Dates:

3/4A:
Mon Oct 17th
3/T’s have been changed due to camp and will be in next weeks newsletter.

Sat 5th Nov
Please mark our Family Market Day on your calendars now.
We shouldn’t have school holidays.

What do you think? Do you agree or disagree?
Write to convince a reader of your opinion.

- **Start with an introduction.** An introduction lets the reader know what you are going to write about.
- **Write your opinions on this topic.** Give reasons for your opinion. Explain your reasons.
- **Finish with a conclusion.** A conclusion is a way to sum up your writing so that the reader is convinced.

**Remember to:**
- Plan your writing.
- Use convincing words.
- Write in paragraphs to organise your ideas.
- Pay attention to your spelling and punctuation.
- Use WOW words and interesting connectors.
- Check and edit your work so that it is clear to the reader.