Dear Parents

**Excellent Start**
Well done to all staff and students for a great start to the year. Students have started with excellence, trying their best, being determined to complete tasks, asking for help if needed and being helpful to others if they can.

**Voluntary Contributions**
Thank you to the families that have already paid their 2013 Voluntary Contributions either to OfficeMax or through the school office. Voluntary Contributions are $60.00 per child from K-7 and can be paid by either cash or cheque to the school office.

**Change of Address**
If any families have changed their address over the holidays please inform the office of your new address as soon as possible.

**Honour Certificate winners**
PP:  Sai, Ethan  
Year 1:  Taynah-Lee, Jayden  
Year 2/3:  Simran, Serenity  
Year 3/4:  Juliana  
Year 5/6:  Brienna, Liam  
Year 6/7:  Isaiah, Amber  
ICT:  Namphuong, Grace, Amber  
LOTE:  Drew, Sunny

**Responsibilities Regarding School Attendance**
Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning.

Student achievement of academic and social outcomes depends on consistent attendance and participation. It is vitally important to the development of every student that unexplained absences are addressed before they become an entrenched pattern.

A reminder to all parents:
- Going to school is a legal requirement;
- Every day at school matters;
- Children need to attend school regularly so they can take advantage of ALL the educational opportunities available;
- Consistently poor attendance and lateness to class can affect children’s educational progress;
- Patterns of punctuality and regular school attendance are developed at an early age;
- Good attitudes toward attendance that are well established will help prevent problems as children progress to secondary school; and
- School helps children build confidence in areas such as communication, teamwork, organization and social skills, and children who miss school may find it difficult to keep up friendships in the class.

Glen Cookson  
Principal

**Dates to Remember**

28 February  -  Meet and Greet Parent Evening  -  Open Classes 5-7pm
1 March  -  Assembly - LA 9
4 March  -  Labour Day Public Holiday
6 March  -  Bluearth
2013 STAFF TEAMS

ADMINISTRATION TEAM:
School Principal: Glen Cookson
Associate Principal: Maria van der Linden
Registrar: Jenny Lindsay
School Officer: Susan Wirtz

JUNIOR SCHOOL TEAM – Kindergarten to Year 3
Kindergarten - LA 1 Teacher: Ms Angela Rechichi
Education Assistant: Mrs Sandra Wallis

Pre Primary - LA 2 Teacher: Mrs Alison Bampton
Education Assistant: Ms Angela Rechichi (Tues)

Year 1 - LA 3 Teacher: Mrs Sue Prushynsky
Education Assistant: Mrs Pat Snow

Year 2/3 - LA 7/8 Teacher: Mrs Mrs Dianne Taylor
Education Assistant: Mrs Kerry Kasatchkow

Year 3/4 - LA 5/6 Teacher: Mrs Sue Brett (Mon & Tues)
Mrs Sina Andrijich (Wed, Thurs & Fri)

SENIOR SCHOOL TEAM – Years 5 to 7
Years 5/6 - LA 7/8 Teacher: Mr Rick Payne
Years 6/7 - LA 10 Teacher: Dr Elijah Nathan
LOTE - LA 4 Teacher: Mrs Linda Williams (Tues & Thurs)
Phys Ed/Health Teacher: Mrs Kathryn McRoberts
(Tues pm, Thurs & Fri)

IT - Library Teacher: Mrs Maria van der Linden

SUPPORT TEAM
Chaplain - Ms Sandy Clifton (Tues & Fri)
School Psychologist - Ms Luciana Carelli
Library Officer - Mrs Bev Giraud (Mon & Wed)
Education Assistants (Special Needs)
- Mrs Annette Lovering
- Mrs Cathy Scafidi
- Mr Emile van der Linden
- Mrs Kerry Kasatchkow
- Ms Debbie Gibbs

Gardener/Handyperson - Mr Barry Beardman
Cleaning Staff - Mr Mendel Greenberg,
- Mr Patrick Stacey
- Mrs Zivka Stojkovska

Special Virtues Project - Quentin Going (‘Q’)
(Assembly Fri & Wed am)

Bluearth - Ms Katie Butterworth (Wed)
Our new Early Childhood Playground is taking shape. Last Year Childscapes landscaper, Kimberley Beazley worked with the school community to come up the Concept Plan below. So far we have repositioned the fence to create the ‘wild space’, built new retaining walls around some areas, repositioned the cubby house, created the ‘hill’ and had lots of luscious turf laid to create lovely green spaces where scrappy grass and weeds used to be. On Monday Kindy and Pre-Primary classes were allowed to access these new green spaces for the first time. A few snaps are included in this overview. They absolutely loved it!

Soon the P&C will be organising a few busy bees where you are invited to give a few hours of your time to help with the next stage of the project. Busy Bees are a lot of fun and help keep the cost of the project to a minimum.

Maria van der Linden
Hello to all the families of Weld Square Primary School.

**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR PLAYGROUND:** Do you have left over limestone blocks laying around, tree branches that are fairly straight and between 10 to 30cm in diameter, an un-seaworthy dinghy/boat (preferably fibreglass), large aluminum pots and lids (for a music wall) and any other materials that we can use for our playground enhancement? Please see the plans located on our P&C notice board to gauge the idea that we are striving for.

**PLAYGROUND PROGRESS:** The grassy mound is completed and we are just waiting for the new lawn to establish before our children can road test the mound. We have relocated the existing cubby house, leveled out the grounds and laid new lawn, which is establishing itself, and it is looking fantastic. There have been new small retaining walls built, which are the foundations for the next project, the stage and sensory garden. Watch this space for our next busy bee to surge ahead the naturescape playground for our junior children.

**SCHOOL WELCOME OPEN NIGHT:** The P&C room will be open for any parents to come and visit, grab yourself a tea or coffee and talk to a committee member about what exactly we do for the benefit of our children attending the school.

**UNIFORM SHOP:** This opens each Friday in the undercover area from 8.30-9.00am. See Mrs Nikki Taylor if you require uniform items. Mrs Lindsay has order forms in the office if you wish to place an order. The uniform shop has some second hand uniforms for sale at minimal cost to you. If your child has outgrown their school uniform and you have nobody to pass them on to, the uniform shop will gladly accept donations.

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS:** To the families who have paid the P&C voluntary contributions, we thank you for your support. Your contributions will be going toward getting the junior playground completed so our children can benefit from our hard efforts.

**P&C MEETING:** This was held on **Tuesday 19 February at 7.30pm**. It is the people on this committee who work tirelessly to make events happen, and to decide how the funds raised are going to be spent to benefit our children and the school. Anybody who may be interested in joining the P&C team is very welcome. Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm** in the P&C room, which is located behind the staff room. Please keep this date free.

Helen Bolin
P&C President

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**VIRTUES FOR THE WEEKS 2/3 AND 4/5**

**EXCELLENCE**
Excellence is doing your best, giving careful attention to every task and every relationship. Excellence is effort motivated by a good purpose. It is a desire for perfection. The perfection of a seed comes in the fruit. When you practice excellence, you bring your gifts to fruition. Excellence is the key to success.

**LOYALTY**
Loyalty is staying true to someone. It is standing up for something you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals, when the going gets tough as well as when things are good. When you are a loyal friend, even if someone disappoints you, you still hang in there with them. Loyalty is staying committed. With loyalty, you build relationships that last forever.

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**HELP SAVE TREES**
Please supply your email address to the school to enable us to send you an electronic copy of the newsletter each fortnight. Please return this slip to your child’s class teacher.

Name __________________________________________

Email Address ____________________________________________________