Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to a new school year! A new year always brings new opportunities, new adventures and new learning! It was so lovely to catch up with all of the returning students today and to also welcome our new students -

**Foundation**  
Carnaigh Virtue  
Archer Mudra  
Tully Eddington  
Taylor Daly

**Year 5**  
Jordana Ciccarello

**Organisation**  
As you are aware, the school will be split into two classrooms this year -  
Junior (F-2) taught by Mrs Wood on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Saunders Wednesday-Friday  
Senior (3-6) taught by Mr Hogan

To assist families, we will send home today the following organisational documents -

- Term Planners (Term 1-4)  
- Weekly Timetable  
- Absent Note Slips (all absences must be recorded in writing even if a phone call has been made to the school - department regulations highlight the need to keep these documents for 7 years)  
- Invoice for school fees

**Documentation**  
You will also receive the following forms to be completed and returned to school -

- Uniform Order  
- Walking Excursions Permission  
- Media Permission  
- Headlince Inspection Permission  
- Bus Traveller's Code of Conduct  
- CSEF Form (Camps and Excursion Subsidy for families with a current health care card)
Foundation Students
Families with a student in Foundation will also receive a School Nursing Program Form. These forms are detailed and are confidential, please return in the sealed envelope and we will pass on to the Health Nurse who will complete health screens for all students commencing school this year.

Each Friday students have the option to order a hot lunch. All lunches are $4 (except for 3 dim sims which is $3). Students bring their money to school Friday morning, orders are placed at first break and collected for students from Bethanga Store by a staff member to enjoy at school for lunch at 1pm.

Options available are:
- 4 Dims sims
- Chicken nuggets and green salad
- Ham and salad wrap
- Grilled fish and salad

On the last Friday of each month, students have the additional option of party pies and chips.

Hats
All students are required to wear a school wide-brimmed hat, foundation students will have been provided with this at transition. Anyone requiring a hat can purchase them from the front office for $12.

Front Office
As has been the case in previous years, our office manager Jen Franks will be in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Assembly
Assembly will be held weekly on MONDAY morning from 9am. All families are welcome to come along to assembly.

Meet and Greet BBQ
On Friday 17th February we will hold a meet and greet BBQ commencing at 5pm. This is a great opportunity for parents and teachers to meet informally as well as for parents to have a look in the classrooms and meet their child’s friends etc. There will be no cost for this event however we will send home slips to fill out (closer to the date) to assist with catering.

Working Bees
As a small, rural school we are blessed with beautiful gardens and playgrounds. Although we have the school mowed regularly, to keep the gardens looking their best, we rely on the support of parents to assist at working bees. Working bees are held twice a term on a Sunday (see term planners for dates) it would be greatly appreciated if every parent could assist for an hour or two on these days.

REMEMBER: Our door is always open, do not hesitate to contact myself or your child’s teacher if you have any questions, queries or issues.

Apologies for bombarding you on the first day! Could you please return all required forms ASAP

Kind regards,

Rachel Saunders
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