Welcome Back
Mike - After a wonderful two weeks holiday it was fantastic to see all the bright smiles of our students returning yesterday morning. During the holidays I managed to do a few chores around the house and garden, spend a few days at Phillip Island and I capped the fortnight off in a magnificent manner on Sunday by catching some fish with my son and then returning home to watch the Bombers beat the Hawks in a thriller.
Anni - I’ve had an enjoyable break. I spent much of my time helping my daughter and her new fiancé move into their new home. It has been quite exciting to help her set up house! I must say whilst it has been lovely having her stay with me for the past few months…I do appreciate the peace and quiet! For the remainder of holidays I enjoyed catching up with friends for dinner and getting out in the garden. It has been delightful to see all the happy faces of the staff and students returning today and hear all the holiday stories. We’re all looking forward to a busy and productive Term 2.
We hope that you all had a great couple pf weeks as well and welcome you back for term 2.

Welcome Mrs Somerville
This week we welcome Ms Claire Somerville who is our new music teacher. Claire is a wonderful musician who plays a number of instruments and is a passionate teacher. She will be working hard to get our extra curricula music activities up and running as soon as possible.
Please make Claire welcome.

Curriculum Day – Monday 27th of April
Please note that we are holding a curriculum day on Monday the 27th of April. During this day students will not attend school. Our staff will be focussing on our spelling program and ensuring it is sequential and in depth. OSHClub will be available for those families who require this service on the day.

Keep the Date – Parent Forum, 7.30pm Wednesday 6th of May.
As part of our strategic review we are holding a parent forum. The aim of this forum is to gather parent feedback on the strengths of our school and areas in which we need to improve. This feedback will be combined with student and staff feedback as well as with various data sets such as student results and various opinion surveys to plan our directions for the next four years. A thorough review will ensure a better plan going forward.

Bunnings Barbeque Raises $2103.00
Thanks to coordination of Sacha Sullivan, Kylie Gilson and the fundraising team along with the volunteers who worked at the BBQ we raised $2103.00. This money will be split amongst each class to purchase reading material to further support our literacy program. We truly appreciate the support from our community and thank those involved.

Easter Hat Parade
Once again we were thrilled at the efforts our students and their families put into their Easter hats for our parade. The judges had a particularly difficult time choosing the winners and we were proud of all those who participated. We will include some photos of the parade in our next issue of the newsletter. A selection of hats is on display in the school foyer.

Holiday Clean Up
Over the holidays Ken did a wonderful job cleaning around our school. He worked tirelessly to ensure that our students and staff returned to a beautiful learning environment. Please be sure to show your appreciation to Ken when you see him next.

Grades 3-6 House Cross Country this Friday
Please remember that the Grade 3 to 6 House Cross Country is on this Friday. Students should wear appropriate running attire in their house colours.
School Council AGM – Monday 20th of April
Our School Council AGM will be held next Monday night at 7.15pm. During this time the annual report for 2014 will be presented. All parents are welcome to attend. Directly after this we will hold our regular school council meeting.

Wakakirri Is Back!
We have had many requests from students and parents to enter Wakakirri again this year and we have agreed - providing we get a substantial amount of parent support. This year Jody Howell is teaching part time and will share the choreography and rehearsal role with Emily Press. Michael Smedley and Chery Sinclair will organise the logistics and administration tasks along with the technical requirements. However, we require parents to fulfil the costuming, props and sets roles in order for us to go ahead.
If you are willing and able to help out please let Jody or Emily know at your earliest convenience.

Premiers Reading Challenge
It is not too late to join this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge. You can collect and entry form from the cabinet outside the Principals office.

Thumbs Up To:
- The Gates and Cotton families for caring for our chooks during the holidays
- Ken O for doing a great job cleaning our school
- Our new music teacher, Claire Somerville
- The Selby family who returned to school this week after an amazing adventure
- The Rowe family for their fantastic donation of books
Thank you, Mike Leonard and Anni Smart.

Art News
The artwork for Term 1 is now on display throughout the school. This is an opportunity for the students to celebrate their work and showcase their artistic talents.
Please enjoy viewing the variety of artworks with your child.

Thank you
Liz Kennedy, Art teacher

PE NEWS
House Cross Country
The House Cross Country is this Friday, 17th April, from 2:10pm to 3:30pm. Students can wear their House colours and need to wear runners.

Jumping Sports
All grade 3 to 6 students will be taking part in the Jumping Sports events this Thursday 16th and next Monday 20th April.

Thank you, Kathleen Kean, PE teacher.
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OLINDA POOL COMMUNITY MEETING

Olinda Community House
7:30pm to 9:00pm : April 14th

The time has come to form our official group to partner with council to help run the Olinda Pool successfully into the future. We need members from all facets of the community to be involved. This means you! There are many opportunities to help from volunteers, to committee members, to paid positions. Please come along and be part of the adventure!

SWIM@OLINDAPOOL.COM - OR CONTACT JAMES 0400 572281
Our school banking co-ordinator, Sarah, has just returned from an exciting year of travel and is keen to take up the reins again and let everyone know about the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers a Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.