

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope everybody had an enjoyable, relaxing and safe holiday break. We are all excited to be back, and thinking once again about how we can improve the program that we offer to our students.

There have been some staff changes this year, with class teacher Rebecca Glynn moving on from the school to pursue other areas of supporting at-risk students. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge Rebecca's passion for working with students who are experiencing challenges in mainstream school, and also celebrate the significant success she demonstrated, in advocating for her students to integrate back to their home school.

This year Liz McGarrigle has moved from her part-time role last year to full-time, taking the Orange Class in 2023. Congratulations Liz. Our long-term assistant principal Renny Finch will also be on class this year 3 days per week, and sharing the class with a new part-time teacher Teresa Zalloua. Welcome Teresa!

In terms of our program, there are no significant changes, other than to the 'Green Week' awards. Each Monday students in previous years were given small prizes or experiences, if they achieved 5 consecutive 'Green Days' over the previous week. Students were often upset if there was a 'bump in the road', and they had narrowly missed out. This year, we will be adapting this practice, and using the term 'Green Streak' award. Students no longer need to have consecutive green days to receive an award. Teachers will tally green days, and once 5 are achieved, students will be awarded a Green Streak award.

Last year we had a lot of successful students returning to their home schools. As a result, we will be enrolling a lot of new students this term, and we look forward to working with them, so that school becomes a positive experience, and that all students get to experience success.

P.S. COVID is still around, so please remain vigilant if your child is unwell. The policy still requires schools to send students home with flu-like symptoms.

Please also look out for information in this newsletter regarding the NSW Premier's Back to School vouchers program.

David Lomas Principal

# \*\*REMINDER\*

It is important to send your child to school with a healthy lunch box. Check out the lunch box builder tool on the Cancer Council Healthy Lunch Box website for some recipe ideas.

#### **Cancer Council** Healthy Lunch Box





- Healthy foods boost the immune system.
- Key nutrients improve concentration.
- Food choices can improve a student's attitude.
- Poor dietary habits can influence sleep patterns, which may have an effect on cognitive behaviour and academic abilities.

# \*No Metal Drink Bottles

### Find us on Facebook

Bridge Road School like to use Facebook as a means to share with our families and community all of the amazing things our students do. You can find photos of your child participating in Wellbeing Wednesday, engaged in a STEAM activity, or receiving a weekly award. So jump online and give Bridge Road School a follow and a like You can also find useful information on our website:

https://bridgerd-s.schools.nsw.gov.au/

## **FOREST AREA FOR HIRE**



The perfect open space for your next family get together, childs birthday party or special gathering. This hidden sanctuary is nestled behind the Camperdown Commons, featuring kids bike track, ninja obstacle course and bbq picnic area. Also available, onsite parking, toilets and undercover deck area.

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