Dear Plumpton PS Community,

Updated student discipline policy and procedures

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the teachers at Plumpton P.S. in developing, implementing, tracking and monitoring the school Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) strategy. Our teachers have a wonderful philosophy of always ‘working harder’ for our students, no matter what!

The teachers do their absolute best to reinforce the positive behaviours of students. However, when students do misbehave it must be addressed by all of us. Ignoring students’ bad behaviour will not help them to learn how to change their behaviour.

We all believe that students learn at different ages and stages. Learning about good behaviour at school is like any other type of learning; some students need more support, some take longer. It’s our job to support our students through this learning process and work in partnership with the home to achieve the best possible outcomes.

In order to be better able to achieve this, I have been working with the school executive and PBL team to identify ways of simplifying and streamlining our systems so they are more consistent and more easily understood by students.

Currently, the school operates on two separate levels for managing student behaviour and consequences; one system for the classroom and one system for the playground. From the beginning of next term we will have one simple system (as outlined below). I have also detailed the policy / procedures of the NSW Department of Education (DET) where relevant.

Firstly, The NSW DET has issued all schools with:

**THE CORE RULES, Student Discipline in NSW Public Schools**

All students in NSW government schools are expected to:

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school’s uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately, responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously, cooperating with instructions, and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.

At PPS we believe that we accept responsibility for our behaviour and we should demonstrate the following PBL school-wide expectations:

Be Safe – Take Care
Be Respectful – Always
Be a Learner – Take Pride

Restorative Practices is about rebuilding relationships. The opportunity for students to ‘make things right’ will be negotiated whenever possible. This can be the most powerful learning for our students. They are guided through questions to reflect on what happened, who’s been hurt and how they can fix things.

P.S.S Student behaviour and discipline: When misbehaviour occurs, there should always be a logical consequence. Teachers are to implement strategies to resolve situations. However, where the teacher has initiated strategies and the situation has not improved, or where the behaviour is more significant, the teacher will have a discussion with the Stage Supervisor of the student/s involved. The Stage Supervisor will apply due process and then determine the consequences (see below).

Behaviour Incident Report: In the past, there have been two different methods for recording incidents; one for the playground and another for the classroom. From Term 2, 2014, one Behaviour Incident Report will be used for recording classroom and/or playground Incidents. Less serious incidents can be followed up and resolved by the teacher in the classroom or on duty in the playground at the time.

However, for serious Incidents, the Stage Supervisor will determine the action to be taken. They will discuss the behaviour with the student and depending on how serious, the Stage Supervisor may issue a:

- **Discipline Level 1** or
- **Discipline Level 2** or
- **Discipline Level 3 – Formal Caution to Suspend** or
- Refer to the Principal for a possible **Suspension** (see descriptions below)

A **Discipline Level 1, 2, 3** or a **Suspension** will be recorded in our Student Tracking System, known as STARS and letters sent home.

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**Behaviour Incident Report has been referred to the Stage Supervisor**

**Discipline Level 1 – Detention** requires students to attend lunchtime detention for a period from 1 day up to 5 days depending on the age of the student and the nature of the incident.

**Discipline Level 2 – Detention PLUS Student Behaviour Support Card** requires students to attend lunchtime detention for 1-5 days with a Student Behaviour Support Card.

While on detention, students will not be permitted to participate in special school events such as social activities and fundraisers, attend excursions or represent the school in PSSA.

**Student Behaviour Support Card** (an example is provided in this newsletter)

This is used to record and monitor student behaviour in the classroom and on the playground. The length of time on this card will vary according to the individual circumstances; usually 5 days.

If students are showing little or no progress on the **Student Behaviour Support Card**, they may be issued with a **Formal Caution to Suspend**. Students who continue to misbehave will face a possible **Suspension**.

**Discipline Level 3 – Formal Caution to Suspend** requires same as Discipline Level 2, parents / caregivers are also invited or requested to attend a meeting at school.

**Suspension**

Suspension allows children the time to reflect on their behaviour, to acknowledge and accept responsibility for the behaviour that led to the Suspension, and to act positively to change their behaviour in order to meet the school’s expectations in the future.

The procedures apply to the behaviour of students at school, on the way to and from school and while away from the school site on school endorsed activities e.g. excursions and sporting activities.

Suspensions may be short (up to & including 4 school days) or long (up to & including 20 school days). **NSW Department of Education, Suspension and Expulsion of School Students – Procedures 2011**

It is the Principal’s responsibility to exercise judgement based on the student’s record, the degree and length of support given to the student, the response of the student and the circumstances of the misbehaviour.

A process of procedural fairness will ensure:

- The student’s right to know about the allegations and actions, and the right to respond to them
- The student’s right to an unbiased decision.

**Expulsion**

In very serious circumstances of misbehaviour, the principal may expel a student of any age from the school. Students expelled from a particular school for misbehaviour may not re-enrol in that school without the approval of the director. **NSW Department of Education, Suspension and Expulsion of School Students – Procedures 2011**

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I will be holding sessions on the **P.P.S. Student behaviour and discipline** policy early next term – dates to be advised. Stay tuned.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or wish to provide feedback please do not hesitate to contact me.
P.P.S. Easter Hat Parade – Tuesday 8th April
Our 2014 Easter Hat Parade will be held at 9.30am on Tuesday the 8th of April.

The students will be making hats prior to the day with their buddy classes which they can wear in the parade, or they could choose to wear a home-made hat. The Easter Hat Parade will take place under the COLA and parents are welcome to join us. I am feeling confident that we will see some wonderful creations! It is an expectation that students remain at school for the rest of the day.

If, for religious or other reasons, you do not want your child to watch or participate in the Easter Hat Parade please let the teacher know, as we will provide an alternative activity in another area of the school.

The school P&C will be holding a Mothers’ Day stall next term, Week 2, Wednesday 7th May – more info to follow closer to the day.

Anti-Bullying Information Session
Parents are invited to attend a repeat presentation of the Plumpton P.S. anti-bullying strategy:

When: This Friday, 4th of April at 9-10am
Where: In the School Library

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)
Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN. They are assessed in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. This year NAPLAN is being held during Week 3 of Term 2, on the 13th, 14th and 15th of May. An additional day (Friday 16th of May) has been put aside for students absent on the other days.

NAPLAN Parent Information Session
All Year 3 and Year 5 parents / caregivers are encouraged to attend this session where you will be provided with information and have your questions answered.

When: Tuesday, 8th of May from 4.30 - 5.30pm
Where: In Home Base 9 (Mrs. Devlin’s classroom)

Harmony Day & National Day of Action against bullying and violence was held on Friday 21st March.
It was lovely to see all of our students coming together in a spirit of mutual respect and harmony. Students K-6 took part in activities in their classrooms before gathering together as a whole school to sing some beautiful songs, including ‘Count On Me’ by Bruno Mars. Kindergarten performed a dance for the school which was just fantastic also.

A special thank you goes to Miss Alexander and Mrs Buck for your combined efforts towards this successful day.

Mobile Phones
Plumpton Public School understands that some parents give their children mobile phones for ease of communication and perhaps a sense of personal safety. Mobile phones must be handed in at the front office first thing in the morning, where they will be kept in a secure location during the school day, and collected at the end of the day by the student.

The school accepts no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged phones in the instance that they have not been handed in.

Care and supervision of students before and after normal school hours
I mentioned in my last newsletter that there are a large number of children being dropped off in the playground before 8:30am AND also children waiting to be picked up well after the bell at 2:55pm. I would like to draw your attention to this passage issued by the NSW Department of Education:

*It is not the responsibility of schools to provide free child minding services for students for extended periods before and after school. Schools are not expected to provide supervision for students any earlier than the half hour before normal school classes commence in the morning. When normal classes finish in the afternoon it is expected that students will safely depart the school. Parents must be made aware of this.* (NSW DET Teachers Handbook 2003)

Please Note:
This week I have been at the front of our school observing driver behaviour. I saw a number of concerning incidents on the road. The Police and the RTA will be in attendance at random times. Parents and caregivers, please ensure you are driving safely and considerately near our school.

There are still a few parents continuing to use our car park to drop their children off in the mornings. Please DO NOT use the school car park without an appropriate permit – teachers do not have responsibility for providing supervision at the front gate or the car park at any time.
Good luck to Mrs Crye!
At the end of this term, Mrs Crye will be taking her maternity leave. I am sure you join me in wishing her all the very best for this most exciting time. Thank you, Mrs Crye, for all of your wonderful work and dedication – we look forward to your return. Miss James will be taking Ki full time from next term for the rest of the year.

Last day of Term 1: next week Friday 11th of April.
Students return for Term 2: Tuesday, 29th of April.

Students, make sure you have a safe and happy holiday!

Yours in partnership,

Maureen Johnson
Principal

Don’t forget: Be on time at 5 to 9!

SPORT AT PLUMPTON
This term we have had a busy start to the Plumpton Sporting program. We have seen children participate in swimming, cricket, handball and AFL.

In swimming, eight children were chosen from our school trials to represent at the Blacktown Zone carnival. I was a recorder at that carnival and could see all the results all day. Many of our children, although not winning events, could hold their heads very high as the achieved milestones in personal bests. I was very excited to come back to school and report upon that fact at the senior assembly. Note: All children can check their results at the Zone website. www.blacktownpssa.com.au

In weekly PSSA we have played two rounds. Unfortunately we were washed out last week. Students have performed well in cricket, handball and AFL. We have a very astute webmaster in the PSSA who is trying to have all results of games posted by the following Tuesday afternoon. Results are current to round 2 of the competition.
Check out the results at www.blacktownpssa.com.au

Next week students will attempt the school cross country course. It is our role to select a team to run at the zone carnival next term. Juniors run 2500metres and seniors run 3000metres.

We have also had a number of children try out for various zone teams and these students were successful in being selected:

AFL: Dion Camilleri
Soccer Boys: Praneet Singh
Soccer Girls: Mikayla Cleasby and Ayisha Asad
League: Blake Loader and Marban Wichmann
Touch Football: Marban Wichmann

There have been a number of Regional washouts recently. The best way to check updated news is on Facebook. If parents are on Facebook, look for “Sydney West School Sports Association” when you find the page choose like and then the updates for Sydney west will flow into their Facebook page.

Terry Dauw
Assistant Principal

THE SCHOOL APP
The school App will work on iPhones and android phones. It currently contains pictures, the school calendar and notifications.

How do you get it?

iPhone
Go to the app centre and search for Plumpton Public School. When you find it, download it. IT’S FREE.
To start up the app you will need a username and password

The Username is: community
The Password is: plumpton

Android
Exactly as above except that you get yours from the google play store. It’s also FREE
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12369SCHOOL PROCEDURES & REMINDERS

PAYMENTS
All payments for excursions, camp, activities etc. must be paid by the advised closing date and given to the class teacher. Please ensure you have enclosed the correct money (no change will be given) in an envelope clearly marked with child’s name, class, activity and amount. Sorry we do not supply envelopes.

P&C NEWS
Due to school holidays our next meeting will be held on 19th May at 5pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings.

Uniform shop Monday and Thursday 8.30-9am and 2.30-2.55pm CASH ONLY please.

Go 4 Fun
FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier & happier

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?

Free call 1800 780 900
NSW 0409 345 465 for a callback or visit www.go4fun.com.au

Go 4 Fun

8 Stages of Healing

- Do you care for someone with a mental illness?
- Does their illness take up a lot of your time & energy?
- Would you like to focus on yourself for a change?

We recognise that when a family member is diagnosed with a mental illness, there are impacts on all family members. Eight Stages of Healing is a free course designed to help you move beyond a state of ‘just coping’ to one where you are able to consider alternative ways to live with the effects of mental illness and the disruption it brings to the family.

This is a FREE program that runs for 12 (12) consecutive weeks and participants must commit to attending ALL sessions.

This program aims to include:
Providing an opportunity to share experiences; Enabling participants to refocus their attention on themselves, rather than the person with the mental illness; Understanding your caring style and the impact of your caring role on your life and relationships; Working through your own healing process by introducing alternatives to common patterns of coping; and encouraging participants to develop insight and new living skills to function in a new, healthier way.

Location:
Family & Carers
Uniting Care Mental Health
Suite 2, Level 2, 331 High Street, Parramatta

Date: Weds: April 30th, May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th; June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & July 2nd 2014

Time: 1pm to 3:30pm (afternoon tea supplied)

This is a FREE course for all Caretakers who live in the Western Sydney and Nepean Blue Mountains.

Date: 20th April 2014

Registration essential!

To secure your place, or for more information please call the Family Care Office on: 03 8842 8589

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## Plumpton Vacation Care Program April 2014 Main Events

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### Payment Must Be Made By Monday 7th April

Please contact the centre on 0975 5299 if you have any questions. We look forward to sharing in some holiday fun with your children.

### Important Things to Remember:
- Please bring a hat for outdoor play.
- Children will need to bring swimming wear. Lunch, afternoon tea and drinks. Food is not provided during Vacation Care.
- Lunch is occasionally eaten while we are on an excursion. Please do not pack hot lunches on these days.
- Children are permitted to bring GS, iPods and other electronic devices. Staff have no responsibility for these items. Games and music must be age appropriate.
- Children are encouraged to wear sun-safe shirts and white with sleeves.
- Please advise staff if your child will be absent for a day you have booked for them.

### Please Remember the Food Pyramid When Packing Your Child's Lunch

*Example meal plannings and activity suggestions are shown in the diagram.*

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### Weekend Cartoon Program

**Saturday**
9am - 3pm Short Day $40 / 3pm Long Day $65

- **Cartoons:** Gangsters & Blinky Blink. Prizes for the best dressed.
- **SpongeBob:** Coloring page 1.
- **Draw:** Nemo.
- **Dance:** Dancing, strolling & surfing games.
- **Baseball Cap Design:** Draw & design your own baseball cap. We will provide the caps.
- **SpongeBob:** Slide & find.
- **The Simpsons:**
- **Paint:** Paint, mask & you.
- **Play:** Jedi & new Pokemon.
- **Play:** Basketball & relay games.
- **Play:** Candy Canes (Chill & wear dark clothes). This is played in traditional style as national.

### Saturday Night Camp
6pm - 8pm $20

- **Wear Dark Clothes.**
- **Baseball Cap Design:** Draw & design your own baseball cap. We will provide the caps.
- **Draw:** SpongeBob & Friends.
- **Draw:** Nemo.
- **Dance:** Dancing, strolling & surfing games.
- **Paint:** Paint, mask & you.
- **Play:** Jedi & new Pokemon.
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### Sunday
9am - 3pm Short Day $40 / 3pm Long Day $65

- **Cartoons:** Backwards day. Wear your clothes backwards for prizes.
- **SpongeBob:** Coloring page 2.
- **Draw:** Antibodies.
- **Regal Princesses:**
- **Draw:** A tropical island in detail.
- **Draw:** Japan's cute animal manga art.
- **Draw:** The Egyptian pyramids & make a mummy using paper rolls.
- **Dr. Adventure Time:** Cartoons - Finn & Jake, Ice King, Princess Bubblegum & Lumpy Space Princess.
- **Draw:** A Kangaroo, ants & a koala.
- **Draw:** A landscape & volcano eruption.
- **Party Food:** Enjoy a buffet of party food.
- **Market Day:** Everyone needs to prepare a market stall. Bring pre-made stuff to sell. Make cookies, cupcakes, etc...
- **Get Your $100!** Kingdom Dollars to spend.
As of 7 January 2013, changes to legislation on smoke-free outdoor areas came into effect across NSW.

These changes are a key strategy in reducing community exposure to second-hand smoke, tobacco-related harm and the uptake of smoking.

The smoke-free areas were chosen as they are public outdoor places popular with children and families, or which can be crowded, or at which there is limited opportunity to avoid second-hand smoke.

Smoking is now banned in the following outdoor places:

- Within 10 metres of children’s play equipment in outdoor public spaces;
- Spectator areas at sports grounds or other recreational areas;
- Swimming pool complexes;
- Railway platforms, light rail stops, light rail stations, bus stops, taxi ranks and ferry wharves;
- Within four metres of a pedestrian access point to a public building.

There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke, the smoke which smokers exhale after inhaling from a lit cigarette. In adults, breathing second-hand tobacco smoke can heighten the risk of cardiovascular disease and lung cancer and worsen the effects of other illnesses such as bronchitis and asthma.

Evidence shows that exposing ex-smokers to other people’s tobacco smoke increases the chance of them relapsing to smoking.

Inhaling second-hand tobacco smoke is even more dangerous for children, as their airways are smaller and their immune systems less developed, which makes them more susceptible to the negative health effects of second-hand tobacco smoke.

There is emerging evidence that under some circumstances, tobacco smoke affects the air quality of outdoor locations just as much as indoor locations.


These requirements are enforceable by law.