Dear Plumpton Public School Community,

5 March 2015

WELCOME MR ROBINSON!

It was my pleasure to introduce our new staff member, Mr Luke Robinson, to the students and the community this week. Mr Robinson has begun teaching 5/6R (formerly 5/6A) and is already enjoying his time at Plumpton. I am sure that he will be an asset to the Stage 3 team. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself to Mr Robinson in the coming weeks. I would also like to thank Ms Burrell for her work in teaching the class whilst we awaited our new appointment.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION: PPS SCHOOL PLAN 2015-2017

As most of you would know, we commenced the consultation process during Term 4 last year to develop our new school plan for the current 3 year period (2015–2017). It is an extremely consultative process where the opinions of the whole school community have been sought. We are still in the process of gathering information and putting it all together.

Some of our senior students will be in the playground from 8.30am in the coming week. They will have iPads loaded with a survey for you to complete. There are only a few questions and they are all tick a box. If approached by one of our students, and you have time, please assist by completing the survey questions.

LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

It is a top priority for us to look after your children and keep them safe.

Quite a few children come to the school office for a late pass in the mornings unaccompanied by an adult. If your child is one of these children we need to make sure you are aware of this.

For this reason, all children arriving late to school must be signed in at the school office by their parent or caregiver and any child arriving late to school unaccompanied will bring home a note requesting an explanation for their partial absence. This is in line with Department of Education requirements.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers for your co-operation.
PLUMPTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SMART PHONE APP

Our phone app is still operational this year. A new feature is that our school newsletter will now be available to view on the app.

If you have a smart phone (iPhone or android) the app can be downloaded from either the Apple Store or Google play. Simply search for Plumpton Public School and you’ll find it. Once downloaded, you’ll be asked for a username and a password.

The username is community and password is plumpton

Yours in partnership,
Ms Maureen Larkin
Principal

NEWS FROM MR DAUW

Stage 3 parents have had a number of special requests in recent weeks. The response on the T-shirt orders was very quick. I have calculated that we will be purchasing over 100 shirts this year. I am currently consulting over the art work, which, when completed will need a number of proof reads. I would envisage the shirts being ready by late this term or very early next term.

Expressions of interest notes for camp were distributed last Friday. I expect responses to be in by the end of next week.

Lots of sporting events have occurred over the past two weeks:

1. Successful students from our competitive swimming carnival are today representing our school at the Blacktown Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Pool. Our team is 7 students. I hope that many of them achieve their personal best.

2. We have sent many students to trials for Zone teams in the last 2 weeks. A number of our students have been successful and I look forward to seeing their progress.

3. We have completed a survey to determine what PSSA sports will be offered this year. I will include the results of the survey later in this newsletter.

4. PSSA sport begins tomorrow. Teams have been chosen, notes issued and students are looking forward to a new year of competition. Parents are welcome at PSSA. Cricket is played at Harvey Park and Handball is played at Melrose Park. Both grounds are in Quakers Hill off Quakers Road.

5. Some special Gala days are approaching. There will be a Girls League Tag gala day and the Paul Kelly Cup for AFL in the coming fortnight.

6. Mr Tasker is busy organising some special sport clinics to be held at the school this year. More about them as they approach.

Kind regards,
Mr Terry Dauw
Assistant Principal

A MESSAGE FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS – STUDENTS GOING INTO YEAR 7 IN 2016

In NSW DEC schools, the enrolment of Year 6 students into Year 7 for the following year occurs as a statewide process commencing in March. As part of this process, you will receive an Expression of Interest form on March 9 to be completed and returned to school by March 20.
PSSA SURVEY 2015
In 2014 PSSA sport frequently ran at a loss. Interest in many of the sports tapered off and on many weeks team coaches had difficulty filling the teams. Finances are always an issue but the fact that so many children are participating may have also been an issue.
The students, at the beginning of this year were asked to complete a survey regarding their favourite sports.
One hundred and thirty six students, featuring an even representation of boys and girls across years 3 - 6 responded to the survey. In PSSA Summer Sport the student’s preference is shown here:

- Handball 24%
- Cricket 21%
- AFL 15.8%
- Softball 14.29%
- No interest in any 24.6%

Our response to this is to only have two PSSA sports in summer competition and they will be in the sports of Handball and Cricket. Mrs Katon – Handball and Mr Tasker - Cricket
In the PSSA Winter Sports the student’s preferences were:

- Soccer 39%
- Netball 23%
- Rugby League 15.38%
- League Tag 8.4%
- No interest in any 13.6%

Our response to this is that there is generally more interest in Winter sports. League tag is not very well supported and that may have been an issue. Blacktown PSSA has voted to play a Rugby League 9 a side competition this year and there appears interest amongst our students in having teams participating in League. Also Soccer has a sizable amount of interest so we are unlikely to drop Soccer to take up League. As a trial this year we are intending to offer both Rugby League and Soccer as well as Netball. League Tag will not be played. Mrs Katon – Netball, Mr Tasker – Rugby League and Mr Robinson – Soccer
The changes that we have made for 2015 will assist our participation and achievement levels at PSSA sport. It is expected that the students exercise commitment to the sports that they select and that the parents help us by supporting their commitment.
Terry Daw
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Southern Cross Colour Studios will be taking our school photographs on Wednesday 18th March 2015. Students should wear their correct school uniform and ensure that they are at school on time.
School Leaders, SRC and Year 6 will also be posing for group photos. These students must ensure that they are wearing full school uniform and wearing appropriate badges. Family photos are also available. These are taken in the Hall during recess and lunch. If you are interested in having your children photographed together, please collect a family envelope from the front office.
Envelopes have been sent home with more information about the School Photo Day this week.
Bronwyn Bailey
Teacher Librarian

LIBRARY NEWS
BOOK CLUB
This week your child will be bring home Issue 2 of the Book Club Catalogues. The final date for these orders to be returned is Friday 13th March. Please ensure that you have completed the order form clearly with the items you wish to order, your child’s name and class and the amount you are enclosing.
Please enclose the correct amount as no change will be given. This order needs to be placed in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class and placed in the money shoot in the front office.

Any parents who wish to shop online please visit the Scholastic LOOP www.scholastic.com.au/loopinfo. This allows you to place your order and pay for your order online. The order is then sent to the school with our school order.

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Bronwyn Bailey
Book Club Coordinator

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA – SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY
The Australian Government provides funding to Australian schools under the Australian Education Act 2013. Schools are required to provide the Australian Government with certain information about the school, its financial arrangements, and its student body, in order that the funding is properly calculated and accounted for.
In our school setting we define students with disability under the following:
The Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005
This includes students where there is evidence that;
* the student is being provided an adjustment/program for their learning difficulty; and
* they are monitored by the learning support team.
If your child receives learning support they meet the requirements to be included in the National Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.
If you have any questions regarding the data collection please visit www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au or alternatively contact the school.

PAYMENTS
All payments for excursions, camp, activities etc must be paid by the advised closing date and put into the chute in the office counter. 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. Please use separate envelopes for each activity.

P&C NEWS
UNIFORM SHOP.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE – 19.3.15
Prices are $1.00 and $2.00.

HAIR ACCESSORIES
Also a reminder that school coloured hair accessories can be viewed and ordered at the Uniform Shop.
A great idea for upcoming school photos.

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WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2015, 3.30pm-6pm

2015 Year 6 students and their parents are invited to attend The Hills Sports High School Open afternoon, come along and meet staff, explore what learning opportunities are available, visit our specialist rooms and Science Laboratories for practical lessons.

Tours of the school will occur every half hour until 6pm.

Talented Sports Program
There will be an Information session hosted by the Director of Sports at 5pm in the library for interested students & parents

TALENTED SPORTS PROGRAM OPEN NIGHT

An information evening will be conducted for students and parents interested in the Talented Sports Program for 2016 on Monday 4th May, 2015 at 6.30pm. Sports on offer are AFL, Athletics, Baseball, Cheerleading, Cricket, Golf, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Rugby “7’s” (Girls), Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Touch Football, and Water Polo.

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