Kinder Information Meeting and New Parents Lunch
Our new parents’ lunch and Kinder information meeting were very successful and it was pleasing to see a large number of parents in attendance. Thank you to Kinder teachers, Deb Duffy, Monique Graham, Belinda Sayers and Bec Stewart for their hard work in preparing and delivering a very informative presentation on ways in which parents can support their child in the first year of school. Thank you also to the P&C members who provided a selection of delicious food for the lunch.

Parents & Citizens Annual General Meeting
Last Tuesday’s P&C Annual General Meeting was a friendly, informative and productive one. I thanked 2012 executive members, Rachael Sinclair, Donna Ambler, Emma McCarthy and Jane Bassinghwaighte for their energetic, enthusiastic support of the school. On behalf of the school community I would like to welcome the new executive for 2013:

President - Kylie McKeown
Vice President - Emma McCarthy
Vice President (Canteen) - Donna Ambler
Secretary - Danielle Campbell
Treasurer - Elisha Bailey
PSSA Auxiliary - Amanda Hammond
Amanda Coffee
Fundraising Co-ordinator - Susan Chapman
Canteen Committee - Rachael Sinclair
Daphne Thomas
Publicity Officer - Jen Coote

We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

‘Setting the Scene’ Conferences
Please accept our invitation to attend the ‘Setting the Scene’ Conferences and take the opportunity to meet with your child and their teacher to set learning goals for the year. Thank you to all those parents who have returned their meeting time notes. Teachers have sent notes confirming meeting times home this week. Please contact the school if you need to discuss your meeting time. Last year we had an excellent participation rate of over 94% and we would like to score above this in 2013.

‘Setting the Scene’ dates
Stage 3 and S2/3M - Monday, 25 February
Stage 2 and K6B - Tuesday, 26 February
Stage 1 - Wednesday, 27 February
Kinder - Thursday, 7 March

Induction of Term 1 Class Captains
Thank you to all those parents who came to the school last Friday to pin on their child’s Class Captain badge.

Class Captains for Term 1, 2013 are

S2/3S - Haylee Burton
Mitchell Campion
S3L - Azelle Hechanova
Isaiah Turaga
S3T - Myah Wallace
Thomas Potter
S3D - Ava-Poeta Talbot
Ben Rosebaum
S2/3M - Lilly Ryan
Ethan Pearce
K6B - Ellie Betts
Caitlyn Sauer
S2H - Emma Stuart
Blake Bennett
S2A - Lillian Oke
Oscar Harvey
S2E - Hannah Coote
Leo Bassingthwaite
S1P - Maggie Power
Noah Cusack
S1F - Imogen Walker
Beau Keogh
S1B - Cassandra Yeo
Jonty Schulz
S1W - Caitlin Richardson
Oscar Dess
S1M - Bianca Clissold
Clayton Hutton
S1H - Lily Burn
Hayden Draper
KB - Hannah Crowfoot
Max McAneney
KG - Lilli Ferrari
Rex Bassingthwaite
KY - Matilda Hurst
Joseph Owens
KR - Ollie Drutt
Tak Chow

Dates for Your Diary

February
Monday 25 - ‘Setting the Scene’, Stage 3 and S23M
Tuesday 26 - ‘Setting the Scene’, Stage 2 and K6B
Wednesday 27 - ‘Setting the Scene’, Stage 1
Thursday 28 - District Swimming Carnival

March
Monday 11 - School photo day
Band Places Still Available
Expressions of interest from students who would like to join the school band are still being taken. If your child is interested in playing the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trombone or trumpet they will need to put in an expression of interest to Mr Shortis and provide a reference from their class teacher. After a meeting between the student, their parents and Mr Shortis, they may be selected to play in the band.

Swimming Carnival
The swimming carnival was an outstanding success. Thank you to Lauren Brien and Stacey Barlow for their excellent organisation and to all the staff who assisted on the day. The children all enjoyed the opportunity to compete and to cheer and support their house mates and a wonderful atmosphere of competition, sportsmanship and enthusiastic team spirit was clearly evident on the day. It was very encouraging to see a large number of parents in attendance throughout the day to show their support.

Our swimming champions for 2013 are
Junior Girl  Abby Knaggs
Junior Boy  Alexander Orth
11 Years Girl  Lucy Roberts
11 Years Boy  Lachlan Sinclair
Senior Girl  Ruby Hammond
Senior Boy  Brendan Coffee

Congratulations to all our champions and to all the students who gave of their best in competition on the day. Lachlan Sinclair (Year 5) is to be commended on an outstanding effort in breaking records in the 11 years breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly.

Thank you to the following parents for their assistance
Tam Shepherd  Monique Knaggs  Megan Clissold
Fiona Sissian  Amanda Hammond  Anna Orth
Scott Ferrari  Donna Ambler  Tracey Best
Natasha Webb  Suzie Cusack  Chris Cusack
Emma McCarthy  Rachael Sinclair  Sandra Dimmock
Kylie McKeown  Allison Williamson

The winning house was Macquarie, followed by Bogan, Darling and Castlereagh.

School News
Wacky Wednesday Canteen Special
Next week’s deal is ‘Easy Peasy Japanesey’ sushi day. There are 4 choices:
1. Vegetable sushi
2. Chicken/avocado sushi
3. Mixed sushi (vegetable and chicken/ avocado rolls)
4. Rice paper rolls

Please indicate clearly which of the 4 options your child is ordering. Orders cannot be accepted after 12.00 pm on Tuesday, 26 February as the restaurant requires notice in order to have the meals prepared and ready for lunch on Wednesday.

Cost is just $5.50 and includes a popper.

2013 Stage Levy and Voluntary Contributions $40
The Stage Levy for 2013 has been set at $40.00 per student. Voluntary contributions are not compulsory and payment is a matter for decision by parents. They are also set at $40.00.

School Photos
School photo day is Monday, 11 March. Family photo envelopes and spare student photo envelopes are available from the school office. Payment and envelopes can be returned to school at any time on or before photo day.

Year 6 Wambangalang Excursion
Students in Year 6 will be travelling to Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre on Wednesday, 20 March to take part in activities to develop and enhance their leadership skills. Cost is $25.00 per student. Notes will be sent early next week.

Science and Engineering Challenge
The Science and Engineering Challenge will be held on Tuesday, 5 March at the Dubbo Turf Club from 9.30 am. Cost is $6.00. Notes and payment need to be returned before Friday, 1 March 2013.