Strength in Unity

Whitton Murrami Public School

Newsletter

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Welcome Back

I would like to welcome everyone back for the new school year. I trust that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

This is a very exciting time as Whitton Murrami PS forges ahead and ploughs our own path for the school and its future.

I would like to welcome Kate Greatz and Brooke Ierano to our teaching staff. I would also like to welcome Nadine Harrison who will be assisting the students at Whitton Murrami PS from Mondays to Fridays in her role as School Learning Support Officer. Jodie Grieve and will again fulfil the role of School Administration Manager on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

I will be teaching English for each morning session and classroom release for both classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I will be also teaching the primary class (3-6) on Fridays. Through the National Chaplaincy Program (carried over from Murrami PS), Simone Murphy will continue to run the Cooking Program on either Mondays or Fridays, as well as providing support for the students in the classroom.

Duncan Adams
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New School Uniforms

Most students have received a complimentary new school uniform today. Due to sizing issues some students will need to wait a couple of days to receive their full complement of school uniforms. Some students have been given a shirt that is a size larger than requested in the interim. If there are any other sizing issues could you please let us know through the front office.

New School Sport Uniforms

We should have our new school sport shirts and hats within the next couple of weeks.

P&C AGM

We have a busy year ahead and I would love to have input and involvement from as many families and community members as possible. Please feel welcome to attend our first P&C meeting planned for Tuesday 10th February at 5.00pm.

Whitton Murrami Facebook Page

Don’t forget to regularly check our Whitton Murrami Facebook Page for school updates.

School Assemblies

Our school assemblies this term will be as follows:

Friday 27th February (Leadership Inductions)

Friday 20th March (Normal School Assembly)

Friday 2nd April (Easter Assembly)

Please feel welcome to attend. They generally commence at 2:30pm and run through until the end of the day.

Financial Assistance

Please remember that if you require financial assistance to help pay for any school activity this year, to come and see me. We have a number of ways in which to help and please rest assured, all details are kept totally confidential. We would like to see all students involved in our planned activities and if finance is a problem please make contact.

School Swimming Scheme

Aquatic activities play a significant role in the lifestyle of many Australians. Therefore it is essential that students are aware of the importance of water safety and are equipped with the necessary skills of safety and survival.

The School Swimming and Water Safety Program is a learn to swim program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Program provides opportunities for students in primary school to attend daily lessons of 60 minutes over two consecutive weeks. Our School Swimming Scheme starts next Monday at 11.00am -12.00pm and will run through until Thursday 12th December. Our Small School Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 13th February at the Whitton Pool.

Kindergarten

A big welcome to our new Kindergarten students and their families who will have had their first day at ‘big school’ tomorrow. I am sure we will have another exciting and productive year. We will introduce our new students over the course of the next few weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. I am looking forward to another wonderful year with lots of learning and lots of fun!

Best Start

Kindergarten students will undergo a series of activities as part of our requirements for Best Start. These assessments play an important role in assisting us to tailor our teaching and learning programs for the individual needs of your child. Kate Greatz will begin this process over the next two weeks. It is important that they are administered by the classroom teacher as they provide a valuable insight into your child. If you have any questions regarding this, please come and see either Kate or myself.

I am looking forward to meeting with you and discussing the educational needs of your children and working together to provide a quality education for all students at Murrami Public School.

Cheers

Duncan Adams

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Nelson Mandela