THE STAFF ARE PLANNING ...

We are now in permanent classes. Our classes are named after positive feelings. This year our focus in social skills lessons, Peer Support and at the school concert will be on ‘feelings.’ We hope that this focus will give our students the vocabulary and skills to talk about their own feelings and those of others.

All staff have been involved in planning days. Stage teams plan together to ensure that all our students have the opportunity to participate in solid and innovative teaching and learning programs.

2014 Classes
All students are now in their permanent classes for this school year. The classes are as follows:

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<td>Jolly</td>
<td>Mrs Wedgewood/Mrs Hunt</td>
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The supervisors for 2014 are:

- Early Stage 1: Mrs Karagiannis
- Stage 1: Miss Mulder/Mrs Hoppitt
- Stage 2: Miss Buckland

Swimming Carnival
Six more sleeps until the swimming carnival. Some students have told me that they have been practicing, trying to develop stamina for the 50 metres or across pool races.

The swimming carnival is for ALL students in Years 3-6 and students in Year 2 who are turning 8 this year. There are events for swimmers, weaker swimmers and non-swimmers. Students not in races encourage their peers.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALL YEAR 3-6 STUDENTS ATTEND. Students may be excluded from other school events if they ‘choose’ not to attend.

Please remember to pack cold drinks, sunscreen, goggles, swimming caps (for those students racing) and one or two towels. Please make sure that everything is labelled with your child’s name.
Bulldogs Visit

At 12:30pm on Monday, years 1-6 went to the hall to see the Bulldogs players. The two players who visited were Trent Hodgkinson and Sam Patriot. We watched a video about bullying. We learnt that if you are being bullied, tell someone so they can help you. Also, if you are a bystander you can help too. The players gave out wristbands and there were fun activities on the stage like ball skills and push-up competitions. If you answered questions you would get a prize. I hope they visit us again next year.

By Ahmad Othman, 5Blissful

Do you know what G&T, RFF or a COLA is?

In the school context G&T is not a gin and tonic! Rather it is a commonly used abbreviation. If you want to start the school year with clarity and stop wondering about the meaning of some of the school terminology go to http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters. This links you to a list of common abbreviations or terms which will make the world inside the school gates seem a little more familiar.

And just for your information, the acronyms above are:

RFF - Relief from face-to-face. Teachers have two hours a week RFF time (during normal class time), when they aren’t with their class. They use this time for planning lessons, marking exams, meeting with parents, organising educational resources or other tasks related to their work. Another teacher will be rostered to take the class during RFF.

G&T – Gifted and talented students are those whose potential is distinctly above average in one or more of the following domains of human ability: intellectual, creative, social and physical. Talented students are those whose skills are distinctly above average in one or more areas of human performance.

COLA – Covered outdoor learning area. Usually a covered structure in the playground which does double duty as a learning and play area.

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School Photos

Monday 20 March
P&C AGM

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking recommenced yesterday.

Please bring your dollarmite account to the school office on Tuesdays, in the morning before the bell.

If you don’t have an account please go down to the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank at Condell Park to open an account.

Thank you

School Banking

Playgroup Resumes

20th February

Between
Thursday 9am – 10:45am.
In the library
Bring your own morning tea
$2 per child
For more information please call Catherine 0413 247 432

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