What’s on this week 2 Term1

**Week 2**

**Monday:** 01.02.16
- Newsletter
- Student Banking
- LD aide- Rebecca 8.30-10.30
- Literacy & Maths Groups- Lee

**Tuesday:** 02.02.16
- LD aide- Rebecca 8.30-10.30
- Literacy & Maths groups-Lee

**Wednesday:** 03.02.16
- LD aide- Rebecca 8.30-10.30
- Amy - RFF
- Oliver Training - Julie & Felice

**Thursday:** 04.02.16
- LD aide- Rebecca 8.30-10.30
- Greg - RFF
- Canteen - Nikki

**Friday:** 05.02.16
- Swimming Carnival - UD only
- SAKGP

**Week 3**

**Monday:** 08.02.16
- Newsletter
- Student Banking
- LD aide- Rebecca 8.30-10.30

**Tuesday:** 09.02.16
- LD aide- Rebecca 8.30-10.30
- Sport - Cycling 2-3pm

**Wednesday:** 10.02.16
- LD aide- Rebecca 8.30-10.30
- Amy - RFF

**Thursday:** 11.02.16
- LD aide- Rebecca 8.30-10.30
- Greg - RFF
- Canteen - P & C mtg 6pm UD classroom

**Friday:** 12.02.16
- SAKGP

A Great Start to 2016

At Bungwahl PS we have had an enjoyable and productive start to 2016! All students seem happy and relaxed after the Christmas Holidays and seem ready for the challenges ahead.

I would like to welcome our new kindergarten students Mason, Quinn, Somer, Amarlie and Bella, as well as, her older brother Sam who is in Yr3.

Small School Swimming Carnival

Friday 5th February 2016

UD Division students will be travelling to Gloucester this Friday for the Annual Small Schools Swimming Carnival. All notes for the swimming carnival should be returned by Wednesday of this week. Children who do not attend the carnival must attend school otherwise their absence will be marked unjustified.

Library News

As the migration of our new borrowing system ‘Oliver’ takes place students are unable to borrow for the first few weeks of term. Hopefully the new system will be up and running sooner rather than later and I look forward to seeing a big increase in student borrowing in 2016. Parents can assist their children by encouraging reading at home by either listening to their children ‘read out loud’ or by reading to them. Just a reminder that library books need to be returned or renewed weekly for Lower Division; Upper Division may keep their books for a fortnight. For those parents new to the school Wednesday is borrowing day for Lower Division and Thursday is borrowing day for Upper Division.
Parent Information Meetings
Parent information meetings will be held in Wk 4. I encourage all parents to attend these meetings. The Lower Division parent information meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th February commencing at 2.15 The Upper Division parent information meeting will be held on Thursday 18th February commencing at 2.15

Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs)
Last year we introduced Personalised Learning Plans for all students. We found the process to be helpful and beneficial. We will continue the process in 2016 though there will be modifications both in terms of process and content. These changes are a result of staff reviewing the outcomes of the PLP’s. The initial part of our process will involve the classroom teachers interviewing children in Wks 3 and 4. The second part will be a follow-up three-way meeting (parent, teacher and student) in Wk 9. All children in Yrs 1 to 6 will participate.

Below is a broad definition of a PLP
A personal learning plan (or PLP) is developed by students—typically in collaboration with teachers, and parents—as a way to help them achieve short- and long-term learning goals. Personal learning plans are generally based on the belief that students will be more motivated to learn, will achieve more in school, and will feel a stronger sense of ownership over their education if they decide what they want to learn, how they are going to learn it, and why they need learn it to achieve their personal goals.

Lower Division Parent Helpers
Welcome back to 2016! With the beginning of a new year, comes new changes. In a multi stage classroom the more sets of hands willing to help the better! I am seeking parent helpers for maths groups to assist with hands on activities/games. I am seeking parent helpers for maths groups on a Wednesday and Thursday from 9:45 to 10:45. I would also love the extra help during art lessons on Thursday afternoons between 1:00 and 2:00pm. If you are interested in helping out and are able to consistently, it would be greatly appreciated. It is a great way to get involved with the school community and the children love seeing their parents in the classroom. Please contact me at school if you are available.
Thank you and I look forward to another hard working, yet fun year!
Miss Crozier

Daily Planner

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**Arriving Late, Picking Up Early**

Please go to the office to sign your child in and out of the school if you are arriving or leaving outside the times listed above. This also applies if you need to collect your child midway through the day e.g. dentist or doctor’s appointment.

**Attendance**

Just a reminder regarding school absences. We need either a written note, phone call or email the day after your child is away from school by way of explanation. Please refer to your handbook on the type of explanation that is **NOT** acceptable. If you are planning any long absences e.g. family holidays, a Certificate Of Extended leave - Holiday issue is available from the office. This form must be completed before students are on leave. It would be appreciated, if you can let us know of any plans.

**Upper Division Major Excursion - The Blue Mountains**

Upper Division’s major excursion will be held in Wk 4 Term 2. It will be to the Blue Mountains. As well as exploring the historical and environmental features of this world heritage listed area. We will, also, visit historic Hartley Village and Jenolan Caves.

We will leave on Monday 16th May and return on Thursday 19th May. While all details have not been finalised, we are confident the excursion will cost between $280 and $320. We recommend that parents start making a contribution towards the excursion to minimise the burden closer to the excursion.

**Jump Rope For Heart (JRFH) Demonstration Team**

We have, successfully, auditioned to be a JRFH demonstration team once again. This continues to be a great honour and humbling to think that the work we do is so consistently held in high regard.

Before auditioning for the program, we surveyed students, staff and parents and the support for participation in the program was almost unanimous.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Fees**

At Bungwahl Public School, we are in the fortunate position of not having to charge school fees while still being able to provide our students with basic stationary. SAKGP fees are only applicable to UD students. Cost per term per student is $20.00.

**Sporting Schools - Cycling**

In Term 1, Sporting Schools will be funding an after-school cycling program. It will be conducted, once again, by Paul Dixon. It will be designed to cater for the needs of all children. At this stage, it should commence on Monday 15th February.

**Crunch N Sip**

This year we will again conduct a Crunch N Sip during the first morning session. The guidelines for the program are as follows:

- fresh fruit – diced or in small pieces (or small whole fruit)
- easily packed – strawberries, grapes, cherries
- **No packaged foods (including dried fruits)**
- able to be eaten at their desk.

We would like to stress we don’t wish to lose vital learning time with this program. It is not an additional break. If students choose not to bring fruit or water they will simply continue working.

**Contacting Staff**

If you wish to pay accounts, obtain uniforms or do any other business with the school you need to be aware that Felice does not work on Fridays.

The school does have an answering machine. However we can not guarantee messages are received, especially on Fridays.

Hence if you have a sudden change for your child’s afternoon routine, it is best that you arrange for another person to collect your child from their normal bus stop rather than relying on the school to get the message for your child to get off at a different stop.

If you know in advance that there is to be a change, it would be appreciated if you could write a note to the school (**not the bus driver**) outlining the change. As you are aware Felice has an outstanding system of keeping him up to date with changes to weekly routines.

I have also attached your phone and emergency contact details. Please check them carefully and notify the school of any changes.

If you have a concern about your child it is important that you discuss any issues with their teacher, not Felice. (**It is not her role to advise on non-administration matters.**)

If you wish to contact any member of staff during the school day there are only a few times a week that we are actually “off class”:
• All staff are available to take phone calls from approximately 8:00-8.25am & 2:15 – 2:45pm daily.

• Amy “has no class!!” - **11.15am-2.10pm on Wednesday**

• Greg “has no class!!” - **10:30am-2.10pm on Thursdays.**
  *(Unless he is out of the school at Principals’ meetings)*

If you wish to discuss a specific issue it would be appreciated if you could phone for an appointment. It is not appropriate to hold parent teacher interviews at the classroom door or 5 minutes before class begins. We just can’t give you our full attention.

**Bus Travel**

*All students K-2* are entitled to free bus travel to and from school daily. However *students 3-6* need to live at least 1.6 kilometres from the school for this to apply. All students starting yr 3 this year will have to fill out a new bus travel form. (forms were sent out at the end of last year)

I would like to remind you all of the behaviour expected on the bus.

• Boarding the bus (either from school or at the bus stop in the morning) – the youngest children get on first and sit in the first vacant seat.

• **We fill up only the front of the bus – no one is allowed down the back of the bus**

• Children are to remain in the same seat for the entire journey

• Bags & legs out of the corridor

• No limbs outside the bus

• Chatting to the person next to them only – not yelling to someone 4 seats away!

• No distracting the driver

In short – follow our school’s core values, particularly safety & respect!

**Vehicle In & Around the School Grounds**

I would like to stress to parents the procedure regarding vehicles in the school grounds. For new parents, we received the coroner’s report following the death of a child who was run over in school grounds in 2005. We are required to take on board the findings and implement protocols for our school.

To this end we have implemented the following procedures:

1. Only staff vehicles to enter and park in the school grounds (car park) at any time.
2. All other vehicles to park on the road outside the fence.
3. Children to enter & leave the school through the main entrance (near Upper Division room). **No child is permitted to enter or exit through the vehicle entry near the office building. Please don’t call your child to this exit. So we ask parents not to pull into the gateway to drop off or pick up (as tempting as that is!!).**
4. Children waiting for parents will wait under the covered walkways in front of the classroom. They are not allowed to play off the cement area.
5. It is preferred that parents walk in and collect their children (particularly Lower Division) especially if they are parked near the vehicle exit area.
6. Parents collecting children are asked to exit via the main entrance **not the vehicle exit.**

We must keep in mind all this is for the safety of all children.

**Double White Lines Out In The Front**

Please do not do u-turns in front of the school across the double lines. Police patrols are frequent in our school zone area. Please go down and turn around at the tennis courts.

**Book Club**

Accompanying this messenger is the first Book Club offer for this year. For new parents, Ashton Scholastic publishers have a special offer for students through their Book Club program. Book Club flyers are sent out 7 times during the year.

This year they have compressed all levels into one booklet. There is no pressure to buy each time or anytime. Orders are returned to school by the due date (written on the flyer) and usually take about two week to come back. Payment can be made by credit card by contacting Scholastic or cash payment to the school.
Student Banking
School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch or Online. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.
Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day – it is that easy!
If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online as well!
The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit. Every deposit earns them a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

P & C Meeting
The first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 11th Feb from 6.00pm in the Library.
Membership of the P&C is $2 annually. Parents must be a member in order to vote on issues. With the annual general meeting coming up, we would like as many families as possible to have voting rights. To vote at the AGM or nominate for a position, you must be a member for a month prior. This would be 2014 membership.
Please complete the note below and return it to school by 11th February if you are not already financial (Mandy P&C treasurer, will be able to tell you if you are current).
BUT to vote at meetings in 2016 (following the AGM), P&C membership for 2016 needs to be paid after the AGM. Please note: payment of P&C fees at the AGM do not entitle you to have a vote or nominate for any position.

Canteen Manager Training
Canteen staff, volunteers and P&C/P&F representatives are invited to attend one of the following FREE Canteen Manager training workshops:

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These free workshops will run from 10.00am to 1.45pm (morning tea and lunch included) and will provide opportunities for networking, professional development and distribution of Good for Kids canteen resources/equipment.

To register, contact the school.

For further information, please contact your Good for Kids Support Officer: Kathryn Reilly on 4924 6393

NSW Health
 Hunter New England Local Health District

PHONE: 0437305075
Notes week 2 Term 1

**Class Meetings**

Yes I will be attending my child’s class meeting:

LD Thursday   Wednesday 17th February at 2:15

UD Friday     Thursday 18th February at 2:15

Name: ________________________ Signed: __________________________

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**P&C Membership**

Please find enclosed my $2:00 P&C membership for 2015 to enable voting right at AGM in March 2016

Name: ________________________________ Signed: ____________________________________

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**SAKGP & Canteen Volunteers**

If you like to volunteer to help with the SAKGP on Fridays and canteen on Thursdays contact Nikki on 6554 4570 or email nikole.dixon3@det.nsw.edu.au

A new canteen menu will be sent home tomorrow.

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**Monday Messenger**

Last year parents had the option of receiving their Monday Messenger by email or hard copy.

Please tick what option you would like to receive your newsletter this year.

Please remember that all excursion permission notes are hard copied to all parents.

In choosing email we are saving on ink and paper and reducing our carbon footprint.

☐ By Email Address: ____________________________

☐ Hard Copy

Name: ____________________________