**Welcome Back**

We all hope you had an enjoyable break, a relaxing, rejuvenating one, where everyone stayed safe.

The new year has started and Miss Cutler, Mr Morris, Mrs Kennedy and Ms Sturman are ready to teach your children some exciting and motivating units of work.

Primary parents will receive, attached, an outline of the term, although if you have any questions, concerns or feedback please contact Ms Sturman sooner rather than later.

All the best for the year ahead and may there be loads of smiles, laughs and learning.

A special welcome to our new students ……

**Kindergarten**—Robbie McDougall, Cameron Rutland, Adam Rutland, Matilda Cole & Patrick Murphy

**Year 3**—Blake Cochrane

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**2013 Starts with Professional Development**

Tuesday was a shock to the system to many a teacher, as we grew accustomed to non-holiday mode.

We spent the day covering many aspects of Mandatory training, such as our Code of Conduct, Workplace Safety, Dealing with Complaints and Anaphylaxis updates. This was followed by the unpacking of Module 1, from the New Syllabus training.

There will be loads of up-skilling around the new syllabus this year which will be very exciting, enabling us to take on board many new approaches to ensure our students are well equipped for the 21st century.

**New Look Leadership Team**

**Congratulations** to the 2013 Year 6 leadership team. All year 6 students will take on leadership roles this year and we look forward to some thrilling and thought-provoking days.

The school community, who voted the captains into their roles, are invited to the induction on **Thursday** at **9.30am**. This will be the first official function the Year 6 students will run. Please join us for this auspicious occasion which will begin to mould the new year.

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**Swimming**

Remember - ASSC today and tomorrow will see us all venturing to Borambola Pool for water activities—also Wednesday and Thursday of Week 2. This will enhance water confidence and swimming skills. Parents are asked to collect their children upon return at 4.45pm from school.

*Each semester, all children attending AASC are required to have a consent form completed. Your child will be able to attend swimming this week but please return the form before Wednesday, Week 2.*

**Primary** are going to the pool on Friday this week and next, for sport. At these sessions all students will be training and preparing themselves for the **Small Schools Swimming Carnival** on **February 19th**. If your child doesn’t have a permission note, please find one on the website and return it so your child can join these sessions. Both are great opportunities for your child to experience swimming without any costs.

Students without permission for sport will remain at school with Miss Cutler and her class.

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**Information Session for Parents—Years K-6**

Prior to the first P & C meeting on **Monday 4th February**, there will be an opportunity for parents to come along and have a chat about the year ahead for your child. We will be available from **6.00-7.00pm** for discussion around procedures, expectations and actions required to ensure 2013 is a successful year.
How does your child learn Maths?
Can you answer this question? If not, come along to an information session on **Monday 18th February** at 7.00pm to learn about maths in 2013, working mathematically and problem solving. We’ll play games and discover ways you can help your child. If you are intending to join us, please let the office know so Ms Sturman can cater for correct numbers. Thank you in advance.

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2012 End of Term Round-up ...

The last week of term 4 2012, was exciting and exhilarating and here is a little round-up to remind us of the positive end to the year.

On reflection from the Canberra excursion, we were able to fully realise the credit, to our school, the students were. We received a Certificate of Excellence from the War Memorial Education Officer, indicating that the Ladysmith students’ behaviour had been exemplary; so much so they felt they deserved a certificate of recognition. Be very proud of your children!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate the graduation of Year 6 on Wednesday night, 19th December and the educational successes of all the students who received prizes. I would also like to acknowledge the commitment made by the parents who went the extra mile to ensure the night was a success. Jodie, Brian and Con were instrumental in the organisation.

“Aunty Ned” must be congratulated for the marvellous dance choreography. Thank you for your time and efforts with our country dancers.

Staff development days provided everyone with opportunities to update their CPR (an essential part of being a teacher) and to begin to unpack the New Syllabus, while gaining a deeper understanding of what we are going to teach in 2013.

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Permission Notes 2013

Part of a child’s education is to become responsible for themselves and to learn the consequences for their actions. Remembering to return their notes and money by the specified date is a life-long skill we all need to learn to ensure we are responsible adults.

In 2013, we are introducing the following policy in relation to permission notes.

Staff will send home the initial note, usually with the newsletter, although not always, which will state the date of return and the conditions relating to that particular event.

We will also post the note on the website in case one goes astray and you need another copy. We are happy for students to download them at school and print them but this needs to be initiated by them.

Any student who does not return a note, or does not send in necessary money or additional requirements by the due date, will not be attending the event.

Staff will no longer be calling to remind parents or asking for verbal permission.

It is a requirement under the Department’s Excursion Policy that all students have signed written permission before attending an event out of school grounds.

**Permission notes attached: (all which need to be returned before your child can participate)**

- Permission to publish on website, in newsletter or in video format.
- Permission to go on walking expeditions around Ladysmith Village and to the Mobile Library Van.
- Permission to participate in activities held on the Ladysmith Recreation Grounds during school hours.

The above consent forms will now be ongoing from year to year, until your child/ren leave Ladysmith school, unless the school is notified otherwise.

Also attached are:

- Permission to deliver/collect lunch orders (Yrs 5/6 and Year 2 only).
- AASC Participation & Research consent forms.

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Lunch Order Collectors

Years 6, 5 and Year 2 students are invited to bring in a consent form to be a lunch order collector.

Year 2 will only collect lunches when the Yr3-6 class is away from school.

Asthma & Other Allergies

If your child suffers from asthma, please complete the following slip **if you have not already provided the school with a copy of your child's asthma plan.**

If applicable, please indicate any allergies that your child has.

Mobile Library

The Riverina Mobile Library Van visits Ladysmith on every second Wednesday and parks near the local hall.

- All students who wish to borrow books will require a new consent form to walk over to the van.
- All students must have a library bag in which to carry borrowed books.

The first visit to the van will be on Wednesday, 6th February.

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P & C NEWS .... The first meeting for 2013 will be on Monday 4th February at 7.00pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend. **BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER—** Saturday 16th February—thankyou to those parents who have already offered to help on the day. However, we still need more people in each timeslot. If you are able to help, please complete the attached form and return to school as soon as possible. Thankyou.
PERMISSION NOTES
Mobile Library

I give consent for my child ____________________________________________________________ to walk to the Mobile Library Van when it visits Ladysmith. I understand that this permission note is ongoing from year-to-year, while my child is in attendance at Ladysmith School. If I no longer wish my child to participate, I shall notify the school accordingly.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ____________________

Walking Expeditions around Ladysmith Village

I give consent for my child ____________________________________________________________ to participate in walking expeditions around Ladysmith Village as they occur. I understand that this permission note is ongoing from year-to-year, while my child is in attendance at Ladysmith School. If I do not wish my child to participate in an expedition, I shall notify the school accordingly.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ____________________

Participation in activities held on Ladysmith Recreation Ground

I give consent for my child _______________________________________________________________ to participate in any school activities which are held on Ladysmith Recreation Ground during school hours. I understand that this permission note is ongoing from year-to-year, while my child is in attendance at Ladysmith School. If I do not wish my child to participate in an activity, I shall notify the school accordingly.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ____________________

Year 6, Year 5 and Year 2—Collection of Lunch Orders

I give consent for my child/ren ________________________________________________________ to collect school lunch orders from Ladysmith Store as required during 2013.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ____________________

Asthma and Other Allergies

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