Hello everyone: It was wonderful to see the children returning to school; all so happy to be back with their friends and settling into their new class groups. Our new Prep students hit the ground running and have enthusiastically taken to being real ‘school kids’. I hope your children had lots of news to tell you about their first day of 2015 school year. We are fortunate to have such lovely weather for our first days back too.

THINGS THAT ARE DIFFERENT IN 2015

TIMETABLE CHANGE: So that we can maximise the available specialist teacher time, we have made some minor changes that you do need to be aware of:

On Mondays & Tuesdays, the lunch bell times only have been altered so that lunch will be at 1.00pm to 2.00pm (only on those two days). This allows us to offer each grade a 45 minute Performing Arts/ Music lesson, and each grade a 45 minute Japanese lesson on these two days.

On Wednesday, Thursday & Friday our bell times will stay as they have been:
9.00 - start of school, 11.00am - recess, 11.30 - end recess, 1.30pm - lunch, 2.30pm - end of lunch, 3.20pm - shuttle bus bell, 3.30pm - dismissal.

Students will have a one hour Visual Art lesson with Ros Janas each week. Class teachers will timetable at least one hour for a skills-based PE lesson during the week, and there will be the weekly Sport session for each unit as has always been the case.

ASSEMBLY: The whole school assembly will move from Monday morning to Friday morning, starting from tomorrow at 9.00am (under BigM). This change also allows us to make the best use of our specialist teacher time, and will mean fewer ‘lost assemblies’ due to public holidays. Student Achievement Awards and other items from the Monday assembly will now take place in that Friday morning timeslot.

FAMILY POOL PARTY - WED. 11th FEBRUARY - 5.30-7.30pm, OLYMPIC OUTDOOR POOL
We hope lots of families will be able to come along to this ‘back to school’ event on 11th February. It is a great chance to meet your child’s friends and their parents, to have a chat with teachers and to relax after a busy day.

The pool will stay open until 7.30pm for APPS families. School Council will offer a sausage sizzle from 6.00pm. Pool entry cost is $4.20 per adult and $2.80 per child. Life guards will be on duty. BYO chairs and picnic rugs.

AND FINALLY...if you have any new information, questions or concerns regarding your child’s education or health & wellbeing, please let their teacher know, give me a call or pop into the office. We will schedule Parent-Teacher Interviews during the middle part of the term. More details

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