Dear Parents,

**Australian Championship Success**

A huge congratulations to Melissa Barnett on her fabulous success in Adelaide at the Australian Cross Country Championships. Melissa and her family travelled across last week in preparation for the great race. Conditions on the day were terrible, it was cold, wet, muddy and consequently quite slippery. Typical of Melissa she rose above the difficulties, gave it her best and came in at an incredible 4th. This is an amazing achievement and we are all so proud. Well done Melissa!

**NAIDOC Celebrations**

Tomorrow is another special day for our school as we embrace our NAIDOC celebrations. We have a range of activities all day long and to make the day successful we want our community to come into the school. Please bring family and friends along so that we may all celebrate together. We have some very talented children and we would love to show them off to you. See you tomorrow.

**Late arrivals**

Disappointingly too many children are still turning up late for school on a regular basis. Every morning is time to learn how to read and write, if you regularly miss half an hour you miss 2½ hours of learning each week. You should expect your child will fall behind in their learning. Parents need to sign children in, do not send them in to explain away usually unjustifiable excuses.

Lance Cooper
Principal

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**Future Events**

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After our Olympics Day and the community workers visiting our school, K4W took off into helicopters. Mr Payne has been drawing them for us to colour and paint; we’ve been drawing them on our whiteboards and describing what they looked like. We wrote a recount of the day and put together a story board using our writing, photos and drawings.
GOLD LEVEL STUDENT

Lilee Bullock  Courtney Simpson  Tatiana Channells  Yollanda Merz
Zailee Albon  Angus Willshire  Dominic Makhoul  Jack Macleod
Matthew Bignell  Adam Lawrence  Angus Baker  Shayde Knight
Toufica Makhoul  Kate-Lyn Cole  Damien Makhoul  Imogen Abreu
Poorsha McPhillamy  Larissa Benham  Thomas Frogson-Lyons

SILVER LEVEL STUDENTS

Shayla Willman  Jordan Gorgievski  Estelle Gooley  Emily Daniels
Amber Palmer  Andrew Heard-Whitby  Marina Kamilic  Scott Barwick
CJ Lowe-McKenzie  Emma Stieger(McLeish)  Cody Robinson  Ethan Winfield
Laura Mckee

BRONZE LEVEL STUDENTS

Gabriel Winfield  Nicholas Ormsby  Trey Forbes  Shakayah Edwards
Shellee Hoye-Smith  Chloe Morris  Clair Birch  Steven Setright
Zachary Kearney  William Barnett  Ayden Kearney  Kynan Koosachi
Sophie Williams  Dean Sly-White  Karen Gordon  Isabelle Thompson
Sarah Booby  Lachlin Buchan  Jhye Poxon  Jamie Bugg
Sage Kalayzich  Leticia King

NAIDOC Celebrations

This Friday beginning at 10.30am is our NAIDOC Celebrations. A number of activities are planned as per program distributed last week. Please send your child dressed in RED, BLACK or YELLOW and come along and enjoy the day.

SMART START — KINDER TRANSITION  CHANGE OF DATE

Smart Start Transition for children starting Kindergarten in 2013 will commence on Thursday 23rd August between 9.30am and 11.15am. The program will run for 10 weeks on the same day and times. Parents are to remain at school during Smart Start.

If your child begins school next year please collect an enrolment form from the front office and return it as soon as possible.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

All visitors to the school, including parents, grandparents and carers, must sign in at the office. If you need to speak to a teacher an appointment will be made for you.

No parents are to go directly to the classrooms. As this is a school safety issue we ask that you please adhere to these guidelines.

NUT FREE ZONE

A note to new parents and a reminder to existing parents that our school is a nut free zone.
**BATHURST EISTEDDFOD SOCIETY**

The Bathurst Eisteddfod will be held this year from 4th to 21st September.

Admission Prices are:

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**Grand Concert:**

- Adults $20.00
- Seniors, Disabled & Tertiary Students $15.00
- Primary & Secondary Students $8.00

Tickets are to be paid for in **cash only** as the Entertainment Centre does not have any EFT Pos facilities.

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**The O’Connell Model Train Gala Day**

**SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER, 2012**

10:00am – 4:00pm

“Clifton Park”, 747 Tarana Road, Brewongle

**Admission:** Adults $10.00 - Children $5.00

**Attractions include:**

- The incredible model trains
- Children’s art exhibition
- Free activities for the children
- Café lunch
- Stalls
- Devonshire tea

**Funds raised will go towards the Creative Arts program at O’Connell Public School.**

Enquiries: 6337 5725 or www.oconnell-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

*A wonderful day out to celebrate Father’s Day!*

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**St Pat’s Junior Cricket Club Inc-Registrations**

St Pats Junior Cricket Club will be holding this seasons Cricket registration for children aged from 6 to 16 years at Panther League Club on Thursday 8th and Tuesday 11th September from 4.00 – 6 p.m.

Contact
Wal Brien- 0409 133 026 or walbrien@exemail.com.au for further details.

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**Spelling it out at home**

The School A to Z website’s popular mobile Spelling Bee game can now be played on your home computer. The game is designed for both junior and senior primary school students, and features words from the Macquarie Dictionary. Parents might be tempted to test their skill on the harder levels.

Go to: Spelling Bee

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**Coming to grips with measurement**

It may come as no surprise to learn that a child’s early awareness of mass and volume is often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play. Find out what you can do at home to help your child measure mass and volume.