Welcome Back

Welcome back to our students and their families, a special welcome to our new Reception students and their families: Archie Alpe, Akon Baak, Marli Boede, Lili Bowman, Esther and Lydia Clarke, Charli Clements, Kobi Ferme-Talbot, Dustin Greatorex, Conrad Gutte, Eli Hurst, Lilli Micklewood, George Rackham, Macen Taylor, and Amelia Venning and Hilary Wilson. We also welcome our new students and their families: Bella Zwar, Dwyane, Crystal and Chantelle Aston, and Shaylee, Rieley and Tysen Taylor.

Not in Photo: Esther Clarke and Tysen Taylor

We provide quality teaching and learning programs at Crystal Brook Primary School, our staff are committed to providing the best care and learning programs for all students. If your child is experiencing difficulty settling back into school life please talk with their class teacher / teachers, it is always better to sort out issues early rather than allowing them to become bigger issues.

I apologise for not being able to send out a complete teaching staff list at the end of last year, but I was unable to get all staff in place at that time. Here is a listing for Term 1:

Room 8 - Year 6 and 7 with Jenny Stringer
Room 7 - Years 5 and 6 with Tracey Burns and Ingrid Combe
Room 5 - Years 4 and 5 with Beck Nicholson and Hilary Ferguson
Room 10 - Years 3 and 4 with Amanda Bowman and Leanne Clements
Room 4 - Year 2 with Annette Boughen and Ingrid Combe
Room 2 - Year 1 and Reception with Jodie Zwar and Megan Smart
Room 1 - Year 1 and Reception with Julie Gambling and Gabrielle Crouch

Non-contact teachers — Amy Tiller, Leanne Clements, Megan Smart
School Counsellor / Special Needs / Intervention — Davina Bellman
Finance / Front office — Caroline Lloyd
Front office/Administration — Jacqui Head
Olga Smart — Library and IT Support
ACEO Support, Individual Learning Support, Student Learning Support - Helen Webb
Individual Learning Support, Student learning support, Library support — Ange Gum, Alice Avery, Kerry Wade, Sally Wilson, Hannah Young
Administration, Finance, Student Support, Library — Emma Grossman
Christian Pastoral Support Workers- Alison and Bill Clarke
Grounds Maintenance- Tony Muirhead
Governing Council

Governing Council is the governing body in our school; we will be holding the Annual General Meeting on Monday 10th February (Week 3) at 7.00pm in the Library. Please consider being part of this very important body and show your support by attending the AGM. This body plays an important role in decision making within the school, assists in policy making, gives and receives valuable information about finances and programs within the school.

We have five current members who will be completing their two year term, they are Sean Taylor who has tendered his resignation, Stephen Duffield, Steve Garden, Anne Crouch and Megan Smart, these people are able to re-nominate along with other interested parents and caregivers. Emma Grossman, Brooke Hodgson, Monika Jackson and Bill Clarke have another year to go on their term.

We also have a representative from Parent Club, the Kindergarten, the Community, a Staff representative and the Principal, this completes the makeup of Governing Council. Jo Piggott has been our Community Representative and may re-nominate or another Community member may be nominated.

Nomination forms will come home today and will need to be returned by the end of this week, so that if we require an election that can take place in week 2.

Anne Franks
Principal

SWIMMING INFORMATION

Included in the package coming home today are a cover letter with all the information regarding Swimming 2014 eg, times of class lessons, Swimming/Aquatic consent forms which need to be signed and returned or your child/ren cannot attend Swimming Lessons. Our swimming carnival for Years 3-7 will be held on Friday 14th February, Week 3.

STUDENT PERSONAL DATA FORMS

Coming home today with the newsletter is a printed list of your child’s personal data information we have on our system. It is vital we have up-do-date information on your child. Please check this form carefully and make any changes necessary on the form and return to the Office as soon as you possibly can. We need these forms returned REGARDLESS IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES OR NOT. If there are no changes, we still need forms returned so we know we don’t need to update your child’s record. These forms are even more important now we are running with our new SMS Text Messaging system. If we don’t have correct contact numbers, we can’t reach you to keep you informed of what is happening at our School. Thank you for returning these as quickly as possible.

Jacqui Head

CYBER-SAFETY AGREEMENT

Also coming home today is our Cyber-Safety Agreement form which will need to be signed and returned to School before your child will be able to access the internet at School. These forms must be returned annually, so please take the time to go over it with your child/ren and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

Jacqui Head

LINEN ROSTER

If you would like to go on our Linen Roster this year, please let me know via email or give me a ring at School and let me know if you would be happy to be on the Roster for the year or just the Term. This is a relatively simple job and just involves the washing of our linen from our sick room, on a weekly basis, which is usually minimal. We ask that the linen be picked up Friday, preferably in the afternoon and returned on the following Monday. We can send the linen on the bus if this makes it easier for parents. Thank you very much.

Jacqui Head

MNSEC AND GLADSTONE HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

GHS Swimming Carnival: Wednesday Week 3 (12th February) starting at 3.30pm
MNSEC Swimming Carnival: Tuesday Week 4 (18th February) starting at 5pm at Booleroo
GHS Athletics Carnival: Friday Week 6 (7th March) starting at 9am
MNSEC Athletics Carnival: Thursday Week 8 (20th March) Starting at 9.30am at Jamestown
LEADERSHIP DAY

Rooms 7 and 8 Leadership Day has been postponed from this Friday 31st January to a date yet to be decided, due to extreme heat forecast for this week.

Voting for SRC Leaders and Class Representative and House Captains will occur in Week 2.

Our new SRC Representatives will be presented with their badges at our first Assembly for the year which will be held in Week 4, Friday 21st February. The first Assembly will not occur until Week 4 due to Swimming and the Swimming Carnival being held in the next two weeks.

Juicies will be for sale every Friday for Term 1 at lunch for $1.00. The five flavours available are: Orange, Apple, Tropical, Wild Berry and Apple/Blackcurrant.

JUNIOR PRIMARY PICK UP

Just a friendly reminder for all parents of Junior Primary children, that at pick-up time parents need to wait for their children outside of the stone building until the bell goes, not in the wet area. This is due to safety reasons and congestion in the room. It can be overwhelming for children who are trying to pack up when the room is full of adults, and can also be very distracting.

NEW SMS MESSAGE SYSTEM

This year we are introducing a new Text Messaging System. This will be used to contact parents for many reasons. It is an automated system that links with our school EDSAS system and picks up daily unexplained lates and absences.

We will send out messages to parents if we have any unexplained absences and parents should reply with their reason for absence eg. Illness, Family. This is then entered into our system and will hopefully dramatically reduce the need for our yellow slips to be going back and forth.

It will also be used to notify bus families of Catastrophic Fire Ban Days and we will be asking parents to respond so we know you have received the message.

It can also be used just to keep parents up to date with coming events and general School information. We rely greatly on having the correct contact number for all families for this to work, of course, we can only send the text messages to mobile phones. Today we are sending home information update papers and ask you to please return these as quickly as you can so we can ensure we have the correct contact numbers.

We are very excited to be using this new system, and hope it makes communication between parents and the school easier and more streamlined, especially in keeping our unexplained absences to a minimum.

If you are picking up or dropping off your child during the day, we will still need you to come to the Office to fill out a yellow form. The system does not allow for comings and goings during the day. Please bear with us during this trial period as we learn how to operate this system correctly. Thank you

Jacqui Head

UNIFORMS

The next Uniform Day will be in Week 2 on Thursday 6th February. It will be held in the gym from 8:30am-9:30am. This is an opportunity for you to view the uniform selection and for your child to try on uniforms for sizing. Orders forms are available from the front office and orders can be placed at the front office any time up until this day and orders will be filled on the day. We can now order skorts and dresses for only $15 (that’s cheaper than Target!!). There are plenty of shorts and t-shirts in stock also. Please feel free to contact me on 0438 363123 if you have any queries.

Kathryn Hansen
Uniform Co-ordinator
## New Lesson Times

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### Parent Club is looking for NEW Members!

What is PARENT CLUB?
Parent Club is a group of parents who work together to raise funds for our school.

With these funds, we approve purchases that are considered ‘extras’ outside of the budget. This can range from the small everyday incidentals (e.g. sunscreen) to the larger purchases (such as student iPads, interactive white boards, refrigerators for lunchboxes, shade structures for sporting events & extra teacher resources) - just to name a few!

Parent Club also provide the Uniform Ordering service.

Parent Club benefits EVERYONE!
And Parent Club is always looking for new members.
Meetings are informal, twice a term, and take only 1 hour.
Join us! Come along, bring a friend – Children are most welcome!
There is no expectation to become involved.
Anne Franks delivers her Principal’s Report at each meeting.

Our next meeting is **WEDNESDAY 12th February 2014, 2pm at the Kindy.**

If you cannot attend the meeting on 12/02/2014, but would like to suggest an alternative time/day for meetings, please email rackhamgp@activ8.net.au or telephone Jacqui Merkel (President): 0409 283 892 or Julie Rackham (Secretary): 0418 989 695.

Do you have any ideas for possible fundraising events or any suggestions on what the funds raised could go towards? Please fill out the tear off reply slip below and return to the front office. We look forward to hearing your ideas!

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**PARENT CLUB FUNDRAISING IDEAS/ SUGGESTIONS FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS:**

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Crystal Brook Netball Club
Registration Night 2014
&
2nd Fitting for New Uniforms
Wednesday 5th February 2014
Anytime between 4-7pm
@ CBNC Clubrooms
All Junior and Senior players intending to play for the CBNC in Season 2014 are required to register on this night.
Trial squads will be organised from these registrations and trial dates and times advised.
Apologies to President Carla Hook 0417 081 318 (via phone call not text message)
Please note this will be the final fitting for the new uniforms. If you have already been fitted in 2013 you may be refitted if concerned about sizing.

Cricket Lightning Carnival – Feb 2014
The South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) is running a lightning carnival at Gladstone for girls and boys aged 8-11 years old. SACA would like to invite any interested young cricketers from the Mid North area to participate.
Date: Sunday February 16
Time: 9:15am until 1:00pm
Venue: Gladstone Oval
To register to play or for more information, please contact Ben Johnswood at SACA at bjohnswood@saca.com.au or on 0438 860 048.

CRYSTAL BROOK FITNESS CENTRE
Time to start training!! The Crystal Brook Fitness Centre Fun Run will be held on Sunday 9th March 2014!! Get your friends and family together to walk or run 5 km and 10 km tracks. More info on our Facebook page soon!

PLEASE RETURN
To the person(s) who borrowed the Heavy Old Black telephone from Room 2, please return it to the School ASAP. The phone was a keepsake to its family and loaned to Room 2 as a learning tool for Maths. Thank you.

SINGING LESSONS
At School $14 each with Anne Hansen 0429866242

FOR SALE
Trumpet and Electric Keyboard
Excellent condition. Contact Megan Smart for more details.
0407364020