Welcome back to first term 2015!! Hope you all had an enjoyable break with your children. It was great to see everyone and listen to their holiday news last week.

New Students for 2015
First up, we have a special big welcome to Mackenzie in Year 6 and to our new kinder students – Kiara, Will, Ebony, Amity, Harry and Charlie.
All the kindies have settled into school life so beautifully – their time in Little Learners last year has certainly given them a great head start!

School Leaders
Our school leaders for 2015, (from back row Lto R) Mackenzie, Faith (Capt), Peter, Alfred, Luke (Capt) and Lachlan are ready and willing to take on the challenges this year will bring!

Swimming carnival
Our annual small schools swimming carnival will be held this Friday, 6th February. Only students who are swimming will be attending, everyone else will stay at school for a day of fun learning activities. Casual clothes may be worn. We will take the bus from school around 8.45. Please fill in and return the permission note attached. The entry fee is payable on the day.

Canteen
Our Friday lunches this term are delicious salad rolls for only $3 – starting this week!
**General permission/change of contact details note**

Every year we send out a note to gain permission for photos, child protection lessons, internet access and so on for each family. Could you also please use this note to inform us of any changes to your contact details since last year. If nothing has changed, please tick the “no change” box.

**Absences**

The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) has released their new policy and research on student absences. Their findings are that absences from school impact greatly on a child’s learning. We understand that sickness and family emergencies occur however the DEC’s expectation is that children will attend school each day and if they are absent, communication with the school must be made either verbally or in writing (includes email) explaining the absence. To help with this requirement, we will text you if your child is absent without explanation.

**Library**

Library will be held on Wednesday afternoons again this year. Every student is encouraged to borrow from our great little library each week and they need to bring a library bag of some kind to take home their books.
We still have a few lost books, so if you happen to find them at home, please send them back.

**2015 School Contribution**

The annual school contribution is still only $30 per student or $50 per family and is payable at any time.

**Uniforms**

Available from school now. If you would like to order some items, a form is included with this newsletter for you to fill in and return with cash or cheque payment. You can also pay directly into the school’s account. Please see attached order form for prices and details.

**Homework**

Just a reminder at the start of the year that each child will be given homework every week. It is expected by staff that it will be done and returned to school when completed. Homework is a part of the revision of skills learnt in class. It helps consolidate your child’s learning and sets up good habits for school in later years. We certainly notice an improvement in skills in students who do their homework regularly.

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**Birthdays!**

- Zachary – 8th January
- Jonathon – 9th January
- Albert – 14th January
- Harry – 4th February
- Sophie – 6th February
- Tessa – 8th February