School Rules
The general behaviour of our students both in the classroom and the playground is excellent. Very rarely do I have the need to speak to students about negative behaviours and more importantly as the term is progressing I am seeing several students attending my office to show me great work that they are doing in the classroom and having the opportunity to reward them for their efforts. The staff have a very consistent approach to demanding appropriate behaviour through setting high expectations of ALL students and always reminding students about our school rules. They are:
1. Always be kind to others.
2. Always be in the right place.
3. Always speak in the right way.
As well as this each class has their own Class Rules that support the School Rules. All support staff follow the same rules, so the students know there is no variation to the expectations we have of them. Each teacher has a reward system that they implement in their classroom and this system is designed to encourage and motivate students to try their best at all times and allow staff to recognise exemplary models of behaviour within the classroom so that other students can modify their behaviour and follow these positive models. Some parents may have heard students talking about "Class DOJO". This is an interactive tool on the Interactive Whiteboards that is used by staff to motivate students and one which they find very engaging. It does not replace our small classroom awards as these are given out to students who are obeying the class and school rules as well as applying themselves to their learning and/or demonstrating skill achievement within their learning.

Clean Up Australia Day and Sausage Sizzle
On Friday we will be doing our best to improve our schools natural environment by supporting the annual Clean Up Australia Day effort. The students will be “getting their hands dirty” even though they will be wearing gloves to make our playgrounds litter-free and tidy. After we have planted flowers and shrubs, watered our gardens, collected sticks and tree debris and removed all the litter around the school we will be enjoying a sausage sizzle cooked on the P & C’s brand new gas B.B.Q. by Mr Marin and Mr Milford. We have poppers to quench our thirst and we look forward to any parents joining us to work with the class team or assist in wrapping sausage sizzles. Come along and join in the fun! (Preschool - Yr2).

Preschool News
1. Daily Routine
Preschool are changing their daily routine to align more closely with the Early Years Learning Framework. They will be having a morning tea break instead of afternoon tea and will have a duel indoor/outdoor play time in the mornings. This is a trial which will be evaluated after a few weeks.
2. Vision Screening
Vision Screening will be completed this week. Several students have been identified as requiring follow ups in the next few weeks and I would encourage parents to pursue this in a timely manner. You will receive a note if this procedure is required for your child.
At 11 o’clock each day our Preschool and Early Intervention Preschool students come together in the Preschool playground to participate in an outdoor play session. This is a very valuable interaction time incorporating a range of fine and gross motor activities that extend students’ skills in these areas. As well as this our Preschoolers provide the students from Early Intervention with the opportunity to act as language and positive behaviour models that enable all students to develop skills in these important developmental
areas. There is also an opportunity for our Preschool students to develop understandings of the varied needs of their disabled peers and exercise tolerance and compassion towards their friends. As the friendships and interactions develop we see increased social skills being demonstrated by all students. We have included some photos of the great fun they have all been having recently.

Mrs Long  Mrs Robinson  
Preschool Teacher  Early Intervention Teacher  
(Preschool - Yr2).

Sport
Thank you to all parents who have paid for Sport this term. Any child who has not paid will not be participating tomorrow until payment has been finalised.  
(Preschool - Yr2).

Meet The Teacher Afternoon.
Thank you to all parents who attended the sessions held last week. We had so many attendees that the teachers were thrilled. If you have any further questions please organise an appointment with your child’s teacher before or after school.  
(K-2 Only)

TICL  
(Training in Interaction, Communication and Literacy Enhancement Project)
Those of you who attended Meet the Teacher Afternoon would know that we are involved with Bankstown Community Resource Group and The University of Sydney in a program to enhance language and literacy of all students. The program involves speech therapists and an occupational therapist working side by side with our teachers in the classroom to identify training needs and building on the existing skills the teachers have in the facilitation of the development of student’s oral language skills. The process also includes a focus on working with families and providing speech and occupational therapy assessment. We are so fortunate to have access to this opportunity so please talk to our visitors when you see them at school. They will be joining us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 14 weeks.  
(K-2 Only)

TEN Program (Teaching Early Numeracy)
All teachers K-2 as well as Miss Curran and Miss Powys will be participating in training within the TEN Program this year. Our staff are already trained in Count Me In and implement this program across the school. TEN is another set of highly sophisticated teaching skills to improve students learning outcomes in Numeracy. Pairs of teachers have already attended the first round of training and the school has spent almost $2000 on resources for classrooms in order to implement the program commencing this term. Studies show that the most sustainable influential factors affecting improved student learning outcomes is the consistent development of teacher’s skills through Professional Learning around the schools targets and directions. We are aiming to achieve this and are committed to being the best educators possible. I congratulate and commend my fantastic staff team for their continuing efforts and commitment to their students and their school.  
(K-2 Only)

Student Safety
We are focusing very consistently on Student Safety at present. The staff and I are talking to the students regularly about staying “inside the yellow lines” that are clearly marked on the asphalt playground.  
Parking is not allowed in the school grounds at any time as we only have sufficient space for staff and deliveries.  
I realise parking is difficult and minimal in Stacey Street, however space is also available in Lancaster Street, Homedale Avenue and Boxley Crescent so please make use of these areas. I would also ask parents to leave space outside the shop “Bumbalinas” as they require that space for their customers.  
I would also ask all parents to enter and leave the school grounds through the small gate and NOT the Carpark Gate. This is for the safety of all students and younger brothers and sisters who are with you. It would also be appreciated if the small gate could be opened and shut by each family as they come and go so that younger siblings cannot run out of the gate and onto the road.  
Our student’s safety is our combined responsibility and our highest priority so please adhere to these requests.

Mrs Curran  
Principal  
(Preschool - Yr2).

New Programs To Enhance Student Learning

1. Values Education
This year, within the Key Learning Area of Personal Development, Health P.E. we will be teaching Values Education. Students in all K-2 classes will be learning about the following values in the following weeks.

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At each Monday morning assembly there will be a Principals award given out to one student in each class who has demonstrated this value in an exemplary way. It would be great if parents could discuss these values with their children as well. The awards can be counted towards a Bronze Award as well.

(K-2 Only)

2. Technology In Maths Program
At the end of 2012 we purchased eight IPad’s with National Partnerships Low SES Funding that we receive from the Commonwealth Government. They are for teachers and students to use. The students find them very engaging and we are committed to ensuring our students have the technological skills they need to be 21st century learners. This term Miss Curran will be working in K/1B, 1C and 1/2J classrooms to develop students skills in Technology within the Mathematics program. The teachers have already planned with Miss Curran to devise some incredibly exciting activities. The program started this week and the students are working hard. KH will join the program in Term 2.

We would be very grateful if families could purchase a $20 ITUNES card from any supermarket or department store and donate it to the school so that we can purchase a range of “App’s” for our new IPads. Please bring them to Mrs Simpson and we will reward your child/children with an award and publish the names of the family in our newsletters. – The DEC does not fund us for these items which is why we are asking families to contribute.

(K-2 Only)

DONATIONS!
Thank you to the following students and families who have assisted us with their ITunes Card Donation.

Emily Haywood-Ruiz
Layla and Haneen Kabaha
Alan Phan
Jessica Robertson
Makayla Al-Khoury
Mrs Simpson
Ryan Saeed
Leyan & Fares Hasan
Grace Tilaie
Zeinab Sabra
Mrs Matthews

3. Dance Group
Miss Gersback has formed a Dance Group who will be starting to learn dances and practice their skills on Friday afternoons before assembly. We are very fortunate to have access to her expertise in this area and are looking forward to seeing the ongoing development of the Dance Troupe.

(K-2 Only)

4. Choir
Miss Gersback has formed a choir with students who enjoy singing and who also have talents in this area. The choir will be learning and practicing their songs on Wednesday afternoons. The group will be performing later on in the year.

(K-2 Only)

Uniforms and Hats Have Arrived.
Our supplies were delivered today so any families requiring uniforms or school caps can purchase these at the office.

(K-2 Only)

Swim School
This year Swim school will commence on Monday 2nd April and Year 1 and 2 students will attend for 9 school days. It will be held at Revesby Pool and students will travel by bus with Mr Cox and Miss Jenkins. A note will go home in a couple of weeks and will need to be returned to the office with payment by Thursday 28 March.

(K-2 Only)

School Contributions and Textbook Payments.
Thank you to all families who have already made payments. The School Contribution is $37:00 per child or $65 per family and the cost of the Handwriting books are $12:00 each.

(K-2 Only)

Library
At present we are asking each child to purchase a library bag so that they will be ready to borrow. Library bags are available from the office at present. If you wish your child may bring a library bag from home. Any strong cloth, nylon or plastic bag is acceptable.
Please make sure the bag has your child’s name clearly marked on it.
Borrowing will start in the next couple of weeks.
Mrs Stephandellis

(K-2 Only)
P & C News
Our next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th March at 9:30 a.m. At this meeting we will be electing our office bearers for 2011. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are all vacant and will require refilling. I would like to thank the 2011 Committee members for their hard work and commitment throughout 2011. Please join us at 9:30 in the Multi Purpose room for a “cuppa” and a chat. All families are most welcome to attend.
(Preschool - Yr2 Only)

Parking
Parking is difficult outside our school. Parents are not allowed to park in the school grounds at all. We also request that parents refrain from parking in front of the shop across the road. The shop supports our students by offering lunches and Rose the owner relies on passing traffic for her trade.

Please try to park as close to the next vehicle as possible. Many people are leaving large gaps between cars stopping other people from parking close to the school.
(Preschool - Yr2 Only)

School Dates to Remember
Term 1 – 30/1/13 – 12/4/13
Sport every Thursday – starting 14/2/13
Meet the Teacher Afternoon 19/2/13
P&C Meeting – 6/3/13
Swimming School starts – 2/4/13 till 12/4/13

Student of the Month
Our next Student of the Month Assembly will be held on Friday 22/3/2013. All parents are welcome to attend. It will be held in the Library.
(K-2 Only)

Healthy Lunches
Salads to go. Why not pack a healthy salad for your child to eat at lunch. Here are some suggestions;

- Rice and Corn Salad
- Carrot and Apple Salad
- Pasta and Tuna Salad
- Oriental Noodle Salad
- Coleslaw
- Tabouleh (Bulgur and Tomato Salad)
- Ten Minute Salmon and Couscous Salad
- Potato Salad

Always pack plenty of water

Healthy Start to the Day
Here are some healthy options for breakfast and lunch you might like to try.

- Raisin toast
- Cheese melts
- Fruit bread
- Egg and ham breakfast rolls
- Yoghurt with fruit or muesli
- Toasted sandwiches
- Focaccias and wraps
- Burgers
- A variety of sandwiches and rolls
- Salad and fruit salad tubs
- Pasta based dishes, including macaroni cheese and spaghetti bolognaise
- Fried rice and stir fires

Or try these healthy snacks.

- Cheese and crackers
- Frozen fruit pieces
- Fruit kebabs
- Dried fruit and popcorn bags
- Pretzels
- Corn on the cob
- Dips with vegetable sticks or grissini
- Toasted sandwiches
- Pikelets

Supplement these foods with a range of dairy and frozen treats such as custard and fruit, fresh and frozen yoghurts, frozen and 100% juices, milk drinks and water.

(K-2 Only)