Welcome Back!

A big welcome back to all families in Level 3 and welcome to some of the new faces!

We have hit the ground running and are well and truly into our Learning for Life program in the classroom and in specialist lessons.

Learning for Life provides an opportunity for all students and teachers to set the groundwork for a collaborative learning community within our classrooms and across the school. During this time we focus on such topics as the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Honesty, learning styles, classroom contracts, circle time and wellbeing, just to name a few.

For the Grade 3 students, the move to Level 3 has been particularly exciting as they are now using the open learning space for the first time. With only threeLevel 3 classes and four classrooms, we have converted the fourth room into a ‘Level 3 library’ as we embark on our journey into CAFÉ Literacy. Stay tuned for more information on this.

Just a quick reminder that this term, assemblies will be held in the gym on Thursday mornings. This is due to the Level 4 students competing in interschool sports on Fridays.

Also a reminder that the canteen is only open two days a week this year on Tuesdays and Fridays.

A new menu was sent home in Tintalk last week but are also available from the office.

Level 3 Staff

You will have already noticed the new faces in the Level 3 area. The classroom teachers are:

Miss Lauren Heywood (3A)
Mrs Lynley Forrester (3B)
Mr David Mcmanamon (3C)

We also have three Education Support (ES) Staff in Level 3 this year:

Mrs Helen Begbie
Ms Collette Thomas
Mrs Tracey Dalboni

Our ES staff have varying roles however predominantly support students in their learning and social and emotional wellbeing.

The Specialist staff are Charles Addison, Mrs Carruthers, Mrs Overton and Mr Datson.
**Communication**

As you will have noticed by now, each student has a school diary. Any absence notes or other notes that need to be sent to school can be done so through the school diary.

Students will be encouraged to record important information and dates in their own diaries.

Another form of communication between home and school is via email. A notice went home with teacher email addresses on it. If you require another copy, please see your child’s teacher. Of course you are also welcome to call the school office on 9720 1215 and leave a message for your child’s teacher if you prefer.

**Classroom Resources**

We have had an excellent response to the book packs. Students have been given more responsibility and ownership of their classroom resources. All extra books and pencils have been stored in the individual blue bags in the storeroom and will be distributed as needed.

**Level 3 Swimming**

Level 3 students will be swimming at the Croydon Leisure and Aquatic Centre from Monday 4th - Friday 8th March. Session times are yet to be finalised so we will let you know closer to the date. Parents are of course welcome to come and watch at the pool. Anyone who assists with changing or coming on the bus must have a current Working With Children Check. Parents without this will not be permitted to help.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Last year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge was a HUGE success, with so many students receiving certificates and having their names printed in the newspaper.

The PRC hasn’t started yet for 2013, but that doesn’t mean we can’t get a head start! Students can start recording the titles and authors of the books they read in their school diaries or somewhere else safe. Further information will go home when we have it. It would be great to see ALL Level 3 students participating this year!