Welcome back!!

I trust that you all had a fantastic break and are looking forward to fantastic 2016! It was fantastic to see all our older students and our new kindi’s arriving at school excited about the new school year.

Welcome back to Mrs Tracey Watson!! Mrs Watson has returned from her extended holiday in Canada and will be joining us for 4 days per week.

You will have noticed that our security fences have now been installed. The pedestrian access gate at the front of the school will be opened each morning by a member of staff. Staff will close the gate at 9:15am or once all students have arrived at school. Students arriving at school after this time will need to be accompanied by an adult into the school. The gate will be re-opened at 2:45pm. Parents and visitors will be able access the school at anytime throughout the day via this gate, but are asked to ensure that they secure the gate behind them each time they enter or leave the school.

The gate to the carpark will be closed by 9:15am at the latest. Parents are reminded that this gate is for vehicular access only. Students should only enter the school via the front pedestrian gate.

A gentle reminder that students are to arrive at school no earlier than 8:30am. This is in line with the Departments policies and procedures. It also allows teaching staff time to prepare their lessons for the day.

There are a number of messages on the next page. Please ensure that you read each one carefully. There will be a short P&C meeting on Wednesday afternoon to discuss a potential fundraising opportunity coming up at the QuickShear. The P&C will only be able to proceed if they have enough volunteers. Your attendance at this meeting is vital.

Finally, you will have heard by now that Lily is heading off to St Philomena’s in Bathurst. While we will deeply miss her enthusiasm for learning, caring nature, and infection giggle, we wish Lily all the very best in her future endeavours. We look forward to catching up with her at events around Rockley.

Mrs Francis
Principal, Rockley Public School

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P&C Special Catering Meeting

The P & C have been asked to cater for the upcoming QuickShear, scheduled for Saturday 12th March at the Clubhouse Hotel. A meeting to discuss this catering will be held on Wednesday afternoon from 3pm. At this meeting, we will discuss whether we will have the required amount of volunteers needed to go ahead with this catering opportunity.

“Big Step for Little Feet” - Western Advocate Photo Shoot

The Western Advocate photographer will be on site on Thursday 4th February at 12noon to take photographs of our new Kindergarten students for publication in the paper on Wednesday February 17th. Please ensure that your kinder child is in full school uniform, including school logo. If you have any questions please speak with Louise.

Library Days

Tuesdays will be Library Day. Students are advised to bring in a library bag to protect their books. Students are able to borrow up to 4 books each week which must be returned or renewed each week.

Bathurst Library Van

The Mobile Library Van visits the school on a regular basis. Their first visit is scheduled for Wednesday 17th February. Each child will have the opportunity to borrow from an extensive range of books. The Library Van also provide a library bag and incentive prizes for the best borrowers. The Bathurst Mobile Library Van provides another great opportunity to immerse your child in reading.

Tuckshop Days

Tuckshop days will remain as Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Purchases can be made by writing a note with the correct money if possible. Students are required to hand their order into the office at the commencement of the day so that the items are ready for lunch.

Alternatively, students may bring something in from home to be warmed in the pie warmer. Items must be wrapped in foil or in a foil container, otherwise they will not be heated. Please remember to provide eating utensils for your child if required.

Healthy Eating

Parents should provide a piece of *fresh fruit or vegetable* each day for their child for the classroom fruit break. Fruits with jelly/yoghurt should be kept for recess time. We appreciate the effort families have been making to ensure they provide their child with a healthy recess and lunch. Lets keep that trend going!

Bookclub

The latest brochure is attached. Orders should be returned to the office by 16th February with correct money or a cheque made payable to the school. Deliveries are normally within 1 to 2 weeks.

Annual Permissions

Attached are several permission notes. Please complete and return as soon as possible.