Greetings from the Stage Two Team,

The start of a new school year is a fantastic time of year. We wish you a warm welcome and hope that 2013 brings wonderful learning moments and growth for your child. This year there are 5 classes in Stage 2 and the students are fortunate to have Mrs De Heaume soon to be Mr Kunkler – 4N, Mrs Davies – 4/5D, Mrs Ross– 3R, Miss Laverty – 3G and Mr Tarasenko – 3/4T as their teachers for 2013. Below is some important information about the coming year.

Parent Information Evening

A parent information session was held on the 25th February. If you were not able to attend, and you have any queries that this newsletter has not answered, please forward your questions to your child’s teacher.

Curriculum

**Literacy** – the main focus is persuasive writing as the students study the text-type of Exposition. They will learn how to convince an audience of a certain point of view. Reading and comprehension are also important aspects of literacy and will be targeted this year as key skill development areas.

**Numeracy** – the following concepts will be covered: Whole Number, Time, Patterns and Algebra, Chance, Data, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Money, Fractions and Decimals, 2D Space and Position.

**HSIE** – Living in Communities will be the topic of discussion and exploration. Students will learn what a community consists of and what it means to be a part of one.

**PD/H/PE** – Flinders Public School is participating in the Sports in Schools Australia program which will continue and throughout Term 1 and beyond.

**Science & Technology** – Our wonderful RFF teachers will be teaching engaging Science units for each of our classes. They will be looking at the Properties of Materials.

**Creative and Performing Arts** – A number of the teachers on the Stage 2 Team possess wonderful talents in the arts and wish to share and collaborate with all of the stage 2 students. This will benefit our students as we explore skills and techniques when creating and performing pieces.

Homework

Reading a book, which is of an appropriate level, is expected each night for at least 15 minutes. It will greatly benefit your child’s reading if a more experienced reader can listen and offer support during this time.

A Maths Plus Mentals textbook will be purchased as part of the Stage 2 Workbook Pack. Designated activities from this textbook will be set as homework to support the learning within the classroom. The cost of this book is included in the ‘book-pack’ fee.

Spelling words will be set as weekly homework. The words will be relevant to the topics currently being studied at school. Spelling Conventions is a spelling text book which will be used for spelling homework. The cost of this book is included in the ‘book-pack’ fee.

From time-to-time mini-projects will be set for homework which will need to be completed by the due date stated for each.
Dates for the Diary

To assist with the organisation of the week and term, some important dates and times are listed:

Monday weekly – Whole School Morning Assembly
Tuesday weekly – Scripture
Wednesday weekly – Sports in Schools Australia Day
Thursday fortnightly – Whole School Assembly in the Hall
Friday weekly – Primary Assembly
Various weekly – Library

March
3rd Clean Up Australia Day
7th Regional Swimming Carnival
15th 20/20 Cricket Gala Day
22nd Cross Country/ Ride to School Day
28th District Cross Country
29th Good Friday

April
1st Easter Monday
4th School Photo

Flinders Public School Values

The entire school follows and abides by three school values:
1. Care for yourself
2. Care for others
3. Care for this place
From these, 5 classroom expectations have been put into place to enhance student learning and the environment they are in at school.
1. Be prepared to learn
2. Stay on task
3. Be a respectful learner
4. Respect others
5. Take care of school equipment

All students will learn these and be expected to know and follow them. The school Executive staff will determine the consequence if students do not meet these values and expectations.

Equipment List

A list of equipment below outlines some of the items which are required by your child. If you are able to provide these things for your child please send them as soon as is possible. If your child has already been supplied with these items there is no need to bring more, fantastic and thank you!

Library bag, scissors,
2 x boxes of tissues, 1 pack of coloured pencils
2 large glue sticks, 1 pump pack liquid soap
1 Ruler mm/cm (not metal), Home reading folder eg: plastic folder
Blue and red pens, 1 piece of light cardboard (for an art folder)
4 x HB lead pencils, 1 paint shirt
1 eraser,
* No liquid paper (white out)
* Please label all items.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year.

The Stage Two Team