EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 9 February
Start of Swimming(Yrs2-6), Gym(YrsK-4) and Dance(Yrs 5-6)

Thursday 12 February
3 - 6 assembly

Monday 16 February
Meet the Teacher night for K - 2

Tuesday 17 February
Meet the Teacher night for 3 - 6

Kindergarten’s first day at school
PRINCIPAL’S PROSE

WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK
I would like to welcome all new students and teachers and welcome back everyone else. We have 713 students in 28 classes K-6. We had everyone in their new classes by lunchtime on Day 1 of school and I want to thank my staff for achieving this goal. Some parents, for one reason or another, had not told us until January of their plans for schooling in 2015 so this was a wonderful achievement.

NEWSLETTER
Vahideh is our newsletter manager and she has been away this week. Some articles and advertisements may not appear this week. I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENINGS
The K–Year 2 Parents are invited to attend the meet-the-teacher evening on Monday 16 February 2015. The Years 3-6 Parents are invited to attend the meet-the-teacher evening on Tuesday 17 February 2015. The meeting will either begin at 6:00 PM or 6:30 PM depending on the year level. The 4E meeting will be on Wednesday 18 February.

P&C MEETING
There is a Special Meeting of the P&C to elect the 2015 President as there were no candidates last year. The meeting is on Wednesday 18 February at 7:00 PM in the School Library.

KINDER 2015
97 excited new Kindergarten students started at big school this week. They have settled in amazingly well. I imagine the kinder students and their teachers will be very tired this week. Kindergarten students finish school 15 minutes early for 4 weeks but if parents can not make it by 3:00 PM the students will stay with their teachers until you get here.

NEW TEACHER
Miss Kindred has joined our staff. She was transferred here under the Department’s incentive transfer scheme for teachers who have worked at country schools. Miss Kindred is an experienced teacher and she has a Year 5 class this year.

STAFF MOVEMENTS
Mrs Graham is working in head office coordinating a Kindergarten Gifted and Talented Students Project this term. Mrs Neal is teaching her class. Mrs Carlos is in charge of the Kindergarten team while Mrs Graham is away.

Mrs Groves is heading the Year 1 and 2 team as Mrs Hibbert has taken leave this year.

Miss Wilcock is heading the Year 3 and Year 4 team this year.

Mrs Fiennes is taking a year’s leave and Miss Dempster is replacing her.

Mrs Wright has returned to full time teachers and is on Year 5.

TEACHERS’ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Last Monday Dr Jane Hunter spoke to us about her work in integrating computer technology to improve student outcomes. Dr Hunter will be working with eight of my teachers one session a week all this term and these eight teacher will help guide the rest of the staff on better ways to use technology. Mrs Evans is leading this at school and this will be assisted by our BYO computer device program which we are rolling out this year.

PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL
Outside the school is our ‘Kiss and Ride Zone’ or ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ area with No Parking signs which provides an appropriate place ‘to drop off or pick up your children from school’.

• Always drop-off or pick-up your child from the designated area, following the school’s procedures.
• Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times in the ‘No Parking’ area.
• Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
• Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
• Never double park.
• Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
• Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.
I have asked the police to come and fine drivers who leave their cars in the No Parking Zone. If you want to come into the school park further away. If you can avoid driving to school please do so. If you are disabled please contact us so we can make some arrangements for you.

**TRIP TO CANBERRA**
The Year 5 & Year 6 camp will be in Canberra from early on Wednesday 25 March 2015 to late on Friday evening 27 March 2015. The cost will be about $280.
During the Meet-the-Teacher evening on Tuesday 17 February 2015 Years 5 and 6 parents will be given an information package about this three-day excursion.

**SCHOOL STAFF 2015**
Principal: Mr Benton
Deputy Principals: Mrs Zorian & Mrs Evans
KC Mrs Carlos (Relieving Assistant Principal)
KG Mrs Neal & Mrs Graham
KW Mrs Wilson
KB Mrs Badings
KL Mrs Wilensky

1/2G Mrs Groves Assistant Principal
1VK Mrs van’t Wel & Mrs Kippen
1MK Mrs Milligan & Mrs Kippen
1HR Mrs Horrocks and Miss Ross
1B Miss Bent
2MI Mrs McMahon & Ms Ilic
2C Mrs Courtney
2DJ Mrs Durand & Mrs Justelius-Wright
2D Ms Dean

3/4 W Miss Wilcock (Relieving Assistant Principal)
3C Mrs Campbell
3D Miss Dempster
3H Ms Hall
3S Mr Steel
4E Mr Edwards
4OV Mrs O’Neill & Mrs Voysey
4C Mrs Carr

5G Mrs Gilchrist
5W Mrs Wright
5K Miss Kindred
6G Mrs Griffiths
6F Mrs Flynn Assistant Principal
6S Miss Spillanne

Teacher-Librarians Mrs Mills & Mrs Justelius-Wright
Technology (RFF) teachers Mrs Evans, Mr Tomlins & Miss Ross
Music (RFF) teachers Mrs Piper & Miss Bosman
EAL/D (formally ESL) Mrs Zorian
Learning Support Mrs Hetherington & Mrs Cavanagh
Enrichment Mrs Hutchinson & TBA
School Counsellor Miss Peterson
School Admin Manager Mrs Chopra (Acting SAM)
School Admin Officers Mrs Nemati; Mrs McCabe; Mrs O’Connell; Mrs Hare
General Assistant Mr Palisi
Learning Support Officer Tina Solinas
COMMUNITY SERVICE
I wanted to let you know that two current and two ex-Bush School students showed initiative and compassion during their holidays. Georgie B, Hannah N, Ali B and Sophie N decided themselves to bake cup-cakes which they sold for charity. The girls worked as a team to market and sell their cakes. They decorated the cakes in pink to support their cause of Breast Cancer research. They raised $66.20 which they have donated to Breast Cancer research.

2015 HOMEWORK PLANNER
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.
Find out more DOING WELL IN CLASS
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

EIGHT WAYS TO GET YOUR KIDS ORGANISED
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

SMART FOODS TO BOOST LEARNING
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

John Benton
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Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPALS’ PROSE

We hope you all had a relaxing holiday and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. We would like to welcome all of the students and their families back to school for another busy and exciting year. We would also like to welcome the ninety-seven new Kindergarten students and their families and the new students of years 1 to 6 who have just enrolled in 2015. Last Wednesday, we concluded the enrolment phase by welcoming 24 new year 1 to year 6 students. All students of the school were into permanent 2015 classes by 12.15pm. At the ‘Meet the Teacher Night’ parent volunteers will be asked to be class co-ordinators. These co-ordinators will work closely with the teachers and will co-ordinate the sharing of emails to pass on relevant information.

Our 2015 Parent Information Sessions will be held on Monday 16 February for Years K—2, Tuesday 17 February for Years 3 to 6 and Wednesday 18 February for 4E.

**MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2015 - K - 2**
Kindergarten session begins at 6:00pm in the hall, followed by 6:15 - 6:45pm classroom sessions. Years 1 and 2 session begins at 6:30pm in the hall, followed by 6:45-7:15pm classroom sessions.

**TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2015 - YEARS 3 - 6**
5.30pm ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOD) information session will be presented by Mrs Evans
Years 3 and 4 session (except 4E) begins at 6:00pm in the hall, followed by 6:15 - 6:45pm classroom sessions. Years 5 and 6 session begins at 6:30pm in the hall, followed by 6:45-7:15pm classroom sessions.

**WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2015 - 4E**
Please note that 4E will have a classroom session only from 6:00 – 6:30pm. Please meet Mr Edwards in his classroom.

These information sessions are invaluable as they outline class routines, homework procedures and class and grade expectations. It is important to note that this is not a time for parents to discuss issues relating to their child’s progress. If Parents wish to discuss issues pertaining to their child’s progress an interview must be requested with the class teacher or through the school office.

**SCRIPTURE**
Scripture lessons will begin shortly. The students will be placed in the same scripture denomination as of 2014 unless Mrs Groves receives an email requesting a change cynthia.white@det.nsw.edu.au by next Friday 13 February. We are fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers who deliver Scripture lessons to the students each week. During Scripture time class teachers remain in the room with the scripture teachers. Those students who do not attend scripture lessons are supervised in a classroom by a teacher. We would like to thank the school’s Scripture Coordinators, Mrs Cynthia Groves and Miss Alissa Wilcock for the many hours of work they have undertaken to finalise the classes into groups. A Scripture service is held in the hall at Easter on Thursday 2 April and Christmas and parents are invited to attend.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL**
Last week, several notes were sent home and are required to be returned to school as soon as possible. These notes include:
- asthma sheet which is to be signed regardless of having or not having asthma (blue coloured)
- permission to publish photographs, walking excursions and agreeing to use our computers appropriately
- email addresses (green coloured)

**EAL/D (ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OR DIALECT) LESSONS**
Assessments of Kindergarten and newly enrolled students from non-English backgrounds is currently been undertaken. A 45 minute lesson is taught in year groups each Tuesday or Wednesday with Mrs Zorian. The lesson focus for Kindergarten is Talking and Listening and for years 1 to 6 is writing.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
The Swimming Carnival which was very well organised by Mr Steel was held last week at Knox Grammar swimming pool. Students from Years 3 and 6 and some students from Year 2 attended the carnival. The students were superbly behaved throughout the day and many students achieved outstanding results in the pool. We had a high participation rate and it was wonderful to see the student having a go and trying their best. A special thank you to the parent helpers, starter Peter Hall and to all of the teaching staff who worked the entire day in a somewhat humid and noisy environment.

Mr Steel will issue permission notes for the next stage, the Hornsby Zone Swimming Carnival for Tuesday 10 March. The students will compete at Kuring-gai Fitness and Aquatic Centre, Prince of Wales Drive West Pymble. Competitors are asked to arrange their own transport to and from the venue from 9.00am.
LABELLING OF CLOTHES
At the beginning of the year it is a worthwhile time to ensure that all clothing items are labelled with your child’s name and new class. Jumpers and hats are the most important items which require labelling as they are often left in the playground and classrooms. The school’s lost property is located outside the hall.

BUS ROSTER
Last week, the families of the school were emailed about the bus rolls. Each bus has a roll which is completed by the bus monitors each day. If your child does catch a bus, please email the school your child’s name, class, bus number and days in which they catch the bus. Please remind your children which day they are catching the bus as we have had some students distressed in the afternoon. If you are changing their routine for a day a suggestion of placing a note in the pocket of their bag with the new instructions may help the older students remember.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS
The safety and wellbeing of your child is of paramount importance to us, including whether your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction. Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction that is potentially life-threatening and always requires an emergency response. As with other serious health conditions, schools put in place strategies to support students at risk of anaphylaxis at school or while they are engaged in school related activities.

These measures include updated procedures and information about precautions schools can take to minimise the risk of exposure to allergens and training requirements for staff. For further information: - NSW Public Schools website Anaphylaxis section. In all Government schools, students who have allergic reactions and do or do not require medical treatment require an up to date action plan from their current Doctor. These action plans are required to be updated every time an epipen is prescribed again by the family doctor and are placed inside each child’s medical folder with the medicine. All eipips have an expiry date and parents are responsible for supplying the school office with new eipipens, when required. A copy of the action plans are displayed in each child’s classroom, the staffroom and office. All teachers and casual teachers have completed Emergency Care and anaphylaxis training and have a list displayed in their classroom of students requiring medical emergency plans. Before and After School Care sign in and out the medicine folders each morning and afternoon. Teachers collect the medicine folders on each excursion. We ask parents to assist us in checking that their child’s medicine and action plan from the Doctor is current. Students must have updated action plans and medicines to attend any excursion.

NUT MINIMISATION
We can not guarantee there will be no nuts at school but we actively discourage nuts, especially peanuts. Please do not send peanut butter sandwiches or peanuts to school. Please tell your children we do not share food and birthday treats should be nut-free.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS - BEFORE SCHOOL
Students are supervised in the playground from 8:50am. If students arrive much earlier than this time, their name is recorded by the school and a note is given to the students to be given to the parents. Children in Kindergarten and Year 1 are supervised on the Infants Quad from 8:50 am – 9:15 am. Students in Years 2 and 3 are supervised on the Top Quad and students from Years 4, 5 and 6 are supervised on the Sports Field. The mulch area is not supervised and the children are reminded not to be in an area where there is no teacher. Students are not permitted on the climbing equipment before school. When children arrive at school after 8:50am they put their bags in the designated class area and move to the supervised play areas.

PLAYGROUND ROSTER
The playground rosters are displayed throughout the school to indicate to the students where they can play. The sports field, adventure playground and basketball courts are rostered on for each age group. When the students are on the sports field they may also play on the tennis courts. During lunch time, the two computer rooms and the library are also open. Chess groups will be beginning in the next few weeks.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS - AFTER SCHOOL
Parents collecting their children from within the school in the afternoon are encouraged to choose a mutually convenient location i.e. mulch area or on or near the boardwalk (weather permitting). These areas are usually passed by many teachers in the afternoon and the staff can ensure that the children are collected safely. From time to time, parents are delayed from collecting their children on time at the end of the school day. Please call the office before 3:00p.m. if you wish to relay a message to your child’s teacher. Students who have not been collected by their parents on time are asked to wait in the school office until 3:30 pm. If the child still has not been collected by this time, he or she is sent to After School Care. It is important that no child be left unattended after 3:30pm each day.

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TIMETABLES—TERM 1 WEEK 3

The following term 1 timetables are correct at time of print. We apologise in advance for last minute changes which may occur.

SWIMMING TIMETABLE

Sports uniform, swimmers, goggles (optional) and towel are required
Students who are unable to swim due to illness must give the teacher a note.

MONDAY
9:30a.m.-3D  10:15a.m.-4C  11.40a.m.- 3H  12.20a.m.-4OV  2.00p.m.-3S

WEDNESDAY
9.30a.m. - 5W  10.15a.m.-  6G  11.40a.m. - 5G  12.20p.m. - 6S  2.30p.m.-5K

THURSDAY
9.30a.m. - 4E  10.25a.m.-  6F   11.40a.m. - 3/4W 12.20p.m.  3C

FRIDAY
9.30a.m.– 2C  10.00a.m.-2MI  10.30a.m.-2G  11.50a.m.-2D  12.20p.m.- 2DJ

SPORTS UNIFORM REQUIRED

MONDAY  Gymnastics Program with Moving Bodies  Kindergarten
TUESDAY  Gymnastics Program with Moving Bodies  Years 3 & 4
WEDNESDAY Gymnastics Program with Moving Bodies  Years 1 & 2
FRIDAY  Dance Program  Years 5 & 6

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

MONDAY  Stage 1—Years 1 & 2
TUESDAY  Stage 3—Years 5 & 6
WEDNESDAY  Stage 2— Years 3 & 4

LIBRARY

K-2 to bring library bags

MONDAY  3/4W  5G
TUESDAY  3D  1HR  3C
WEDNESDAY  1/2G  5K  6G  2DJ  3S  2D  6F  2MI  6S  2C  5W  2C  1MK  4E
THURSDAY  4C  4OV  1B  1VK  KW  3H
FRIDAY  KG  KL  KB  KC

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Deputy Principals
Welcome to 2015 – especially to all new families at our wonderful school.

We’d like to give you a little bit of information about the Music RFF program, the Choir program and other music opportunities that exist here at our school.

**MUSIC RFF:** Every class attends a music lesson every week with a specialist music teacher, either Mrs Heidi Piper or Miss Angie Bosman. During this lesson the students are involved in singing, dancing, playing instruments, listening to different genres of music and most of all: CREATING music!

The pedagogical approaches we employ are a combination of Kodaly and Orff.

In term 1 our focus is on ‘Listening to Art Music’ and exploring the instruments of the orchestra. Kindergarten will be studying ‘Peter and the Wolf’ by Prokofiev, Stage 1 will study ‘The Carnival of the Animals’ by Saint Saëns, Stage 2 will be studying music by Hayden and Grieg, and Stage 3 will be studying the music of American composer Aaron Copland.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

**CHOIR PROGRAM:** We have three choirs operating at our school.

The **Junior Choir** is our training choir for students in Years 1 and 2. Membership is open to all students with a love of singing. Rehearsals are on Wednesday mornings before school from 8.30 am in Miss Bosman’s Music Room (next to the computer room). We just ask that once students have tried it out and decided they like it, there is a commitment to attending every week as the choir does perform at school assemblies throughout the year.

The **Intermediate Choir** is for students in Years 3 and 4. Rehearsals are on Thursday mornings from 8:00 – 9:00 am in Mrs Piper’s Music Room. Students must audition for this choir and places are limited. Choir members are required to sing in tune but do not need to be able to read music. The choir is participating in the Arts Unit Mass Choir performance at the Sydney Town Hall in week 10 of Term 3. Please be aware that this is the week immediately following the School Concert and children may well be tired. Please consider carefully if your child has the stamina for a big term! Also consider if your family has planned holidays that week. The choir also performs during the year at school assemblies and may be involved in a Christmas Concert in mid-December. There is a participation fee to be involved in this choir.

The **Senior Choir** is for students in Years 5 and 6. Rehearsals are on Friday mornings from 8:00 – 9:00 am in Mrs Piper’s Music Room. Students must audition for this choir and places are limited. Choir members are required to sing in tune but do not need to be able to read music. The choir is participating in the ArtsAlive Mass Choir performance at the Sydney Town Hall in week 5 of term 3. The choir also performs during the year at school assemblies and may be involved in a Christmas Concert in mid-December. There is a participation fee to be involved in this choir.

Auditions for Intermediate and Senior Choirs will take place in Week 3 in Mrs Piper’s Music Room at lunch times (students will be advised of audition times).

**UKULELE CLUB:** We anticipate starting a Ukulele Club in Term 2. This will be a fun group at lunch time for anyone in years 3-6 who loves to sing and would like to learn to play this fantastic instrument. We hope to be involved in performances at school assemblies. The school can provide ukuleles or students can BYO.

**SCHOOL CONCERT:** We are very excited that the school will be presenting a school concert again this year in Week 9 of Term 3. Every class performs an item in the concert. You will be hearing A LOT more about the concert as the year progresses.

Please keep an eye out for regular “Music Matters!” updates in this newsletter throughout the year.

Mrs Piper and Miss Bosman
Welcome back to another wonderful year of Band and Recorder. We are looking forward to another exciting and successful year.

Important Dates:

February:
Thursday 5  Recorder enrolment forms and payment is due.
            Band Committee Meeting at 7:30 pm in the Band Room. All welcome.
Monday 9  Concert, Intermediate and Junior Band instrument hand-out.
            7:30 pm in the Band Room.
Wednesday 11  Junior Band rehearsals commence in the Band Room  7:50 am
Thursday 12  Concert Band rehearsals commence in the Band Room  7:50 am.
Friday 13  Intermediate Band rehearsals commence in the Band Room 7:50 am.
Saturday 14  Beginner Band instrument hand-out and workshop 2:00–3:30 pm in the Hall
Monday 16  All tutorials commence this week.
            Beginner Band rehearsals commence in the Band Room.
            Recorder tutorials commence this week.

March:
Saturday 21  Band Workshop. All Bands. 2:00 – 5:50 pm at School.

June:
Sunday 14  Wahroonga Eisteddfod. All Band and Recorder families are expected to help.

Private Tutorials:
All children in Junior, Intermediate and Concert Bands must have private tutorials with a tutor of their choice. Tutors can be arranged at school if you wish. Numbers are limited so please return the forms asap. The information has been emailed from your band parent.

All enquiries, contact Anne Seage, on 9489 3086 or 0413 622142 – before 6.00 pm, unless it is urgent, please.
BOOK CLUB
This week the students received their Scholastic Book Club order form for Issue 1 2015. Scholastic Book Clubs are exclusively school-based clubs that offer teachers and parents an easy way to purchase children’s books and software. Eight times a year Book Club brochures are distributed to schools around Australia packed with a “range of age-appropriate product, from fiction to activity books, magazines to information books, educational software and CD-ROMs.” (Scholastic)

Products purchased through Book Club help earn Bonus Coupons that are used to obtain books and resources for classroom use. Students are under no obligation to place orders. If you want to order items for your child/children please peruse the brochures that come home. Complete the order form highlighting the item you wish to purchase. Scholastic offers an on-line or phone facility for payments to be made by credit card. The attached flyer will outline the procedure to be followed when paying by credit card. We do not accept cash orders. Payment may also be made by cheque.

To assist in the ordering process we ask parents/caregivers to follow these steps when completing order forms:

* Use credit card facility where possible.
* Ensure all figures are legible or unfortunately, your order may not be processed.
* Make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.
* Have your child return the order, clearly labelled with name and class, to the class teacher on money days – Tuesdays or Fridays.
* Issue 1 orders must be in by Friday 13 February.

Orders are processed and returned within 2-3 weeks. Happy reading!

Kristin Griffith
Book Club Coordinator
Introducing
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- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name and last Initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to order video, log onto www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.
Welcome to the new school year. The tuckshop will be having several special lunches throughout the year, which I hope all the children will enjoy. This year we will have a few special lunches that do not have to be ordered on-line but a note will be sent home either with the children or via the newsletter which they must return before the day if they wish to have the lunch. I am hoping the first of these will be a Friday 13th special. The new menu for 2015 will be available on the school website. Below are some reminders concerning lunch orders.

**Cancelling Lunch Orders**
If you wish to cancel a lunch order you must ring the tuckshop before 10am and then we can delete the order from the Flexischool list. You will receive an email from Flexischools to notify you that the order has been cancelled. Failure to cancel an order will result in the lunch being made and no money will be refunded. Any items that will keep for another day can be collected from the tuckshop when the child returns to school. Eg drinks, chips and other items that have not been made fresh.

**Late Orders**
Late orders may be phoned through to the tuckshop as an exception not a rule, but please be aware that Sushi cannot be ordered after 9am. Also limited items may be available depending on what time you ring the order through. The cost of this lunch must be made in cash the next day at the tuckshop.

**Manual Orders**
Normal orders made across the counter will be taken also as an exception not as a rule if you are having internet problems and cannot place an order. All students wishing to order lunch or recess must be registered with Flexischools and order online. The exception is for special lunches when notes are sent home.

**Sushi**
Unfortunately the company delivering my sushi can no longer deliver after week 3. I am endeavouring to rectify this and hope I can before week 4.

**Volunteers**
The tuckshop continually needs volunteers. If you can volunteer once a term or more if you wish, please let the tuckshop know or email me cateringforschools@gmail.com. There is also a form on the school website that can be printed off and returned to the tuckshop.

**Facebook Page for Parents**
By next week I will set up a Bush School Tuckshop Facebook page for parents to keep up with what is happening at the tuckshop. Please like this page so you can get updates. You may also ask questions about the menu etc. The menu will be on the page as well as specials and competitions we run at the tuckshop.

Thankyou for your continued support of the tuckshop.

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