Road Safety
A quick reminder that the 'Kiss and Drop' zones on Gwandalan Road (out the front of the office) and Swan Road (behind the school hall) are not areas that parents can park in for an extended period of time. If you wish to come into the school to pick your child/ren up after school, you will need to park on the road away from these zones. Parents using the kiss and drop zone are not permitted to leave the car and buckle children into their seat. If you need to put a young child in a car seat, it is strongly advised you park on the street where the children can be placed safely in the car without rushing. The Kiss and Drop zone works more efficiently when everyone adheres to the road rules. Be sure to observe all parking signs around the school to ensure you are not parking in No Stopping or No Standing zones. Please consider our neighbours by not blocking their driveways before and after school.

It is pleasing to see so many families using the crossing when they are leaving school in the afternoon. Our children are young, and we as adults and parents need to model safe road crossing behaviours, rather than taking a short cut. I thank you for your continued support in keeping all of our students safe.

Supervision
Supervision commences at 8:30am each morning and concludes at 3:15pm. Please do not drop your children to school before 8:30am unless they are going to Before School Care. If you are running late in the afternoon or if someone else is picking up your children from school, please ring the office and let the ladies know so the message can be passed onto the children and executive staff who supervise the children after school.

Bell Times
I have had a visit from the Home School Liaison Officer this week, to begin the process of identifying families with continual issues of lateness to school. Our school bell rings at 8.55am and all children are required to be at school before this time. The families identified will be closely monitored over the coming weeks, and will be contacted if the issue of lateness continues.

Allergies
We have students throughout the school who have severe nut allergies. Even exposure to a tiny amount of this item is serious and can make the children very sick. As a school community, we need to keep all children safe and we can do this by not sending food to school containing nuts, e.g. peanut butter, Nutella, nuts, muesli bars with nuts etc. I realise that many food items have a label stating ‘may contain traces of nuts’. These food items are generally okay to send; it is mainly if the food has nuts as a main ingredient. I thank you for your cooperation with this matter.
Swimming Carnival
The numbers were few at the swimming carnival on Wednesday but I want to congratulate all of the competitors who swam on the day. I saw very close races, determination and children trying their best as they swam down the pool. Thanks to Mrs Curcio and Miss Dragicevich for the preparation that went into the carnival and the parents and staff who helped on the day.

There will be an opportunity for you to visit your child’s class and teacher on Wednesday or Thursday afternoon/evening. Please read the note that came home last week carefully as K-2 classes will be held on Wednesday and 3-6 classes on Thursday afternoon. Each of the teachers will be presenting information about what the children will be learning in each of the Key Learning Areas, class expectations, homework etc.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students very shortly. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Tina McCosker
Acting Principal
2K used playdough to create a story on i-motion using the iPads with Miss Angileri. They did a great job!
**Dates to Remember**

- **18th February**: Meet the Teacher K-2
- **19th February**: Meet the Teacher 3-6
- **25th February**: Parent Helper Training
- **3rd March**: Zone Swimming
- **5th March**: Best Start Parent Meeting
- **12th March**: Selective High School Test 2016
- **1st April**: Easter Egg Hunt
- **2nd April**: Easter Parade
- **2nd April**: Last day of Term (Good Friday)

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