Dear Parents

Today started the school year for 2016 with all Year 1 to Year 6 students full of excitement about the prospects of new class structures and teachers, whilst our Kindergarten children commenced their Best Start benchmarking with Mrs Price and Mrs Strong. Kinder children will converge on their Big School for their first day in the Infants Department as members of Laurieton Public School on Monday 1 February. What a day that shall be!

What’s New

At the conclusion of last year our anticipated student numbers would allow us to maintain 8 classes so we have commenced 2016 with the most suitable 8 class model possible. At this point in time it appears likely that this model will remain in place, however, this will not be known until next week.

I will be continuing as Relieving Principal for Term 1 2016, Mrs Price will be Relieving Assistant Principal - Infants and Mrs Smith has joined the team and will be teaching 1/2S.

The Classes

KS – Mrs Strong  
K/1P – Mrs Price  
1/2D – Miss Dampney  
1/2S – Mrs Smith  
3/4C – Ms Casimir  
3/4F – Miss Field  
5/6C – Mr Cook  
5/6K – Mrs Kemp  
LaST – Mrs Carlton

PARENT AUTHORISATION NOTES
All children received these notes today and it is extremely important that all appropriate areas are completed and signed and returned. ALL students involved in swimming MUST return this note before this Friday 5 February.

Severe Peanut Allergy Reminder
Douglas Falco suffers from an acute form of peanut allergy, combined with severe asthma. He will need our special care and support to fully enjoy the special time that other students enjoy at our school. Douglas is a Year Six student who has lived with his allergy and asthma all his life and does a good job of managing it himself, but he will need the support of our whole school community to avoid situations that are potentially life-threatening.

Douglas is strongly allergic to all nuts, as well crustaceans. We ask that all parents do their best to avoid the inclusion of nut products in their children’s school lunches and snacks. Douglas can be affected by the slightest contact with nuts and the effects can be severe. All staff members have been trained in the appropriate recognition and response to anaphylactic reactions, which could affect Douglas at any time.

Our canteen has agreed to cooperate by not selling nut based products. If your child loves peanut butter or Nutella, we ask that this be a treat saved for their time at home. Many muesli bars contain nuts and avoiding these for school would also be helpful. Hopefully this small gesture of cooperation can mean a great deal for Douglas as well as being a positive lesson for other children in learning to be caring and cooperative.

We shall be reminding students about allergies and how to help children stay safe. This will include the importance of children not sharing food at school.

Sport
Mr Cook our illustrious Sports Coordinator is back in the trench preparing Term 1 sport for our Primary students. Swimming is planned for next Friday 5 February and will be slightly different from regular swimming commencing in Week 3. Our swimming carnival is scheduled for Tuesday 9 February - further details next week.

Grant Timmins  
Relieving Principal

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