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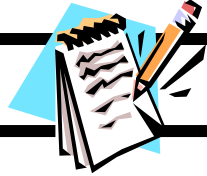


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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



WELCOME BACK

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful holiday. During the first two weeks of term, Mrs Crowe will be away. This will mean that on occasions, the front office will be unattended. If I am also unavailable, please see Mrs Toy in the Grade 5/6 classroom. The best times to contact us will be before and after school and during lunchtimes.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

A big thank you to the Parents and Friends who ran a very successful barbeque to help us celebrate the last day of term. P & F. Lunches will start up again later this term also.

THANK YOU

Over the holidays some general maintenance jobs were completed around the school. Mrs Toy's classroom had new carpet installed and we also had the weeds sprayed.

Mrs Cowan pruned our hydrangeas and Zack Mizzi looked after our chooks again. We also had a team of parents cover some of our new readers for the P/1 classroom. Thank you very much for doing these things for the school.

KIDSMATTER

As most of you would know, our school started on its KidsMatter journey over 12 months ago. We are still very committed to embedding this mental health framework in our school. As part of this we are looking for a parent representative for our Action Team. There is some training involved and the parent

representative would also need to attend meetings at school a few times a term. If you are interested please come and see me.

EARN AND LEARN

Thanks to the families who have contributed to the Earn and Learn Program. We have managed to collect over 3000 points for teachers to 'spend' on classroom equipment.

LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

The Lightning Premiership for Netball and Football will be held on August 2nd. A notice, with further details, will be sent home soon.

Angela Buxton Principal

5/6 HOMEWORK

Homework this term will be our magazine. This week students are expected to finish their front and back covers plus two fun activities. Please monitor your child's progress. If there are any problems with your home computer let me know. A memory stick is essential for this activity.

Mrs Toy 5/6 Teacher

At Katandra West - WE OFFER THE BEST

STUDENT PROFILE

NAME: *Chelsea Harry*

AGE: *6*

GRADE: *Grade 1*

TEACHER: *Ms Kearns*

FAVOURITE FOOD: *Cup cakes*

FAVOURITE GAME: *Tennis Rounders*

FRIENDS at SCHOOL: *Nicola and Molly Harris*

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LEARNING? *writing*

FAVOURITE COLOURS: *Pink*

FAVOURITE TOY/THING: *Barbies*

BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL: *Learning*

WHEN I GROW UP: *I want to be a vet*

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: *Queensland*



IMPORTANT DATES

	JULY		AUGUST
Mon 15 th	Term 3 commences	Fri 2 nd	Lightning Premiership - Katunga
		Mon 5 th	School Council – 7.30 p.m.
		Tues 20 th	Cluster Day – Literacy & Starlab
		Fri 30 th	Fathers' Day Stall

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

Are you entitled to Educational Maintenance Allowance? If you have a current Health Care Card you can claim EMA and this payment will cover your Parent Payment for 2013. Application forms are available from the Office. Don't forget you **MUST** provide your current Health Care Card Number when applying and your application form needs to be completed and returned to the Office by Friday, 2nd August.

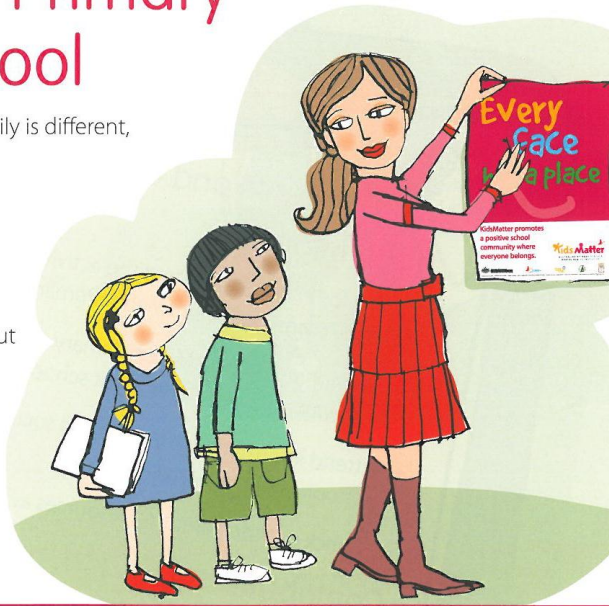
If you have already claimed EMA for the first half of this year, you only need to present your Health Care Card at the office so we can take a current photocopy of the card.

LATE EMA CLAIMS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED

KidsMatter Primary at your school

Every child is different, every family is different, and every school is different.

This means that each school participating in the KidsMatter Primary initiative needs to look at the mental health needs of its children and families and work out how it can strengthen support for children's mental health. The KidsMatter Primary framework has been designed to help schools build on what they are already doing to promote children's wellbeing.



KidsMatter Information for parents and carers also

What schools are doing

Each school's KidsMatter Primary Action Team has the job of coordinating all the steps that need to be taken to get KidsMatter Primary going. These include:

Each KidsMatter Primary school will be supported by a person trained in the KidsMatter Primary implementation process who will work with the Action Team to plan and implement the four components of KidsMatter Primary. The KidsMatter Primary Implementation Support Person will also provide KidsMatter Primary education to all school staff so they understand what KidsMatter Primary is about and what they can do to support children's mental health.

- working out where the gaps are and what can be done
- planning what to do to provide

The Action Team and school staff will be choosing school programs for teaching *social and emotional skills* as part of the curriculum.

They will be looking into how the school can *support parents and carers* by providing them with information and resources about children's development, children's mental health and parenting.

Together they will be working on ways to make the school a more inviting place for children and families as part of the *positive schools community* component.

- providing information about the KidsMatter Primary initiative to school staff, students and families
- checking what the school already

- each KidsMatter Primary component at the school
- working out how to do it and getting it going
- seeing how it works and deciding whether anything further is needed.

They will also be finding out more about *children's mental health* and working out how the school can assist children and families to find help when they have concerns about the mental health of students.

Implementation in each State and Territory will be supported by a KidsMatter Primary State and Territory Coordinator.