Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school and welcome to all our new families. The children are now settling into their new classes, new teachers and class names.

We start the year off with the Primary School Swimming Carnival and the Infants Water Day. All children are expected to attend these events. The Primary Swimming Carnival will have events for both swimmers and non-swimmers. Unfortunately, the cost of buses has increased, like everything, increasing the cost of travelling to the pool. Parents are invited to join us to either or both events (if possible).

This Friday will be our first Assembly. Our newly elected school captains will be running the assembly and the House Captains will be announced and presented with their badges. All parents are welcome.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal

We are safe, respectful learners.
Kinder Grevilleas are settling in well. One of the learning activities is recognising the dice pattern and playing a matching game in the picture.

ACACIAS

Grug found a bag. He made a house for his stuff. Temperance

He went to the forest. He went to the snow. He saw a burrow. He made a house. He went to the mountain. Jack

Grug went to the snow. Logan

WARATAHS

Emma is Mrs Morante's dog. She loves to play with her toys.

Some jointly constructed writing and illustrations by our children.

Canteen News

Our canteen is currently open every day but will soon change as we need more parent helpers urgently.

If you are able to assist, please contact the school office on 49 327 542.

Without new volunteers our canteen will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please watch on Skoolbag App and school Website for changes.

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ORCHIDS

We did some lessons on editing this week. This is the sentence that we edited together.

*The Cooktown Orchid is a beautiful flower. The orchid can grow up to 80cm. It has 3—20 flowers on each cane.*

BLUEBELLS

We have been using the iPads this week and have written some reasons why we think it is dark at night.

*The sun is still shining but we are on the shadow side. The Earth spins. The moon also moves.*

*Jordan*

*The sun sets of a night because the sun shines past Earth to the moon. The moon shines once of a night. It shines 24 hours. The moon is white.*

*Jack*

*The Earth spins. The sun is still shining but we are on the shadow side of the Earth. The moon also moves.*

*Samuel*

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**INFANTS WATER DAY**

On Monday, 9th of February 2015, Infant students (under the age of 8), will be having a Water Fun Day where all activities will be related to water play, water craft and water/sun safety.

Parents and carers are invited to come have a picnic lunch with your child at 12pm and then participate in the water activities in the afternoon.

Children will participate in water activities which will mean that they will get wet. We ask that you send them to school dressed in their uniform with their swimsers already on. Please pack an extra t-shirt (that will get wet) to ensure that they don’t get sunburnt.
CALLISTEMONS

My Invention

Name: Super Candy

Function: It gives you super natural powers.

Features: It comes in all colours.

How does it help the environment? Every time you chew a plant or animal grows.

How does it work? When you eat it the powers come. Each colour is a new power. Flinn

SILVERTAILS

We are all working hard in Stage 3. We have jointly constructed a Class Agreement that we have signed.

Silvertails Class Agreement

1. Show respect to everyone.
2. Show respect for our environment.
3. Treat others how you would like to be treated.
4. Listen to the speaker.
5. Be responsible for your actions.

PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Primary Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 9th February at Beresfield Swimming Centre. Travel for all students will be by coach with seat belts. Please note these details:

- Normal arrival at school by 9.05am.
- The bus will leave school at 9.20 am after roll call, to arrive at the pool by 9.40 am.
- The bus will leave the pool at 2.20 pm to arrive back at school by 3.05pm.
- **ALL STUDENTS MUST COME TO SCHOOL AND TRAVEL TO THE POOL ON THE BUS.**
- Parents will need to arrange their own transport to the pool. Students can go home with parents or return to school on the bus.
- All children are to wear a coloured wrist band to indicate their swimming ability.

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## Diary Dates

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### ALL SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

*need to have completed the new Working With Children Check.*


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### SKOOLBAG APP

Did you know you can send an absentee note through this App. Use the Parent eForms. “Save time do it online!”

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