Thank you to all our parents who made themselves available to attend our First Forum meeting for the year – thank you to our Parents who DID attend the meeting – it is VITAL that the school is supported by attending these meetings so for our Parents who found the time & made the effort a very big thank you – for our parents who, for whatever reason couldn’t attend – we hope our newsletter ‘puts you in the picture’ with all that which we discussed on the night...

Our School BUSH DANCE will be Friday 18th of March, 2011
MSP & MSH are the 2 classes who have been appointed to organise this event – Reps from those classes, if you need advice on what you are needed to do, please call the school office for directions.
This is a SOCIAL event on our school Calendar & is ALWAYS a really fun evening for both children & parents alike – it is a GREAT opportunity to mix & mingle with new & old acquaintances in a safe, friendly & casual environment & the children have great excitement in showing their dancing skills that they are learning this term.

Don’t be shy – pack your chair & an esky & come for a really enjoyable evening!!!

WHAT CLASSES ARE DOING WHAT THIS YEAR...
In the absence of a huge number of Parent Reps from our First Forum Meeting, those present at the Forum Meeting voted on what classes will be taking on what responsibilities for various events this year. Normally, the Parent Reps nominate what events they wish for their class to orchestrate however with most classes not represented by parent reps, those who were present voted the following involvement of relevant classes.
Please check what class YOUR child is in & see what event you (as a parent) will be asked to help organise. The events on our school calendar are NOT just for the parent reps to do, it is a class effort & you will be asked to assist in some capacity when the time comes for your class event to take place – start thinking now how YOU will help.

OPENING OF NEW BUILDING
YR 1
MSP & MSH
ST 2M
KJ & KM
KJ & KM
ST 2J
YR 1/2
MSW
ST2T & ST2A

Parent Reps, it will be YOUR responsibility when the time comes that your class event approaches, that you organise representatives from your class for getting your event ‘off the ground’ – if there is any concern or confusion as to WHAT organising is needed on your part, please phone the school office & Judy can put you in touch with somebody from school who can help talk you through or lead you in the right direction.

DON’T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP!!
**KEEP YOUR EYE OUT FOR OUR NEW FAMILIES**
To our ‘older’ community members – did you know that 1 in 4 students at our school are NEW this year – yes, 20% of our school population is brand new– so please help our new families get settled & feel welcome at our School. Starting at a new school is stressful for children AND their parents – please be aware of this & do something to help make some ones day…. The next time YOU see an uncertain face on the school grounds – pass on a smile– it can make a HUGE difference & it doesn’t take much to manage!!!

**TERM 1 EVENTS**
- Working Bee
- School x Country & Skill-a-thon
- Easter Bonnet Parade (infants)
- Holy Thursday Liturgy
- Anzac Day (Term 2 Beginning)

**SKILL-A-THON**
TERM 1 will again be when we conduct our Major Fund Raising Event for our School – the Skill-a-thon.
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AS MUCH AS YOU CAN this year by getting as many donations as you can – Every Dollar Goes A Long Way so let's get started on filling those sponsorship cards & raising money for our school

**TERM 2 EVENTS**
- 1st communion
- Mothers Day Mass
- Mothers Day Stall
- NAPLAN testing
- Staff Spirituality Day (PUPIL FREE DAY)
- Ladies Night Out (Date yet to be set)

**TREASURERS REPORT**
Our outgoing treasurer reported that all of the money we raised last year has been injected back into the school in some form – our fundraising through the skill-a-thon & our Monster Raffle was put into the purchase of interactive white boards, donations to the library, laptops & World Teachers Day lunch.
As at January 25, 2011, the Parent Forum had a closing balance of $1,622.48.
There are many many areas where money is needed this year – all money raised this year will again be injected back into the school (& our Children’s Education) THIS year

**PARENT REPS - YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE:-**
As expressed at the Parent Information Night, those who nominated themselves as Parent rep of their childs class are asked to arrange some kind of Social event for YOUR class this year – this event can be anything from a picnic, to a morning coffee get together to a night at the movies to dinner, etc etc etc – the idea is for you to organise a social event strictly for the parents of the children in YOUR class. Remember there are other parent reps in your class – make contact with them; discuss ideas & work out what you (as a team) would like to do – set a date & draft up the details on a note – present your idea (with invitation draft) to our Principal (or Deputy Principal) for approval & the school office will print off your invitations for you & the class teacher will hand out the note for you! EASY!!!

**SUGGESTIONS / REQUESTS / COMMENTS:-**
If at any time you, as a parent of our school have a suggestion, request or comment about the school– please pass it on TO the school. Ask a Parent Rep to pass on comments, write it down & lodge it anonymously – if there is ANYTHING (realistic) that you feel our school or our children could benefit from , please express it so that those with the power to apply it can give due consideration for you