Swimming Carnival

Our school Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday and it was a very successful day. It was fantastic to see so many students participating and achieving their personal best. Special thanks go to the many parent volunteers whose energy and enthusiasm made the day such a great success. Our new house captains also did a fantastic job organising the house cheers, relay teams and supporting the younger swimmers on the day. Information on the Zone Carnival will be sent home soon.

Term 1 Sports Programs

A reminder to all parents that payment for Flip Gymnastic and Sports in School is due next week. The day for Flip Gym has changed to Thursday. If families are experiencing difficulty paying for the programs, please contact the Principal. The cost for Sports in School is $36 and Flip Gymnastics is $45 for Term 1.
Dance News

Auditions for the Junior and Senior school dance groups will take place in the school hall next Monday 13th February during lunchtime. Students who are interested must return their note to the school office or Mrs Bragg on the day. Please wear dance clothes such as leggings and a t-shirt for the audition. Change at 11am just before the audition. Students will be notified next week if they have been successful and the lessons will begin on the following Monday 20th February. Students in Years 2 - 6 can audition for the groups.

Band News

Band will begin next Wednesday 15th February for returning and new students. Returning students had a brief meeting with Kevin this week. We also have quite a large number of new students starting up this year who returned notes at the end of last year. Parents will be contacted by the company that provides the lessons - Directions in Music in the next week to organise lesson payments. All band students will be given a note about instrument hire this week. If you need to hire an instrument through the school, please return your note ASAP so that Mrs Bragg can try and organise instruments for students quickly and they will be available for your first lesson.

Our school Guitar program will be beginning shortly. More information will be in next week's newsletter.

Car sets and Barbie accessories wanted

If you have any toy cars / racing car tracks, Barbie cars or clothes in good condition, but no longer played with at home K-6W would love them! Any donations would be much appreciated.

Thursday After School Dance Lessons in Hall

Miss Vicki is offering jazz and ballet classes in the school hall on Thursday afternoons. The fee is $10 per lesson and classes start on Thursday 9th February. Please be sure to drop in and see Miss Vicki if you are interested in joining. Further information and registration forms will be available at the lessons.

Principals Message

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who was involved in yesterday's swimming carnival. The organisation by the teachers, led by Mr Heinecke, ensured the smooth running of the carnival in a limited time frame. Without parent volunteers we would not be able to run any of our sports carnivals. Again we had a band of parents who gave up their own time and did a variety of jobs that also ensured the carnival ran to time. Thank you in particular to the parents who braved the water so that we could safely run 25 metre races. Finally to the students who participated in the events, congratulations! It was clear everyone tried their personal best in the individual races. Many students stepped out of their comfort zone and competed in the House relays so that their House could at least field a team - one student swimming two laps in the race! Hopefully next year we will have more students competing.

Many extra programs and activities are beginning in the school. These programs allow talented students to further their skills. This includes ongoing programs such as dance, band and guitar but also a few new ones such as Chess and Visual Arts. PSSA sport begins this week and Sport in Schools and Flip Gymnastics have also begun. Later in the term Public Speaking and debating programs will begin. The school will be involved in the Premier's Reading and Sports Challenges as well as the Spelling Bee. Italian classes begin next Monday. Some of these programs are run by outside providers but some are run by teachers who give up their own time. What is important is that at a small school students have many opportunities to develop their skills and interests.

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