Dear Parents/caregivers,

Welcome to the 2015 school year. We trust that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break and that all our students had a safe and happy holiday.

A big thanks to our General Assistant, for doing such a great job looking after the physical appearance of the school and having our lawns and gardens looking so beautiful.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS AND PARENTS
A very special welcome to our new parents and children. We hope you will all enjoy your association with our school. We do pride ourselves on all working together as a community to the ultimate benefit of the students so please feel free to participate as much as you are able.

No doubt our experienced parents will make themselves known to you. Please do not hesitate to ask questions from either staff or parents, as we are all a very helpful lot.

LUNCH AND AFTERNOON TEA
Lunch 11.15 am - 12.15 pm
Afternoon Tea 1.40 pm - 2.00 pm

We do encourage the children to have a well-balanced and healthy diet so please make sure that treats are kept to a minimum and that nutritious foods make up the mainstay of the food your children bring to school.

RECORDERS YEAR 2
Mrs Corbett would like all Year 2 students to bring their recorders for lessons on TUESDAYS for this term.
PERMISSION TO PUBLISH
The Department’s old enrolment forms contained a tick box called “Permission to Photograph”. This has now been replaced with “Permission to Publish”. The Department requires that each year we ask parents to complete a new permission note. If your child is in Year 1 or Year 2 please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school office.

Please be aware that at Bardwell Park Infants School we do NOT identify students on a personal level. We limit publication to sharing photos on our website.

MILK STARTS THIS FRIDAY$ 1.00
We will be having our milk delivered this Friday. Chocolate and Strawberry milk will be for sale at 11.15 for $1.00 every Friday. Our roster has not been finalised just yet, so any parent who would like to volunteer for Friday 6th is welcome to come to the office. We will start selling to Kinder first so some Year 2 students may miss out this week.

LIBRARY
Library borrowing begins this week on Friday for all classes. Please remember to pack your child’s school library bag.

BOOK CLUB
Book club order forms have been distributed to all classes. You are welcome to place an order for your child. Payment is by cash or if paying by cheque – please make the cheque payable to Scholastic. All orders for this issue are due back at school by Thursday 12th February. For our new parents - if you need help you are welcome to come in to the school office and see Mrs Maclean.

GREEK SCHOOL
Greek school will be enrolling this week – Wednesday 4th February and classes will begin on Wednesday 11th.

SOME REMINDERS:

SCHOOL TIMES…. School starts at 9.15 am.

• Children should not be unaccompanied in the playground before 9.00 am. A teacher will be on duty on the verandah from 9.00 am.

• Parents may stay for morning assembly but we do ask that from the time the students are called to lines parents and toddlers refrain from chatting. This will enable children and parents to hear the teachers’ instructions. It also allows our children to learn from their parent’s example to refrain from talking whilst listening to instructions. Please keep toddlers away from the circles.

• Kindergarten children are dismissed at 2.45 pm from the verandah. Children with older siblings at our school will be supervised in either the Kindergarten or Year 1 classroom until the later home time.

• Years 1 and 2 are dismissed at 3.15 pm from their verandah.

All children are to be collected from the school playground by a responsible adult or sibling. If you have made arrangements for anyone other than yourselves to collect your children the school needs to be informed in writing or inform Mrs Maclean in the office verbally.
If for any reason you are unable to pick your children up on time would you please ring the school so we may reassure your child that they haven’t been forgotten!

**P&C MEETING – TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY at 7.30pm**

There will be a P&C meeting on TUESDAY, 10th February to start some planning for 2015. These meetings are held in the spare room next to the Kinder room and start at 7.30pm, usually finishing by 8.30pm at the latest. It would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible at the first meeting for 2015. This is a really important way of becoming involved in your child’s schooling. Discussion will be centred on the roles and responsibilities of office bearers of the P & C, and ideas for fundraising. The P & C will send its own newsletter on yellow paper when the need arises.

**SPORT**

Please be aware that sport will start THIS WEEK with the Footsteps dance program on Thursday. Please make sure your child wears their sports uniform.

This year we are asking parents to complete a blanket permission form for the three in school activities that we provide each year. Please complete the form on the back of this newsletter. Payment may be made when each activity begins.

**FOOTSTEPS DANCE COMPANY**

One of the Term 1 PE activities we have arranged is a fantastic program taught by the Footsteps Dance Company. This program begins on Thursday 6th February for nine weeks.

The Dance sport program has many benefits:

- It is a great source of fun and enjoyment.
- It helps students to develop their social skills.
- It promotes appreciation of many different types of music.
- It is a great way to achieve and maintain a high level of fitness.

The total cost of the program is $30.00 per student for a 45 minute weekly lesson. Please complete the blanket permission note at the end of this newsletter, so that your child can take part in this activity. There is also an envelope attached for ease of payment.

**MILK, CAKE DAYS & SAUSAGE SIZZLES – NEW KINDERGARTEN PARENTS ARE MOST WELCOME TO VOLUNTEER**

The P & C is seeking parents to volunteer to sell Milk every Friday at 11.20 am. Parents only need to come and sit on the verandah and sell the milk to the children for $1.00. Sausage Sizzles and Cake Days are being held once a Term this year and as well as special days such as Egg-a-thon and Sports Day. Without the support of our parent community these days will be unable to continue. There are three/four parents rostered on each Sausage Sizzle – so please don’t feel you have to do it on your own.

Parents who volunteer to bake for our cake days will be asked to supply approximately two dozen small cakes (three parents are rostered each day) which are sold for $1.00 each. Cakes are delivered to school in the morning and stored in the staffroom. The teacher rostered on the afternoon tea break will sell the cakes. Containers may be collected from the verandah or staffroom after school.

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We will also be holding Pie and Sausage Roll days in Terms 2 and 3. The children will place an order for these and a parent will need to collect them from the local cake shop. The teachers will distribute them to the children who have ordered at the beginning of lunch time. If you are able to help please complete the volunteer form and place in the class boxes at the office any time this week. New parents are most welcome to volunteer for any of the jobs.

**PERMISSION TO PUBLISH**

Dear Parent/Caregiver

We are seeking your permission to publish information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service. Beyond their time at Bardwell Park Infants School this information may include your child’s name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child’s work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child’s information may be published include but are not limited to:

- Public websites of the Department of Education and Communities including the school website, the DEC intranet (staff only)
- Department Education and Communities publications including the school newsletter, annual Year 2 book and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including Department websites.

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information. Published information can also be linked to by third parties.

Please complete the permission slip on the next page and return it to school.

X ----------------------------------------------------------

**PERMISSION TO PUBLISH**

I have read this permission to publish and:

☐ I give permission

☐ I do not give permission

to the school/DEC to publish information about my child as described above, including in publicly accessible communications.

This signed permission remains effective until I advise the school otherwise.

Child’s name: ____________________________________________

Parent/Caregiver’s name: _________________________________

Parent/Caregiver’s signature: ______________________________

Date: __________________

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CAKE, SAUSAGE SIZZLE & PIE/SAUSAGE ROLL ROSTERS

Please place my name on the roster.

Child’s Name: __________________________________________________________ Class: _____________________________
Parent’s Name: __________________________________ Contact Number: _____________________________

Please tick ✓ the box/es

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Mrs Maclean will let you know when the roster has been drawn up in case there needs to be any changes.

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MILK VOLUNTEERS 2015
(Please return this form as soon as possible)

Child’s Name: _____________________________ Class: _____________________________

I ______________________________ Phone: _____________________________

(Please print your first and last name)

would like to volunteer to sell milk on Friday at the following times:

□ 11.20 am – 11.40 am
□ After school if necessary

Mrs Maclean will let you know when the roster has been drawn up in case there needs to be any changes.

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BLANKET PERMISSION for SPORTING ACTIVITIES at
BARDWELL PARK INFANTS SCHOOL for 2015

During the course of the coming 2015 school year we will be using various external providers to run programs for our students. We would ask that you sign a blanket permission for the programs listed below. The cost of the activities are below, however payment will be requested just prior to the commencement of the activity.

My child: _______________________________ Class: _______________

I give permission for my child to attend the following programs during the course of the 2015 school year.

- Footsteps Dance   Thursdays   (from 5th February to 1st March - $30.00)
- Gymnastics       Thursdays   (from 23rd April to 18th June - $50.00)
- Fundamental Movement Skills  Tuesdays   (from 21st July to 15th September - $45.00)

I am aware the programs are run within the school confines and that my child is expected to participate each week.

Please advise us if your child is not able to participate for any reason in any of the programs.

Signed Parent/Guardian: ___________________________ Date: ________________