2013 has begun with students being organised and demonstrating support within their Learning Communities. The new logo uniform and bucket hats have brought a sense of connection and unity to the school community. Respecting the school rules and policies prepares our students to become responsible citizens in the future – we appreciate the support families are giving to their children to follow these expectations.

Staff members have begun to implement planning for Term 1, which will include a Twilight evening later in the month where students, staff and parents will have the opportunity to get to know each other in a fun atmosphere.

Student safety and well being is a priority at our school and we pride ourselves on the level of support we give to our students. I have noticed there are some students being dropped off or arriving at school very early in the mornings. Children in Primary School (under 12 years of age) are not old enough to be left in public places without adult supervision and should not be at school before 8.30 am when some staff members are accessible (students attending Breakfast Club are supervised from 8.00am) Please be aware if your child is walking to school that crossings are not supervised until 8.15am.

We want all of our children to be safe.

Cheryl Van Deursen - Principal

‘Perplexity is the beginning of knowledge’

-Kahlil Gibran
Wow! What a fantastic start to the school year. Students, parents and staff are all happy, positive and ready to learn. It is great to see everyone so enthusiastic and so engaged at school.

Our Curriculum Committee is currently reviewing the school’s Homework policy. We are ensuring that it continues to meet department guidelines, but at the same time, does not overload families or create unnecessary stress in the home. You will be provided with more information soon regarding the homework expectations and guidelines.

For now, the best homework your child can do is **READ, READ, READ!** Every child is expected to be reading every night. Students need to record time spent reading in their Reading logs/diaries.

All students should now have a ‘**Take Home Book Bag**’ to store their book, Reading Log and any letters or notices in between school and home. These can be purchased from Beleza Uniform Shop.

Encourage your children to read a variety of materials – books, catalogues, magazines, recipes, newspapers, menus, etc. Read with and to your child, encourage them to read to you, and most importantly, make it a fun and enjoyable experience.

**Di Fernand – Assistant Principal**
Our students have had a great start to 2013 and they all look very smart in their new school hats – thank you to school council who approved the purchase of a hat for every student. Our preps are already demonstrating responsibility by helping others.

**PMP Helpers**

Dear Parents,

We have now commenced our Perceptual Motor Program with all Year Prep Students and some Year 1/2 Students. The program will start on Monday 4th March. As part of this program, students participate in rotational activities designed to promote children’s gross motor skills. The Year Prep PMP program runs from 10:00am—11:00am each Monday and the Year 1/2 PMP program runs from 2:15pm—3:15pm each Monday. To support us with these programs, we are looking for parent helpers. Parent helpers do not necessarily need to have children in these grades.

It is a School Council Policy that all parent helpers in the school have a Working with Children's Check. If you would like to help with PMP and do not yet have a Working with Children's check, these can be arranged at any Australia Post at no cost. As soon as your card arrives, you will be able to help at the school.

If you would like to help during PMP, please fill in the slip on the back of this newsletter and return it to one of the Prep teachers, Year 1/2 teachers or Gary Peel.

We look forward to having you in the school.

*Thankyou for your assistance*

*Gary Peel P.E. Co-ordinator*
COMMUNITY NEWS

PARENT FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PFA):
The PFA welcomes new members to their committee for 2013. The group meet monthly and we ask you to return the slip below with your details and a member will contact you shortly. The group supports many activities that involve your children and it is a great way to interact with members of the school community.

Jenni Lorne - PFA
I am interested in becoming involved with the PFA for 2013.

PARENT’S NAME: .................................................................
CONTACT NUMBER: ..........................................................
CHILD’S NAME AND GRADE: ............................................

POLICIES
Copies of some of the school policies have been sent home this week with your child – please take the time to read these and become familiar with them – this will ensure your child is optimising their time at school and will avoid any possible altercations or misunderstandings.

I am interested in. PMP Helpers

Yes, I would like to help during the Prep PMP program on Mondays 10:00am – 11:00am.
(please circle)

Yes, I would like to help during the Year 1/2 PMP program on Mondays 2:15pm – 3:00pm.
(please circle)

PARENT’S NAME: .................................................................
CONTACT NUMBER: ..........................................................
CHILD’S NAME AND GRADE: ............................................

☐ Yes I have a working with children’s check and the office has a copy.

☐ I have applied for a working with children’s check and will notify Gary Peel when I have received it.