**Principal’s Message**

Welcome back to 2015! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and an enjoyable break. We would also like to welcome back the Axon family to our school. Seth is in Year 6 and Ezra is in Year 5.

This year, we are very fortunate to continue to divide our school into 2 classes. I will have K-3 and Mrs Miller will have Years 4-6. Mrs Miller will be here each Monday – Thursday.

Each Thursday, K-6 will combine and be taught by Mrs Miller. On Fridays, K-6 will combine again and be taught by me. I will have Thursdays off class and this will be my administration day.

Mrs Wendy Dunn is kindly volunteering her time again to be our Scripture teacher. Scripture classes will now be held each Tuesday.

Sports Day will remain on Wednesday afternoons. We ask that children come to school each Wednesday in their sports uniform with appropriate shoes.

Mrs Donna Britten is our permanent School Administration Officer and will be here each Wednesday — Friday.

Our students have been invited by Music Education Australia to participate in guitar and keyboard lessons. It is expected that every student will participate in these lessons which will begin in Week 3. The cost is $110 per student for the 8 weeks and our P&C are kindly covering the cost of the lessons. On behalf of our parents/carers, I would like to thank the P&C very much for their donation!

Please remember that our staff are approachable and have an ‘open door’ policy. If parents/carers would like to meet privately with staff we ask that you make an appointment.

Kind regards,

Ms Rebecca Hancock.

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### Upcoming Events

**TERM 1 WEEK 2 – 2 February 2015**

**Tuesday 3 February**
3.20pm—P & C Meeting

**Thursday 5 February**
9am Badge Ceremony & School Assembly

**Wednesday 11 February**
Principal meeting—Ms Hancock away

**Thursday 12 February**
9am School Photos

**Friday 13 February**
9am Life Education Van

**Saturday 14 February**
Bendemeer Rodeo—Past and present students are asked to sing the National Anthem.

**Monday 2 March—6 March**
Scitech Week

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**School banking is available each Thursday.**

**Bank books need to be in by 9:00 am. No exceptions.**

See Mrs Britten on Wednesday/Thursday or Friday for further details.

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**Office Enquiries**

We ask that parents/carers **DO NOT enter the office** at any time. Please access the office through the window in the foyer. It is inappropriate for parents/carers to be in the office due to the confidential nature of school documents.
Clash of Dates

Unfortunately, there is a clash of dates for the Life Education Van and the Cockburn Swimming Carnival which will be held in Nundle. Both of these events are on Friday 13 February 2015.

Please appreciate that changing the dates of the Life Education Van is not possible. As a result, Bendemeer Public School will not be attending the Cockburn Swimming Carnival. Qualifying students will still be eligible to attend the next representative level.

If individual families would like to attend the carnival please see Mrs Britten for further information.

Private Vehicle Conveyance Subsidy

Please complete the private Vehicle Conveyance form before the end of this term to ensure that payment is received. Post to:

PVC Returns
Locked Bag 5085
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Please do NOT return them to the school.

If you did not receive a form and would like one please see Mrs Britten on Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays.

P&C Meeting

NEXT MEETING:
February 3
3:20 pm

School Photos

Our school photos will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2015.

School Hours

School opens at 8:30am

Please ensure that your children do not arrive early.