A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2016 school year and to the choices and opportunities it presents to us. A special welcome to the new students and their families who have joined the Liwara community this year. This includes families who are enjoying the exciting experience of having their first child start Kindy and Pre Kindy - 3 Year Old Program. May the time ahead be rewarding for all.

We look forward to working as a team. Parent’s enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school as are the skills, dedication and professionalism of our teachers and support staff.

I thank all involved in facilitating a smooth transition into the new school year. The students for their eagerness to begin and their positive outlook, the parents for ensuring their children were well prepared and ready to start with all the things they needed and the staff who have put in many hours of additional work to ensure all was in readiness to welcome the children. As we move into the new year we have great expectations for what it holds and anticipate only the best to come out of it.

The students leaving the school grounds, without an adult, at the end of the day must report to the teacher on duty at the three designated areas, outlined below. Children will not be permitted to go to cars parked in parking bays without adult supervision.

1. Lower Car Park & Drive Through
   Students are to gather at the pedestrian gate at the base of the steps leading up to the Staff Room. The drive through lane has been increased to two & there is now a no parking zone closest to the grassed area (bay markings have been painted over). The lower parking area is for Parents Only and staff are now parking in the Staff Only grassed area. NB this area will be re-painted with revised markings once I am assured we have ‘got it right’. We will continue to use witches hats to indicate the drive through lanes.

   PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE DUTY TEACHER AS THEY WILL BE DIRECTING TRAFFIC TO MOVE THROUGH TO THE TOP OF THE PICK UP/DRIVE THROUGH LANE.
   DO NOT STOP IN THE YELLOW MARKED RECTANGLE (pictured to the right).

END OF DAY STUDENT PICK UP
On behalf of the staff, I would like to extend our sincere thanks for your cooperation and understanding of our updated end of day pick up procedures, in all areas. As the safety of all our students is paramount, especially when there are vehicles involved, we have decided to hone the end of day pick up procedures. The children were all ‘walked through’ the pick up zones and updated processes and we as a staff wanted to run a few days of trial, to ensure that what we thought was in the best interest of our students, actually works successfully.

A PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

Loving God, look upon our students. Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them to persevere in their achievements and give them the desire to learn all things well. Look upon our teachers and let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavour always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that students and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life, forever and ever. Amen
If you are parking in the Lower Car Park to go into the school to pick up your children, please keep them with you on your way out as we have had some ‘near misses’ with children running out of the school unaccompanied. When you are leaving the car park please merge into the drive through lanes (around towards the freeway side and around the car parking area) and if you are parked facing the grassed area please enter the drive through lanes with caution. If you are parked on the road verge or upper car park, please walk inside the gate and exit from the pedestrian gate where the duty teacher is stationed.

2. Upper Car Park & Drive Through:
The pedestrian gate at the top of the pathway closest to the Year 5 classrooms. Please use this drive through, with teacher direction, as it is intended to be used and do not inconvenience other parents by parking and/or leaving your vehicle in the drive through lane. Please use the parking bays if you are leaving your car for any length of time and use caution when joining the drive through access.

3. Oval Car Park:
For the safety of our students leaving the school to be picked up from the oval car park, we ask that all students are to be collected by an adult from the duty teacher in the supervised area, on the oval. The students will all wait for the teacher on duty at the top of the double gate ramp and walk down together to the supervised area where they will be dismissed when their significant adult comes to collect them. Parents who park in the Church Car Park will need to walk to the supervised area to collect the student. If this causes any difficulties for parents/grandparents you are encouraged to use the Lower Car Park drive through, which has been improved as the lanes have been widened for easier access and the teacher on duty will be directing traffic and making the cars flow through at a steady pace.

So that we are assured the students are always getting safely to their adult picking them up at the end of each day, we have made some minor changes and we are asking parents to choose a pick up zone that suits their needs. Please be patient as we give this trial period the recognition and support it deserves, for the safety of our students.

4. Students walking home:
If your child is currently walking home, unaccompanied by an adult, or could be on occasions, could you please inform their classroom teacher, and their name will be added to the list we already have in place. Thank you to those parents who have already indicated this to their class teacher/s for 2016, via school diary, note or email.

5. Students on bicycles:
If your child rides or will be riding a bicycle to and from school this year, could you please let their class teacher know and a whole school list will be collated and kept in the office for reference. Thank you to those parents who have already indicated this to the child’s new classroom teacher.

IMPORTANT TERM DATES
For important events, pupil free days and school holidays, please click on the link below to view the Term Calendars for 2016.

2016 Term Calendars

God bless

Andrea Millar

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