From the Principal’s Desk…

Welcome back to a new and exciting year at Kurrajong North! It was really wonderful to see our Year 1-6 students arrive back last week in their full school uniforms. Thank you to all of our parents for making sure our students returned looking smart and dressed appropriately.

On Monday we welcomed 17 new kindergarten students who have settled into their school life very easily. They arrive every day keen and ready to learn. On their first day they took home a photo of themselves inside their ‘first day’ frame. I have included those photographs later in the newsletter.
Swimming Carnival

Thank you again to Ms Hanly for her wonderful organisation of our swimming carnival. Ms Hanly took 27 students to Richmond Pool last Tuesday where they competed enthusiastically and with wonderful sportsmanship in their chosen events. A squad of 22 students will represent our school at the Small Schools’ Carnival next Tuesday.

Medallions will be presented to the age champions at a forthcoming assembly.

Thank you to Ms Hanly for her organisation and to both Mrs Cobcroft and Mrs Wilson for their assistance with administration. Thank you also to the parents who assisted with time keeping and organisation on the day. As always we are very grateful for your help. Our carnival would not be a success nor would it run smoothly without the co-operation of our parents.

Good luck to those students who will be representing us at the Small Schools’ Carnival.

Congratulations

A belated congratulation to our amazing Ava for having her artwork highly commended in the local member Christmas Card competition. The member for Hawkesbury, Dominic Perrottet, informed Ava during the holidays of her win. Ava received a book voucher for her hard work.

Text Book Charges

All students have been issued with their text books to enable formal lessons to begin straight away. Mrs Cobcroft has already sent home text book and online learning costs for each grade ($80 per student). We would appreciate prompt payment of your account as the school covers the cost of all textbooks and online learning charges until your payment is received. We try very hard to keep costs to a minimum by not imposing school fees. If you are unable to make the full payment all at once then we are happy to accept fortnightly payments.
**New Library**

I have been informed by the Department of Education that our new library is currently being refurbished in Newcastle and should be installed mid to late March. I met with Departmental representatives and builders during the holidays to determine the best position for this new building and it has been decided to put it on the hill behind the admin building. Exciting times ahead for Kurrajong North! A huge thank you to staff and students for their patience during this time of change. Library lessons will still take place while we wait for our new building however borrowing of books for students has been suspended until the new library opens.

**Meet the teacher**

Next Wednesday night will provide an opportunity for you to meet your child’s teacher. This meeting will allow the class teacher to provide you with a broad outline of the curriculum as well as your child’s teacher’s expectations for the year ahead. Please remember that these sessions are only 25 minutes long and are not an opportunity to discuss individual students.

**Scripture Classes**

These classes will begin on Tuesday February 16. Once again we offer Anglican and Catholic Scripture groups. If you would like to change your child’s scripture group or you no longer wish your child to attend classes then please send a note to the class teacher.

Best wishes for a great fortnight.

*Rosemary Richardson*

**P&C News**

**CANTEEN**

A gentle reminder from our Canteen committee that volunteers are needed to assist in the running of canteen on Fridays. Lucy Baranowski is available to train you. Please call Lucy on 0415067423 if you can help.

**UNIFORM**

The uniform shop has a large number of second hand uniforms available. These uniforms are available at no cost.

**MEETING**

Our next meeting is on February 15 at the new starting time of 6pm. Everyone is welcome!
Award Winners From Assembly Week 2

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