From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for what is going to be a fun filled and very busy 2014. The year has started off with a bang. Over the Christmas holidays we saw the enrolments of the school take a considerable drop. This has impacted greatly on our numbers and our staffing. Please be informed that I am communicating with staffing to do what I can for the best possible solution to keep all staff at our school. If a school has an enrolment of 21 students and has a child in every year level we are entitled to 1.5 teachers. Sadly, we have an enrolment of 20. We need one more student to enrol.

A school with an enrolment of 20 students is entitled to 1 fulltime teacher only. HOWEVER, I have very good news. Throughout the conversations that I have been having with HR I have been able to offer Mrs Saal a .5 teaching position at the school. The teacher aides will maintain most of their hours as well. This is great news as Mrs Saal and myself have been planning a strong literacy and numeracy program across the whole school. This will look different from previous year with the main outcome to lift student achievement levels.

Sadly, this will come at a cost to other staff members. Mrs Katie Woodside will now be relocated to another school in the DDSW. Mrs Woodside has kindly given up her position at this school so Mrs Saal can stay on. Thank you Katie. I hope it is not the last that we see of Mrs Woodside at our school.

I have spent the last week knocking on doors and visiting houses looking for potential enrolments in our school. As a community member can I ask that you talk to any new resident's in Greenmount and promote our school. Please pass on my details or ask if it is OK if I visit them.

We welcome our new staff members to the school. Mrs Adele McKenzie is a very experienced music teacher has returned to our school. Mrs McKenzie has a great passion for teaching music and is very excited to return to Greenmount. Music is now delivered on a Thursday afternoon as well as Art. All students are participating in art lessons. At the moment they are busy completing art for the Clifton Show.

Tomorrow on parade Chappie Matt will say goodbye and introduce Chappie Carl to our parents and students. Carl is filling in as our chappie until the position is filled in the near future.

Hello Everybody,
I’m Katie Woodside, the new teacher you may have seen floating around the school. Thank you to everyone for giving me such a warm Greenmount welcome. A little about myself…I’m returning to teaching after some time away on maternity leave. Our family has lived over near Nobby for about four years now. I’m really looking forward to spending time with your children this year. I’ll mostly be about all day Thursdays and Friday mornings. Please don’t hesitate to contact me for any reason.

Important Dates

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Clifton Show Feb 14th—16th

Next weekend is the Clifton show. The students are hard at work finishing their hand writing for the Primary schools section and also their posters for the Technology section. They all look fantastic and hopefully Greenmount will bring home some awards.

We would like to also encourage all students to maybe put entries into the other children’s section of the show. The entry fee is minimal and it is a real buzz for the kids to see their item on display at the show. There is sections for Photography, knitting, crochet, card making, lego etc etc.

Joey Scouts HOP into 2014

Clifton Scout Group is reforming the Clifton Joey Scout Mob in 2014. The first Mob meeting for children aged 6 and 7 years old will be held from 4 pm to 5 pm on Friday 31st January at the Scout Hut, 5 Davenport Street, Clifton.

HOP (Help Other People) is the motto of the Joey Scout section. The level of interest expressed at a meeting held at the end of last year justified reforming the Joey Scout Mob. Group Leader, Ian Gregory will be involved in running the Mob activities until a Joey Scout Leader is recruited and trained.

Clifton Scout Group will now offer programs for Joey Scouts, aged 6 and 7 years, Cub Scouts, aged 8 to 10 years, and Scouts, aged 10 to 14 years old, for youth from Allora to Greenmount and Leyburn to Pilton. For further information about Scouting in Clifton and surrounding districts contact Group Leader Ian Gregory on 4697 3553 or at cliftonscoutgroup@live.com.au.