Wednesday 1st February, 2012
Week 2 - Term 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to a great 2012 at our fabulous school. It was exciting to have all our students return plus a couple of new ones. We welcome Bria in Year 4 and Brianna in Year 4. Our 25 new kindies will join us on Thursday.

As always the task of assigning students to classes is never easy and takes hours of collaborative discussion with teachers. Unfortunately we have lost 1 class and numbers across the school ranged from 41 in Year 6 to 25 in Kindy. We NOW have 8 mainstream classes. Our 2 language classes, and 1 reading class are for Term 1 only at this stage.

This year staff have decided to name classes after Australian Animals. Classes and teachers are:

- K Koalas  Mrs Samuels
- K/1 Possums  Mrs McDermott(2 days) Miss McFayden(3days)
- 1/2 Wombats  Mrs Stenhouse(3days) Mrs Woodbridge(2days)
- 2/3 Echidnas  Mrs Pitts(3days) Mrs McBlane(2days)
- 3/4 Bilbies  Miss Ryan
- 4/5 Penguins  Mrs Owens
- 5/6 Wallabies  Mr Mathews
- 6 Kookaburras Mrs Fletcher
- K/1 Quolls Language Class  Mrs Traynor
- 1/2 Geckos Language Class  Mrs Dorahy

Mrs Elkins will have the reading class.

Mrs Burke is in the Library (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
Mrs Gardiner — Release from face to face (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
Mrs McBlane — Support Teacher Learning (Wednesday, Thursday)
Mrs Woodbridge — Special Programs (Wednesday morning)

I know children will settle quickly using their Getting Along and Resilience Skills.

I would like to thank 2 of our wonderful teachers aides (SLSO’s) Miss Lindsay Bell and Mrs Karon Maggiotto. We are unable to employ them this year due to funding cuts. They have both been valuable members of our school staff. In particular Karon has volunteered her time and her talents in art to support enrichment groups, murals, posters and backdrops over the years at G.S.P.S. Thankyou so much Karon.

On Monday we held elections for our Sports Captains in readiness for our Swimming Carnival next Monday Coughlans.

Congratulations to the following students:

- Kendall — Gemma Baker, Damon Coppetti, Sophie Higgins, Hayden Jones
- Paterson — Luca Palmieri, Callum Slinn, Khatana Roberts, Sami Bawden
- Lawson — Callum Stone, Caleb Newitt, Courtney Wiltshire, Gracie Lloyd,

I know these students will do a fantastic job.

Thankyou to everyone for how quickly students settled into new roles and for parental support.

Jo Swadling
## DATES TO REMEMBER — (Please note the newsletter is on our website each week.)

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### Canteen Roster

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### PLEASE NOTE*****

The newsletter will come home via youngest member of the family. A new form will go home to renew newsletter by email.

Congratulations to Madeline Summers who is representing Newcastle Hunter in Basketball.

### 2012 School Leaders

Kheilani, Josie, Lucas, Luka, Henry
Jye, Jordan, Josh

### House Captains—2012

Gemma, Damon, Sophie, Hayden, Luca, Callum, Khatana, Sami, Callum, Caleb, Courtney, Gracie
Adamstown Rosebud Junior Football Club - Player registration days will be held at Adamstown Park (Popran Road, Adamstown) on Sunday 29 January 2012 and Sunday 5 February 2012 from 9am to 12noon and on Tuesday 1 February 2012, Wednesday 2 February 2012 and Thursday 2 February 2012 from 5pm to 7pm.

Teams for boys and girls of all abilities from Under 6's to all ages. For further details email: secretary_arjfc@bigpond.com

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Kotara Bears JRLFC

Under 6’s to Under 18’s

Registration Days at
Hudson Park:
(Behind Westfield Kotara)
Sunday 5th February 2012
11am to 4pm
and
Sunday 12th February
11am to 4pm

For further details contact
Kotara Bears on 0401251237

New players need to bring their Birth Certificate.

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SOUTHERN CROSS

TAE KWON DO

ACADEMY

For Men Women & Children (from 5 years)

CARDIFF—John Young Community Hall, Thomas St

Mon: 5.30pm—6.30pm

OTHER Tae Kwon Do Classes: Broadmeadow, Dudley, The Junction, Wallsend
Speech and Drama Classes

- Have fun in small groups
- Build confidence
- Improve speech & communication skills
- Learn drama, mime & theatrical skills

Contact
Michelle Clipsham’s Speech and Drama Studio 0249 593 506
madrama@optusnet.com.au & on