Wednesday’s Word

Welcome back everyone, it’s wonderful to be back. It certainly makes a difference from -12 degrees at the top of a snow covered mountain in Hakuba, Japan! I hope you enjoyed your break.

**Dates for your calendar:**

**Best Start** – Kindergarten Assessment – Tuesday the 4th of February.
**Healthy Harold Excursion** – Edgeworth – Monday the 24th of February.
**Small Schools Swimming** – To be confirmed...
**Easter hat Parade and BBQ** – Friday the 11th April (which is also the last day of term 1)

**Best Start** – is a government initiative to provide a baseline test for all students in Kindergarten. The assessment covers sounds, letter recognition, vocabulary, phonics, writing, reading and numeracy. The information gathered gives the teachers a clear outline of what level your child is at upon entry into Kindergarten and allows us to use this information to cater for their needs. A report will be sent home some time after the assessment that gives you information on where they are and what sorts of things you may do to support them at home.

**Notes for Absences** Please send in notes for your child’s absence upon returning to school.

**P&C** the first P&C meeting for term 1 is on Monday afternoon the 17th of March in the K12 room. It starts at about 3.15 and all are welcome.

**School Banking** Please send your school bank book in on Mondays if you would like to run an account. We have attached a form if you would like to open a new account and also there are some changes in the Dollarmites program if you are already a member.

**Uniforms** At the end of last year we received another order of school shirts. They are available for purchase at $20 each. The shorts for all students are royal blue. Wide brimmed hats are the only hat allowed at school and are also on sale for $7.

**Lunch Orders** Our canteen runs everyday and is very limited. It is more of an emergency provision where lunches are heated in a pie oven. Please order from Mr Mac first thing when you arrive at school.

**School Newsletters** are available on our website and are given out every Wednesday.

**School Mobile** Whenever we leave the school or if there is a power outage we will use the school mobile. You may also receive a group text from school if there is a catastrophic fire warning. In this situation our school will be notified after 4pm on the day before the closure, so texting is the only viable option for contact. If our school is closed our students and staff have the provision of attending Toronto PS for the duration of the closure. The school mobile number is: **0439 648 017**

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Pool Day

I give permission for my child/children ____________________________to travel by bus to Speers Point Pool on Wednesday the 18th of December 2013.

The bus leaves school at 9.30am and will leave the pool at 2.15pm for a return near home time.

I would like to pay for _____ extra tickets. (extra tickets are only for yourself and other non-school children)

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ____________