To Parents & Friends of Koorlong Primary School
Welcome to the start of the 2014 school year.
Principal- Stuart Pain
Grade P-2 teacher- Rachelle Pain: Monday- Thursday
Grade 2-4 teacher- Alana Driscoll: Monday-Friday
Grade 3-6 teacher- Courtney Bailey: Monday-Thursday
Education Support- Fiona Moore
Office- Christine Carson
Myself, Ms Driscoll and Mr Torney (visiting MARC Van) will be taking the school each Friday.

SCHOOL DAY TIMES
8.45-9am- Classrooms open 8.45, students in P-4 change home readers and read.
9-11am- Literacy session
11-11.30am- Recess
11.30-12.50- Numeracy block
12.50-1.30pm- Spelling Program
1.30-2.15pm- Lunch
2.15-3.15pm- Inquiry learning, eg personal learning, sport, values, health etc..

It is vitally important your child is at school on time, as you can see from the timetable there is no time to waste, classes will start at 9am and if your child is even 5 minutes late they will miss the introduction and expectations for the lesson (mini lesson.) Please ensure your child/ren are at school by 9am. I will inform you by phone if your child is late to school if they are walking or riding.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Again this year there is no funding for Fresh fruit Friday, unless we can obtain some free fresh fruit from a parent or local business. If you can assist with this please see me at school.

SCHOOL LEVY
School levy payment is $200 per child for the year or $180 if you put your name on the mowing/working bee roster. Payment can be made now for 2014 or in instalments throughout next year. The levy covers the cost of all the students supplies, eg pens pencils, internet, books (see attached sheet for more detail), 4 excursions and the swimming program which is in August. Please finalise payments (if paying in full) by the end of February.

GROUNDS AND GARDENS
Thanks to Kurt Seier for regularly mowing and watering the lawns over the holiday. I have a mowing roster being worked on at school which will be published in the newsletter regularly. If you are able to help out with gardening or mowing the lawns please contact me at school.

COMPUTER LAPTOP LEASE 2014
I am organising the laptops that some children are leasing through the school and these will go home next week. Children in grades 3-6 will have the option of leasing a laptop from the school for $50 a term, which can be used for personal use at home, but must be brought to school each day. The laptops will be used for homework tasks and the children will be expected to email these tasks to their teacher. If you do not have internet at home, when the children get to school they can email it to their teacher. Like it or not computers are the way of the future and we do not want any children to be left without the necessary skills for life in Secondary College and in adult life. If you would like to take up a lease please see me at school as soon as possible. Grade P-2 children have access to the bank of school laptops.

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES
The students in grades 3-6 have been given their own pencil case with pencils, rulers, scissors, sharpeners, grey lead etc on the presumption that parents will pay the school levy. It is the child’s responsibility to look after their own gear. If the pencil case or any of its contents are lost then I will be requesting that the parent replace all lost items.

HEAD LICE
We are checking hair every Wednesday. Please continue to be vigilant at home and check and treat any eggs or head lice that are found. As per school policy children found to have head lice will be removed from other students until the end of the day. We are trying to eradicate head lice for the good of all children not just the ones who have it. Please tie up your children's hair into plaits or a bun etc and do your bit at home to assist us.
Lunch Orders
Students can order their lunch from the Koorlong shop only on a Friday. Order sheets can be collected from the school or the shop. Orders with money go to the shop Friday morning.

Preps
The preps will have every Wednesday at home for February. They will begin 5 day weeks in March.

Assembly
School assembly will be held every Tuesday from 3-3.15pm. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

Homework
For the P-6’s will be reading and a short spelling activity every week night. Please see your teacher if you are unsure of what is required for the homework task.

EMA
If you are the holder of a centrelink concession card you may be eligible for EMA/Education Maintenance Allowance which is a small amount of money that goes towards your child’s education. We have forms at school which must be logged at school by 28th Feb. You also need to bring in the concession card so we can view it.

Hot Lunches
We will continue to heat up lunches for children on Tuesday and Thursday (NOT TOMORROW).
To make it easier for your child and us the food must be wrapped in tin foil and be named.
Also any day a child wants their normal lunch eg chicken or ham or salad sandwich put in the fridge we will have a basket go around to rooms to collect them, please make sure they too are named.

2014 Term dates
Term 1: 28 January (school teachers start) to 4 April
Term 2: 22 April (Tuesday) to 27 June
Term 3: 14 July to 19 September
Term 4: 6 October to 19 December