FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year. All students have settled back into their classes well.

The only changes we have had for 2014 is Class 2 has a new teacher, Mrs Mieka Skein, who was appointed to Gadara School towards the end of last term. Mieka fills the vacancy that was left by Mr Chris Till.

Most students remain in the same classes as 2013 except for our 2014 Year 7 students who have moved from Class 1 to Class 2.

Swimming school begins next week, so we are off to a busy start.

Moira Kingwill (Principal)

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Some happy faces pleased to be back at school……..

HATS

A reminder to all families to PLEASE send a hat to school for your child. This year Gadara School has a “NO HAT NO PLAY” rule, which means all students will be required to wear a hat when outside. If students do not have a hat they will sit under cover on the verandah.
2014 CLASSES

The school has 20 enrolments this year, making up three classes.

Class 1 teacher is Mrs Liz Rose, with Mrs Robyn Hotston and Mrs Leisa Sturt sharing the role of School Learning Support Officer (SLSO). Mrs Hotston will work on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, while Mrs Sturt will work Tuesdays and Fridays.

Class 2 teacher is Mrs Mieka Skein, with Mrs Fran Butler as SLSO, while Class 3 teacher is Mrs Elise O'Sullivan, with SLSO Mrs Melanie Jackson.

Mrs Heidi Casey will be at the school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and will cover release from face-to-face, and also the library. We are also lucky this term to have the services of Mrs Ali Owers as Support Teacher Transition. Mrs Owers will support students transitioning from school to work and also support teachers when the Speech Therapist visits.

Mr Rip Bye is our new general assistant and will work every Monday. Mr Bye replaces Mr David Hotston who retired last year after four years with the school.

SWIMMING

All families have received a note outlining the annual swimming program, which is commencing on Monday, February 3. Please ensure you child comes to school with their swimmers, a towel, hat, and sunscreen. There is a cost of $1.80 per day. This can be paid daily or in a lump sum of $18. Due to the extreme hot weather, all students must wear a rash vest/t-shirt when swimming. Students can bring thongs to wear to and from the pool, as the cement is very hot on their feet.

RDA NOTES

RDA notes for 2014 have been sent home. If you would like your child to attend RDA this year please complete the forms and return to school. All riders attending in 2014 MUST complete a new medical form. Gadara School’s allocated riding time is Thursdays from 10.15 to 11am.

2013 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Any family who did not receive a School Magazine last year please contact the school to receive your copy. The magazine can also be purchased for $5 if any families would like to give a copy to friends or family members, or they know of someone who may like one.

DRINK BOTTLES

With the hot weather reaching over the 40° mark, please ensure your child has a drink bottle. Students are being encouraged to drink water regularly during the day.