

### Staff Training

Next week Mrs Parker will travel to Newcastle to complete two days of training for the MiniLit program. This program will be implemented back at school to assist those students who need further support with sounds and sight words.

### Years 3-4-5 Class Essentials

All students in 3/4/5 will need the following

- 1 red pen
- 1 blue or black pen
- 1 lead pencil
- 1 eraser
- 1 sharpener
- 1 ruler
- 1 glue stick
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 highlighter.

These items are essential items that are required in the classroom everyday. It is expected that students will have their essential items by the end of week 3.

### Swimming Success

On the weekend, Andrew Harris attended two carnivals: one at Tamworth and one at Werris Creek. He performed well and gained 6 medals.

Gold - 9 & under 100m Butterfly

9 & under 100m Freestyle

9 yrs 50m Butterfly

9yrs 50m Freestyle

Silver - 12 & under 200m Freestyle

9 yrs 50m Breaststroke.

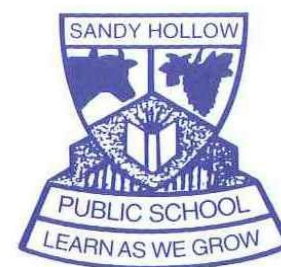
What an awesome result.

Well done, Andrew.



### Invoices

Students will receive invoices this week for school fees and text books.



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Welcome back. I trust everyone has had a 'relaxing' holiday and are ready to start the new year.

A big welcome to our new Kindergarten students - Gabbie McLean, Thomas McLean, Shykiah Walters and Taylan Blackhurst-Marsh.

A big welcome also to some new students - Shaneka Marsh, Mason Meyer and Landon Meyer.

We have some wonderful learning experiences organised for our students this term. We will be joining Merriwa Central for a zoo visit. We will be travelling to Murrurundi for an Aboriginal Cultural Day and Healthy Harold will visit late in the term. Mrs Parker has organised MILO cricket to start in week 4.

### Staff Development Day

All teaching staff attended a training day at King St Public School last Wednesday. They had the opportunity to work with Professor Jenny Gore around the topic of Quality Teaching. Professor Gore shared her work/research that she has done around what is quality teaching. Later in the day, staff learnt how to code lessons. They watched a lesson, coded it against the quality teaching framework, then discussed their score. The next phase of this project will involve one member of our staff joining a team of three teachers from other schools. Each team member will teach while the others code and feedback their thoughts. In the future, all lesson observation will take place using this process.

### Sports in Schools

Late last year we were successful in gaining a sports in schools grant. This will mean that we can offer a wider variety of sporting activities at no cost to the students. Our first sports activity will be MILO cricket, which starts in a few weeks. The grant will cover all costs for MILO cricket, making the program free to students.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**P&C Meeting                      Thurs 18th Feb**  
**AGM & February General Meeting**  
**2pm in the Music Room**  
**All Welcome**

### Canteen

**No canteen until after the P&C meeting**

**Next Toybox - Monday 15th February**

### Claim the Date

- Milo cricket begins Thurs 18th February