Welcome back to everyone, with a special welcome to our new families.

Welcome to Noah (Year 4), River (Reception), Orlando (Year 6) and Ruby (Year 2).

Welcome to our new RECEPTIONS! Mikey, Kalais, River, Noah and Riley

The staff at Stansbury Primary School would also like to extend a special welcome to Mrs Kim Black who will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays, Mrs Charlotte Nankivell who will be working in the front office on Thursdays and Fridays, and Mr Travis Gray who will be working as a classroom SSO in both classes. I’m sure everyone will make them feel welcome.

Finally I would like to personally welcome Anna and Clint, parents of Orlando, Noah, Ruby, River and Laeken (who is yet to start school), and Karly mother of Riley and Kelsey (who is at Kindy this year).
Communication

Communication with school can be done through many different channels. Firstly I will communicate school reminders and notices about consent forms coming home etc through text messages. The school mobile phone number is 0408 855 279. This form of communication can also be used to report student absence for the day or contact me if required. The school phone number is 88524286, this is to the front office where information can be left and passed on the required person or student, enquiries can be made etc Janette and Charlotte are only too happy to help. Each child has a school diary. This will be used by the classroom teachers and is your direct link to them. Planned absence, acknowledgement of students learning, organisation of meetings with the classroom teachers can all be done through this diary. Finally, the family communication folder. This is a clear plastic folder that is sent home with the eldest child in the family. In here will be newsletters approximately once a fortnight with their main focus being a celebration of student learning, consent form that need to be signed and returned to school, and any other written communication you receive from the school. Please empty this folder when it is sent home, return anything that needs returning in it and send it back to school. If nothing is to be returned back to school then please just return it empty the following day.

Coming home tonight in the communication folder are this year’s permissions and updated information. Please read through these carefully and return them to school by Friday 5th February. Once I have all then folders back I will send out a welcome text to the mobile number supplied to make sure I have the correct numbers.

Henley Life Saving Day

As with other years the Henley Life Saving club will be coming over this weekend for their “Big Row” fundraiser. The life savers will be rowing over the gulf to Adelaide on Saturday morning. As always we are fortunate enough to spend the afternoon on the beach with them completing some surf safety activities. You will find attached to the newsletter a waiver form and a consent form that must be returned to school by Friday 5th February.

On Friday students will need to bring a hat that can go in the water, swimming gear which must include a t-shirt that can go in the water, shoes that can go in the water and a drink bottle. Students will be walking down to the beach at 12:45pm and will be dismissed from the beach. If your child walks or rides home please make sure there is a note in their diaries giving permission for them to leave from down the beach on their own. If there is no note the children will be walked back to school. Any child that does not have a parent to collect them from the beach will also be walked back to school.

Data Interviews

Throughout week 2 the children will be going through a set of assessments to gauge where the student is at either for the first time or comparing it from the end of the year last year. All parents will be asked to attend an interview with the classroom teacher in week three to go through these assessments and have a quick discussion about the goals we would like the children to achieve this year. A sheet of interview times will be sent home next week.
Reading
This year ALL students have a reading/home folder which will contain their homework as well as a reader folder and a reader diary. It is the schools expectation that the children will read aloud to a parent for 5-10 min each night depending of their age. This reading is to be logged in the students’ reader diary and to be returned to school every day to be signed off by the teacher. Should the student not be reading at home they will make up this reading at school the following day in their own time – either lunch or recess.
If any students still have their blue reader bags with their names on them from last year could they pleased be returned to the school ASAP.

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I would like to finish off with wishing everyone a safe and happy 2016 school year. I know the staff is really excited to see the students learn and grow over the next four terms and I hope you are as well. Please remember to keep in contact with the school, ask questions as they arise – there is no such thing as a silly question! We welcome any parents wanting to be a part of our school governing council or fundraising committee, come in and listen to children read, or just call in before school and afterschool for a social chat.

Kim Hoskins