Welcome back all students, staff and parents to Fassifern Public School for the 2016 Academic Year. I would also like to specially welcome our new families who have joined our school community this year. I have included with this Newsletter a copy of the Term Calendar. Please keep this in a prominent place in your home and add or delete events as you are notified. The children been placed in their classes for 2016 and are all very settled. Again we have 3 classes K/1 Mrs O’Neill, 2/3 Mrs Clarke and 4/5/6 Mr Mooney.

Library
All classes will be having Library on Tuesday this year. Please ensure your child brings their Library bag on this day. School Library bags are available from the office for $10.00. All children will be encouraged to borrow regularly.

Occupation Therapy
This year we will be running an O/T program 4 afternoons a week from 2.10pm -2.55pm. The session will be divided into two to cater for a younger and older group and will consist of max. 4 children. The activities will include Body Awareness and Sensory, Fine Motor and Visual Motor Integration, Gross and Fine Motor and Visual Perception. Some children have already been identified through counsellor intervention and others through checklists and O/T recommendations. The parents of students identified will receive a letter and also weekly information on the targeted area, so parents can reinforce at home.

Class 2/3 Music
This year, as part of the music program, I will be teaching the students in class 2/3 to play the recorder. The school has purchased recorders and they are will be available to purchase from our office from next Monday 8th at $5.00 each. It is important that the students have their own instrument so they can practise at home.

Assembly
Our first school Assembly for parents will be Week 4 Friday 19th February, as we are having a student practice next week and Week 3 is Small Schools Swimming Carnival.
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**Office reminders**

**Welcome back!**

- Student banking is on Tuesdays.
- Dance payments due
  
  0447 224 900

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**Office News!**

- New mobile number for text messages only - 0447 224 900
- Book Club Issue 1 is accompanying the Newsletter & is due back 18/02/16
- Eftpos is now available for Payments
- Laptops are currently being installed in the Library. Thanks to the P and C.
- Opal Cards have gone to home address’s now. If you would like to check your child’s eligibility for a SSTS opal card would you please check and apply online at:
  
  Transportnsw.info/school-students

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**Student of the Week**

To kick off 2016 we have chosen Preston Como as our “Student of the Week”.

Preston was chosen this week for his positive attitude and enthusiasm. He has been particularly helpful in his classroom with the new students coming up into Year 2 and has shown his maturity and co-operative nature in all he has attempted. Well done Preston, we are glad you have settled in so easily to your new look class for 2016.

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**K/1 News**

Our wonderful K/1 students have had a happy and smooth start to the 2016 school year. The Year 1s have transitioned well into their new grade level and they have been great role models for our new students. Kinder have started school with big smiles and an eagerness to learn. They have settled well into routines and I genuinely look forward to teaching this lovely group of children. Keep up the enthusiasm, K/1!

Mrs O’Neill
P and C News
Welcome back to the new year!
Our P and C are already planning behind the scenes to make 2016 an amazing year. We have a number of fundraising ideas in the works to get out to our lovely families. Our first meeting is this Thursday the 11th of February and we would love to see any parents. This meeting we will be focussing on our fundraising ideas for this year and our list for fundraising goals.
We would love to see you there!
Jacqueline Lockett

Canteen News
♦ Volunteers are needed for this Friday to help prepare and clean the canteen ready to start preparing meals next week. Please contact Kaylene on 4959 9627 if you are able to help
♦ Once again this year canteen will be run on Wednesdays and Fridays. With the first open day on Wednesday 10th February.
Come and Try Baseball
Sunday Feb 14
9am-12pm

Waterboard Oval, Fennell Crescent Blackalls Park.

Boys and Girls between 4.5yrs and 16yrs

Come and play Hockey with Souths Girls

South Newcastle Junior Girls Hockey Club is looking for new players
Girls aged 4-18 and Boys 4-9

All training and games are played on the synthetic turf at Broadmeadow

Training is Mondays 4.15-5.15 starting 9th February 2016.

Come and Try/Registration day Monday 9th February 2016

Contact Sue Evans 0415 906 234 dkevo@bigpond.com
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