

## **SCHOOL SERVICES**

### **Medical Services**

Hearing and vision examinations are carried out at the school by the Community Health Service when your child first starts school. You will be advised beforehand when the medicals will be, as it is desirable that you attend. In addition the Community Health Service will provide hearing and sight tests for children at the Community Centre on recommendation from class teachers. Parents will be consulted and be responsible for taking children to the Centre.

### ***Immunisation***

When your child starts school you **must** present information in writing stating whether or not your child has been immunised against each of the seven vaccine preventable childhood diseases. Should an outbreak of any of the diseases occur the school would be able to identify those non-immunised students who may be required to stay at home for the duration of the outbreak.

### ***Dental***

A children's dental facility is located at the redeveloped Derwent Valley Community Health Centre, Circle Street, New Norfolk. Bookings can be made by phoning 6262 2850. For emergency treatment phone the New Town Dental Centre on 6214 5411.

### **School Psychologist**

A guidance officer visits the school, usually once each week. The School Psychologist is available to provide educational assessments and counselling when students are referred by the school.

### **Speech Therapy**

A speech pathologist visits the school on a regular basis and conducts a program for children with speech irregularities on recommendation from class teachers. Parents may request this service through the principal.

### **Social Worker**

A social worker visits the school on a weekly basis and is available to assist families having difficulties. Parents may request this service through the principal or by contacting the social worker direct.

### **Banking**

The Commonwealth Bank provides a student banking service. The P & F facilitate the student banking every Tuesday and children's bank books should be sent to the office by 9.00 am. Forms for children wishing to take part in this service will be sent home early in the year.

## Newsletter

The school informs parents of important school events and miscellaneous information by the distribution of a school newsletter each Friday. The newsletter is distributed to the eldest child in each family and parents are asked to read it to keep up with school events.

## Library (Information Literacy Centre)

The school library has an excellent selection of fiction and non-fiction books available for children to borrow. These are added to each year by purchases made from funds provided by the State Government and the Parents and Friends Association. Parents are welcome to borrow books as well. A part-time library teacher works with classes each week teaching basic library skills and Information Literacy skills. Children use a computerised system to access information and to locate reading and research resources. The library has also been developed to provide access to Information Technology with supervised access to the Internet and a wide range of multi-media resources.

## Excursions & Camps

The school program is complemented by educational excursions. Parents will be asked to sign a consent form for minor and local excursions on enrolment. Additional parental permission is required before children are allowed to take part in any major excursion (eg overnight/camp). Sometimes overnight camps may be organised for some classes but this is at the discretion of the teachers involved.

## Physical Education & Sport

We have a **Daily PE** program for all students from Prep to grade 6, which is run by our Aussie Sports Leaders for fifteen minutes in the afternoon.

Our PE teacher takes **Physical Education** and the program is supplemented with activities taken by class teachers. **Inter-school sports** are organised from time to time. Wherever possible, modified rules, suited to the age group, are used. School and inter-school swimming, athletic and cross country carnivals are held annually. A Winter Sports roster featuring football, netball and soccer is run each year for upper primary students. We regularly participate in the Schools Triathlon Challenge.

A **Water Safety** program is offered to children in Grades 3, 4 and 5 as well as children in Grade 6 deemed at risk. We also run an introductory Water Safety program for Prep-2. These programs are covered by our general levy.

The school receives **Active After School Communities** funding from the Commonwealth Government to run a variety of activities after school, including table tennis, soccer, netball, cricket, touch football and gymnastics. This programme will continue next year.

## **Music**

The school has a part-time music teacher who works with Prep - 6 classes each week, conducts the school choir and takes instrumental groups. Grade 5 & 6 students can audition for places in the Combined Primary Schools Band Program.

## **Lunch Orders**

We operate a canteen on Thursdays and Fridays. A menu is sent home at the beginning of the term or as it is updated. Children complete their lunch order on a paper bag, detailing name, class, lunch required enclosing the correct money for the order. Children are expected to bring something healthy to eat at recess time, a cut lunch and a drink each day. It is school policy that chocolates, sweets, fizzy cordial, chewing and bubblegum are not to be brought to school. The P & F Association sells ice creams at lunchtime every Tuesday.

## **Breakfast Program**

The school has a breakfast program which operates each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This will continue next year if resources are available.

## **Free Dress Day**

On the last Friday of each month children are permitted to wear "free dress". A donation of 50c is required for this privilege and the money is used to sponsor a child in a developing country through World Vision.

## **School Association**

A School Association replaced the School Management Committee in 2005. It consists of parent and teacher representatives, the principal and may include a community rep. The School Association considers all aspects of the School Improvement Plan and will have input into the formulation and reviewing of school policies. Members are formally nominated and elected. Nominations will be called through the school newsletter when an existing parent committee member's term of office expires or when there is a vacancy.

## **Parents & Friends Committee (P & F)**

Membership of this group is an excellent way to become involved in the functions and activities of the school. The group aims to:

- bring parents, friends and teachers into closer friendship and co-operation for the benefit of children,
- further the interests of the school socially and educationally,
- organise, with the co-operation of the teaching staff, such functions as may be deemed necessary to raise funds for the purchase of various requisites for the use of the school.

P & F has input into school management through parent representatives on the School Association. The P & F meet regularly during the year and meetings are advertised in the school newsletter.



