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Dear Parents & Friends,

**Dates for your Calendar:**

<b>Fri 17 July</b>	<b>Under 8's Day</b>
<b>Mon 20 July</b>	<b>Yr 7 Verbal Combat perform</b> <i>(last day for payment Fri 17 July)</i>
<b>21 &amp; 22 July</b>	<b>Yr 3 B'leigh Historical Village</b> <i>(last day for payment Fri 17 July)</i>
<b>Fri 24 July</b>	<b>District Athletics Carnival</b>
<b>05-07 August</b>	<b>Yr 5 Camp Bornhoffen</b> <i>(last day for payment Mon 20 July)</i>
<b>Fri 07 Aug</b>	<b>Prep Reef Experience</b> <i>(last day for payment Wed 05 Aug)</i>
<b>Mon 10 Aug</b>	<b>Show Holiday</b>
<b>Wed 12 Aug</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>

**Welcome Back**

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust you had quality time with your child/ren during the holidays. It was great to see so many smiling faces this morning as our children returned to school.

**Federal Funding Project**

Our school is very proud to announce that we have received 3.2 million dollars from the Federal National School Pride and 21<sup>st</sup> Century primary schools programs. This significant funding is targeted by the government at job creation in the building industry with schools receiving the benefits. The priorities for the projects are school Library/Technology and Science centres and school halls. We hope that our funding will deliver both of these projects to Windaroo. I have already met with facilities staff to commence the design brief process and it is likely that our projects will be complete by the end of 2010.

The National School Pride project will renovate our school basketball courts and replace some older playgrounds. We also will receive up to ten interactive white boards. This will make a great difference for our students.

**On line Newsletter**

We are moving towards an electronic newsletter in the near future. This will make significant cost savings for our school and also provide a more vibrant, secure way of sharing our school information with parents. You must register for this to occur and paper copies will be provided if you do not have access to the electronic system. Once we have sufficient registrations we will be launching the new newsletter. Stay tuned!

**District Athletics**

Next week will be hosting the District Athletics Carnival once again. This is a great time to showcase our students' sporting talents and our beautiful school. With 24 schools both State and Non-State visiting our school it is an important week and a

busy one for our school. Thanks to Miss Shaab for her work in preparation and to our grounds staff for making sure the grounds look great. We can all do our part by putting all litter into the bin and that we are wearing our school uniforms with pride!

**Under Eights Day**

This Friday is our re-scheduled Under Eights' Day for 2009. Unfortunately I must attend an Administrators' Literacy Training Day and will miss all the fun. I look forward to Under Eights and know you will all have great fun!

**Keep children at home if they are sick**

As school resumes for Term 3, parents are being urged to keep their children home if they are sick with flu-like symptoms.

Queensland now has more than 1600 confirmed cases of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 (Human Swine Influenza).

Symptoms of human swine flu are similar to seasonal influenza and include a fever, cough and/or sore throat. Other symptoms can include fatigue, myalgia, headache, body aches or chills.

Queensland Health says one of the best ways to stop the spread of the flu is to keep sick children home and encourage good hygiene.

If children are sick the best thing to do is keep them away from school and other events such as socials and sporting carnivals. This might mean that some children will miss interstate and other planned school trips.

People generally have to be mindful that there are some who are more at risk from swine flu so