Message from the Office
The school welcomes Matilda, Tayla and returning students and their families. It was delightful seeing everyone look so fresh and happy on the first day of school, with stories of their holiday adventures.

2014 is seeing a change in the school’s timetable and the use of the learning spaces across the school. We are trialing rotational groups in Stage levels for Literacy, Numeracy, HSIE and Science. The students will be placed into Diamonds – K-2, Pearls - Year 3, Opals - Year5/6. Ms Carter and Miss Bendall will be teaching. Miss Bendall goes on maternity leave in Term 2 and at this stage no decision has been made in regards to her replacement. Listed below is the use of the rooms.

New BDR building – Literacy & numeracy - Miss Bendall
Library - library, HSIE, Science theory, PDHP- Ms Carter
Old infants room - music room and practical space for the Arts, HSIE and Science - Ms Carter & Nirvana Glassey.

Concerns or questions that parents have may be directed to the following people.
Enquiries on all matters to Toni Carter- Principal Administration, general operating – Lyn Rankin – SAM
Sushira Bendall -Class teacher

Music Program
This year the school's music program will be run by Nirvana Glassey. Nirvana himself is an ex-student of Collins Creek and we sincerely welcome him back into the wonderful CCPS community. All students as part of fulfilling the CAPA syllabus will be undertaking music lessons in pairs or threesomes, with Yr5/6 having individual lessons. Alana will be continuing on with the incredible success that the ukulele group had in 2013 and each student will continue learning ukulele with Alana.

There will be no fee for music at this stage.

COLOURSS Swimming Carnival
This is on Friday the 14th February, Week 3. Our schools P&C will be catering and therefore the school and the P&C would appreciate helpers on the day and home cooking. This is a wonderful opportunity for fundraising and the school is most grateful for the contributions and assistance that the P&C and parents provide.

The carnival provides races for swimmers and water, land events for Infants. Students not swimming can attend to offer support to their peers. Infant’s events are normally finished around midday.

Students will catch the normal bus. Students will need their swimmers, water bottle, lunchbox and entry fee or season pass.

Dates to Remember

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Nomination Forms
General Nomination Form
Intershared Nomination Form

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P&C (Parent & Citizen Association)
All parents and community members are invited to become involved in this very important aspect of the school. The P&C AGM and a meeting to discuss the swimming carnival catering will be next Wednesday 5th February at 5.00.
The P&C and parent helpers had many successes last year and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and effort. The school and the students have benefitted in many ways from all your hard work and we are looking forward in particular to using the P&C donated new camera, if anyone can get it out of Ms Carter hands.

Student Needs
Students are to have a water bottle, hat, uniform, library bag, paint shirt, suitable shoes that students can run in (not thongs), lunch box and a school bag. The school encourages students wear uniforms which is a Collins Creek Shirt, black or navy blue bottoms and a dark blue jumper for winter. Stationary, textbooks glue etc. is provided by the school.

Best Start
This is for Kindergarten students and is an assessment for teaching program, which allows the school to assess what the students know on entry to school and helps the classroom teacher design teaching programs that cater for all student’s needs. If Kindergarten parents wish for their child to not be part of this program please let the school know.

NAPLAN
The National & Assessment Program for Language and Numeracy will be early in Term2. The test will go over 3 days and is for Year 3 and Year 5. If you would like your child exempted from this testing please enquire at school for a withdrawal form.

News Days for Diamonds (K, 1 and 2)
They can bring something special to them into the class for news.

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Homework will begin next week.