The students and staff have settled in well to the school routines and schedules. Our new Kindergarten children had their photo taken on Friday by the visiting Mercury Photographer Troy Walsh who was wowed by what was already happening in the classrooms as well as appreciated how lucky these children are to be able to enjoy such a lovely playground environment.

The focus school expectation for the week is

Listen Well  Speak Politely

Teachers will be looking and listening for students who follow this expectation over the week.

**Best Start**

I attended a refresher training day on Best Start—the Kindergarten assessment tool used by all Government schools to assess what skills students come to school with. All the Kindergarten children are completing the activities this week. Parents of kindergarten children will be invited to attend a settling-in interview to be held in week four and week five and will be able to have the results and their implications for learning explained to them.

**Robotics**

Next week Stage Two and Three will be attending a Robotics training day. It has been two years since the last training day and to have the fullest educational experience from programming the robots, we are in need of another update.

We currently have five full kits and just received our rechargeable battery pack ordered as part of the Woolies docket promotion.

Students will be designing their entries for Robotics in Term Two.

We will also be organising a Bathurst Small Schools Robotics competition.

PLEASE NOTE K/1/2 STUDENTS ON THE RYDAL RUN

PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN WAY TO SCHOOL NEXT TUESDAY _

Many Thanks.
Bathurst Small Schools Swimming Carnival

This Friday  Bathurst Pool 9:30am start
All students who are 8yrs and over and can swim at least 25m competently will be travelling across to Bathurst on Friday to compete in the Bathurst Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Please contact the school if you have difficulty with organising transport for your child. We wish all the competitors well. Infants and non-swimmers will be at school as normal. There will be no change to bus times.

Waste to Art

Please bring in any recycled objects that may be used by the students in their waste to Art creations

Last Years winner “Littletown”

Change of Details.

Everyone will be receiving a phone call next week confirming that all contact details are up to date with emergency numbers correct. There are occasions when the school does need to contact parents and caregiver urgently. The correct details makes these occasions quick and easy.

BOOKCLUB—FEBRUARY

Attached to each families Newsletter are this month’s BookClub brochures. For our new families, all you need to do is have a look through each brochure of which there are six different age referenced brochures—BUSY BEE is for Little Learners (pre-school age) WOMBAT is for Early Childhood, LUCKY is for Lower Primary students, ARROW is for Middle Primary students and STAR for Upper Primary students. The EXTRA brochures covers all ages even adults.

Orders can be made either online by following the information on the back page of each brochure OR cash / cheque sent into the office with the written Order Form attached. Please make sure correct money is sent in if paying by cash. Cheques are to be made payable to Scholastic Australia.

Please note there is no obligation to purchase from any of the brochures.

Thankyou RCG Locksmiths and Vanessa who donated their labour time when installing our schools new locks. We appreciate their generosity.

Thankyou.
HAMPTON HIGH ACHIEVERS

Students of the week  Kymberlie and Aaron
Merit Certificate  Shalyn and James
Special Award  Troy and Eve
Birthday Celebrations  Jack

COMMUNITY NEWS

The BUSHWACKERS
With Special Guest Pat Drummond
Pat donated a lot of money to our school at MOK’s Luncheon!

Sat 16th February—Katoomba RRSL Club
86 Lurline St (02) 4782 2624
Doors Open 7:30pm
Tickets $15 pre-sale or $20 on the day
www.katoombarsl.com.au
www.thebushwackers.com.au