Happy New Year
To our families who celebrate the Lunar New Year, we extend our best wishes. We hope this weekend in particular is a joyous time of celebration.

A Message from Mrs Bonello
A big welcome to all our new Kinder children, and a warm welcome to all new families to our school. If you haven’t discovered it already, very soon you will realise you are now part of the best school you could imagine. We have caring staff, friendly children and supportive families. We are a safe and happy school where children are focused on learning. We promote respect and responsibility and have high expectations that our children will live up to our motto – Respect, Believe, Succeed.

2013 Classes
As you have already been advised, our classes for 2013 have been formed and programs are well underway. Class teachers this year are as follows:

KG – Mrs Griffin  KN – Miss Karagounis
1M – Mr MacDougal  1A – Mr Anasta
2R – Mrs Rahel  3/2M – Ms Marks
4/3G – Miss Goodman  4K – Mrs Kotsaris
6/5C – Mr Coffey  6/5B – Mr Brannigan

Our support teachers are: Mrs Hone, Mrs Benson, Mrs Floyd, Mrs Childerhouse, Mrs Menton, Mrs Ray, Mrs Tomazos, Mrs Hofmeier, Mr Duong and Mrs Alashhab.

If you have any concerns or comments please see your child’s teacher. Our teachers are always happy to talk to you, but I would ask that wherever possible you make an appointment to see them so a mutually convenient time can be decided. Sometimes the issue needs to be taken to the stage supervisor as well. The supervisors this year are:

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten): Mrs Benson
Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2): Mrs Hone
Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4): Miss Goodman
Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6): Mr Brannigan

Persistence and Commitment
Children at Bankstown West are given many opportunities to explore their interests and make the most of their abilities. Many of these opportunities are extra-curricular and take part within a team, for example PSSA teams. For the team to be successful it requires every person to play their individual part. Learning the importance of persistence and commitment at this age prepares our children to become engaged citizens and productive adults. These values are important to our community – please help us uphold them.

Playgroup will now only operate on Wednesdays. It will start in week 4 on 20 February.

New Kinder students are well settled and hard at work.

Easter Holiday: Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April
School Holidays: Mon 15 April to Tues 30 April
Student return to school: Wednesday 1 May

Calendar – The weeks ahead

**Term 1 Week 3**

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