FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Caregivers

P & C Meeting
Next meeting will be the AGM to be held Monday 17th March at 9.30am in the staffroom. All families are welcome. Plans for the P & C activities for 2014 will be developed at the AGM.

At our February P & C meeting we talked about P & C purchasing extra equipment for Multi-Sensory Room. We also talked about the school receiving an extra $35,497 from the State Government’s Great Result Guarantee, about holding a Cent Auction in May or June and supporting staff with fund raising to support a school camp during the year.

Reading
We have included a bookmark in the last newsletter. It gives you some ideas about encouraging reading at home with your children. We encourage parents to read to or with their child every day. Students can learn many things from their home reading experience such as-

- To develop a love of reading and of learning
- To know which way to hold a book up
- To turn pages one-at-a-time from front to back
- To look at the cover pictures to get an idea what the book is about
- To understand terms like title, author, illustrator
- To use the illustrations to help you understand the story
- To talk about the story and the characters

Happy Reading!

DATES TO REMEMBER

P & C Meeting
Monday 17th March, 2014, in school staff room at 9.30am. All Welcome!

Term 1
- Last Day Term 1 – 4th April, 2014.
- Good Friday 18th April, 2014.
- Easter Monday 21st April, 2014

Term 2
- First Day Term 2 – Tuesday 22nd April, 2014.
- Anzac Day Public Holiday Friday 25th April, 2014.
- Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday – Monday 9th June, 2014.
- Last Day Term 2 – Friday 27th June, 2014.


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Healthy Eating
Many of our classes are working on food groups and healthy eating. We try to encourage all students to have a healthy diet and to do exercise. We would appreciate it if parents could send healthy foods such as salads, sandwiches, and fruit and minimise snacks and treats in the lunch-box.

Newsletters on the Website
We have recently reviewed our school website and are now able to include the Newsletter.

In the newsletter, we include articles from teachers about their class activities and curriculum in the class. When your child’s class is featured in the newsletter you will receive a colour copy.

Many families have not given permission for their child’s photo or name to be included on the website, so some of the class articles will be deleted from the website version. In other cases, certain photos will be deleted from the website version.

Jan Baildon
Principal

FOR SALE

Wheelchair Accessible Van for Sale by one of our parents. If interested telephone school for details.
Hello everyone, we hope you have had a wonderful first month of school. We have had four very busy weeks of settling in to our new class routine, meeting new friends and of course working hard! We would like to introduce the classmates of Junior 6; Luca, Ella, Carson, Elizabeth and Christian. The staff working with us this year are Kath, Vicky, Natalie and Sylvia. We thought we would give you all a sneak peek of what we get up to in Junior 6 on a typical morning before lunch.

We begin our day in the Interactive Whiteboard Room with our morning workbooks. We learn about our names, feelings, and days of the week, the weather, numbers, colours and Jolly Phonics. Sometimes Kath will dance to the weather song but we try to keep that a secret.

During our morning session we like to get active by going to the Gym with Barb, swimming with Kym or using our special equipment outside.

After we have our morning tea we read books then begin our desk activities. This semester we are learning about ourselves and our family. Elizabeth is threading and Christian is doing some maths in his scrapbook.
This semester we will have many opportunities to listen to stories and share our own stories about our families. We will learn about emotions and different ways to show how we feel.

Here we are listening to and watching “What's good for you.” - a story chosen from Sunshine Classics. We are able to participate by using a switch to turn the page.

In the library we listen to stories read to us and have opportunities to choose answers to questions.

We are learning about sounds, using Jolly Phonics songs, actions, pictures and concrete objects. We enjoy interacting with the adults in our room whilst learning new sounds.

Ants on my arm…. Do you think they are causing me alarm?