Principal’s Message

Tonight we have our first P&C meeting for the new year and we would love to see a few new faces to share the workload. Parents have many opportunities to get involved with our school such as attending P&C meetings, or helping out at our working bee, in the classroom, in the tuckshop, at our Bunnings fundraiser, or at our stall at the Bunkers Hill athletics carnival.

Last year we had 69% of our families involved in some way. This was up from 50% the previous year. Parents have even approached me about how they can help out which is great.

It is not much to ask for every family to make some contribution throughout the year and share the load. Ideally we would like 100% involvement but reaching a target of 80% would be beneficial to us all, so please consider how you might make a contribution this year.

Mark Hooson

After-school Pick-up Safety

Just a reminder that for the sake of everyone’s safety, please use the crossing if you park in the central parking area as shown below. We still have some parents who use the path and then cross behind parked cars.

Please help us to keep your children safe by using the crossing.

Start to the School Year

We had an excellent start to the school year last week with all classes being very settled. In particular, our Prep students were well and truly ready for school. One parent I was talking to commented how this was due to our successful Prep transition program that we ran last year. I would have to agree with this statement.

Homework

Homework for all students starts this Friday. Homework is handed out on Friday and handed in on Thursday.

Harry on his 1st day at Prep.
Homework for Prep to Year 2 students should be about one hour in total for the week, one to two hours for Years 3 to 4, and approximately two hours for Years 5 to 6.

Parents can best help by finding a place for their child to work away from distractions such as TV. Any work not completed on time will be completed during the child’s play time at school.

**School Photos**

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 23 February. Please see the attached information for details about payment and the different options available. Orders need to be returned to school by Friday 19 February.

**Tennis Lessons**

Tennis lessons start tomorrow, Tuesday 02 February, from 8.00 am. Please see the attached note about costs and if interested contact our tennis coach, Robert Williams, on 0413488303.

**Instrumental Music**

Please return the attached note from last week’s newsletter or contact Jim Dowling ASAP if you would like your child to take part in instrumental music. Lessons will start this week on Thursday 04 February.

**BOOK CLUB ISSUE ONE – FIRST ONE FOR THE YEAR!**

Please find attached the current Book Club brochure. If you would like to make a purchase remove the form from the middle of the brochure, fill it in, place your order and payment or receipt of payment (after paying online) in an envelope. Then place all orders in the collection box in the Prep room. All orders are due back Tuesday, 16th February 2015. Your support of Book Club is greatly appreciated and benefits students with new books for our library. If you find a book in Book Club that you think would be great in our library please let us know and we may be able to purchase it with our free picks!

Thank you Mrs Bowe and Mrs Higton

**Happy Birthday**

Happy birthday to Katelyn Veivers who turned 8 today and to one of our new students Jacob Pinwill who turns 6 tomorrow.

**Monthly Meeting**

Our first monthly meeting for the year will be held tonight in the 56 classroom starting at 7 pm. Meetings are usually over by 8.00 pm.

Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see some new faces.

**Tuckshop**

Tuckshop will start next Monday and we are looking for volunteers. Please see the attached note and return it to school by Friday 05 February if you can help out.