Same Day Absence Notification

Thanks to those of you who have notified us by 10:00 am that your child is absent as it saves us making a call to you. I realise it will take a little getting used to.

Improving Writing

Each year schools are required to state their focus for improvement in learning, based on school data. This year our focus has been on improving writing. We have invested substantial money into teacher training with the goal of improving teacher practice and also creating a consistent whole-school approach to writing.

There is a renewed focus in all classes on explicitly teaching the necessary knowledge and skills.

The Aurora is amazing, not only because of its flawless lighting of the night sky that highlights the stars, or the way it snakes through the darkness, but also because if everyone could see it, it would stop the chaos for at least one second and all that would be left is a peaceful silence.

By Erin Ryan.

Some of you may have heard your children talking about ‘Kung-fu Punctuation’. Some students are using actions to demonstrate required punctuation for written work.

Elayna is showing an exclamation mark, Clint a full-stop and Annika a capital letter.

Even though writing is our focus for this year, we will continue to work hard on ways to improve writing.

Mark Hooson

General Notices

Swimming Lessons

Last Friday saw the start of our six week block of swimming lessons. Everything went well and we now have five lessons to go.
End of Year Concert and Awards

Our end of year concert and awards will be a little different this year. The focus for our concert is a bush dance featuring the band ‘Cloud 9 – A Little Bit of Country’ who will play live music and help out with the dance steps. It will take place at Bunkers Hill SS hall from 6:00 am on Friday 02 December.

Our students have been learning the dances as part of PE and The Arts and they along with the band will help you learn the dances as well. Due to this change in format we have had to move some of the awards and presentations to the following Monday. The Year 6 speeches and announcement of the 2017 student leaders will take place at school on Monday 05 December along with the book presentations to each student.

More details will follow.

The Great Book Swap - You can make a difference

Can you imagine not being able to read a newspaper, a road sign or directions on a bottle of medication? Sadly, this is a reality faced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in remote communities today.

The literacy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children is significant – and the more remote the community, the larger the gap. Since 2009, ILF’s Book Supply program has delivered more than 150,000 new books to over 250 communities nationally. But we need your help to continue these efforts.

The Great Book Swap is a fantastic way to celebrate reading locally, and raise much-needed funds to buy books for remote communities. Schools, book clubs and all kids of organisations can host a Great Book Swap. All you need to do is swap one of your favourite books for someone else’s – for a gold coin donation.

Please bring any unwanted books in by Friday 21 October ready for our book swap on Wednesday 26 October.

Mrs Highton

2017 Prep Transition Days

Last Friday invitations to our transition days for 2017 Preps were mailed to those families who have indicated that they will have a child enrolled in Prep. The transition days will be held in November on Tuesday 01 (9.00 am – 11.00 am), Thursday 10 (1.45 pm – 3.00 pm), and Thursday 17 (11.25 am – 1.00 pm).

Last year’s transition days were very similar and made a huge difference in helping this year’s Preps settle in. I have never seen a more settled group of students on their first day of school.

Please reply to Mrs Coote using the email address provided in the written invitation.

One of next year’s Preps, Ruby Bellingham helps her mum Christy with some gardening at Vale View.

Congratulations

‘You Can Do It’ Awards

Awards last week were presented to the following students for showing reliance by bouncing back from difficult situations.

Week 2

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Happy birthday to Bella-Donna Mossetter who turns 8 tomorrow, Madeline Anderson 8 on Sunday 23, James de Nooyer 7 on Thursday 27, Nate de Nooyer 10 on Friday 28, and to Annika Madden 6 on Sunday 30.

Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 31 October.

Friday Tuckshop

Tuckshop will be at morning tea due to swimming lessons.

☐ Please pay the balance of the camp payment by Monday 31 October.