



## Parent Communication

**Week 9 March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**

### **Year 5/6 Camp**

Our Year 5/6 students are off to camp at Woodman Point and we know they will have an awesome time while they face some physical challenges, get to know their peers and learn more about being a team player. The weather is looking perfect and we are keen to share this special experience with our senior students.

### **Year 5/6 Fundraiser**

Well done to our Year 5/6 students who organized our free dress day last Friday. Thank you to parents for supporting this event. Our student council now has the funds to buy a special recycling bin for all our classrooms. How wonderful to see these young people so keen to support our school focus on sustainability.

### **Our School Uniform**

The weather is getting cooler and jackets, jumpers and leggings are coming out. I would like parents to keep our students in our school uniform colours. If you haven't got the school jacket can you please buy a navy jumper or jacket and if you need to add a T shirt under the school shirt can this please be a navy T shirt. Leggings, stockings and long pants should also be navy in colour. Help us to promote great pride in our school uniform.

### **ANZAC Service**

Our ANZAC service will be held THIS FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 8.50 am in the courtyard outside the covered assembly area. We encourage our parents to attend this very significant school event and we would like to invite parents who are currently serving in the armed services to wear their uniforms. We realize this

service is very early, however due to the school holidays and pupil free day our students do not return to school until after ANZAC day.

## Flowers for the ANZAC Service

Flowers for the ANZAC wreaths will be collected in the covered assembly area this Thursday morning 6<sup>th</sup> April before school, and we invite parents to come to the covered assembly area to help us make our class wreaths from 1.50 pm on Thursday afternoon. We will keep the wreaths in our large commercial fridge over night ready for the morning

We would love your help. We have shaped florist foam all ready for you to add the flowers so it won't be too hard.

## School Holidays

School holidays commence this Friday afternoon 7<sup>th</sup> April at 2.50 pm and children return to school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April due to the pupil free day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April and the public holiday on 25<sup>th</sup> April for ANZAC day. Parents are reminded that pupil free days will always be the first Monday of term to allow you to plan your holidays in advance.

## Swimming Lessons Term 2

You should have received a note about Term 2 swimming lessons last Friday. I have attached a copy of this note to this communication. Please endeavour to return your forms by the end of Week 1 next term. We realise the cost will be challenging for some families, however please feel comfortable to set up a payment plan through myself or the office staff. It is so very important for your child to learn to swim to ensure their safety near water. These swimming lessons are subsidised by the government and are very reasonably priced.

## School Closure

### 12 pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June Week 8 Term 2

Teachers will hold parent-teacher interviews next term with every family in the lead up to the release of the end of semester student reports. These meetings will be held at various times in Week 8 Term 2. On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June we will close the school from 12 pm to allow some additional time for these interviews. We ask parents who can make other arrangements for their children from 12 pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> June to support this closure, which is supported by our Regional Director and

formally approved. However, if you cannot arrange for your child to be cared for on this afternoon your children may remain at school, and they will be supervised by Admin or specialist staff until the regular close time of 2.50 pm.

## Please can you help us?

Thanks to our parents who are on the look out for creative play opportunities for our students. We would love to hear from you if you have some time and the interest to help us create more creative play spaces. Please email me if you have tradie skills, a contact with building or garden supplies or an interest in helping us build play areas. I would love to form a committee of interested staff and parents.

## Parents and Citizens (P & C)

Unfortunately we didn't have enough people attend our first P and C meeting last week to hold a formal meeting, so we do need all parents to consider being involved and commit to these meetings. A brand new school needs their P and C to be active and interested. You will be sent a survey from the P and C very soon and I do ask you to respond and provide some feedback as to meeting days and times. Please show your support by attending their next meeting.

## Our School Board

Our school board will meet for the first time this Wednesday evening. This group of parents and staff will meet to consider community representation on our board and also consider the draft Business Plan. I look forward to introducing our school board at our first community assembly next term.

**Enjoy your week!** I hope you can come to our ANZAC service this Friday. Our senior choir will be performing for the first time and every class will lay a wreath.

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