PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that it is Week 8 already and the end of term fast approaching. There are a number of school events on in the next few weeks. Next week, we will be having a disco on Thursday and details of this will be sent through a separate note shortly.

In Week 10, we will have our whole school photo, preschool photos and our next P&C meeting.

In Week 11, we will be having our privilege days for those students who have been demonstrating our school rules:

1. Safe and sensible
2. Being respectful
3. Striving to be an excellent learner

Also in Week 11, we will be having our Easter Hat / Crazy Hair Parade, a free Easter basket colouring in competition and our End of Term Assembly.

There have been a couple of children arriving to school late over the last couple of weeks. Just as a reminder, Children who arrive after the 9.00am bell must report to the front office for a late note. Details are recorded and this information is provided on both the half yearly and yearly reports.

If a child arrives late to school without an adult, the yellow late note will be sent home for the parent / caregiver to sign. This is to ensure that parents and caregivers are aware of their child arriving late to school. This note needs to be signed, returned to school and it will then be filed by the class teacher.

Arriving on time is a very important start to the day for children. When children are regularly late, it has a big impact on their learning. Frequent lateness disrupts class routines and programs and can also affect a child’s attitude to school.

If for any reason a child needs to be collected early from school the parent or caregiver must first report to the front office for a note. Details are recorded and the note is then given to the class teacher.

Finally, I would like to congratulate those children who have represented our school in recent weeks.

Mrs Maton tells me our swimmers at the District Swimming Carnival were outstanding and would like to especially thank Mr Terry for his help on the day.

On Wednesday, our boys’ softball team headed over to Shelley Public School and also did our school proud. They won the game in a closely fought match 10 – 9. Congratulations!

Next Monday, our AFL team will be playing in their first knockout game and I’m sure they will make us equally proud.

Glen Leaf
Principal
HARMONY DAY

Yesterday our school celebrated Harmony Day. It is a day when we celebrate the values we embrace, living in a respectful community. The children were asked to wear something orange, the colour of celebration.

In the morning many parents came to help make our “Welcome” flags. These have been displayed near the front gate and look wonderful. Many also stayed to watch our activities after recess helping with the drink stations. – THANK YOU!!!

We would especially like to thank our wonderful Mrs Vasilescu for organising the day’s activities and the SRC for making our orange spider drinks.

MORNING SUPERVISION

Recently we have noticed there are a number of students arriving early to school before 8.30am. **NO supervision is provided before 8.30am and children should not arrive before this time.** In the morning, children are expected to remain seated and are not allowed to ball or running games. If parents are working alternative care arrangements need to be made. There is Before & After School Care available at our school. Their contact number is 9833-3195.

STAGE 3 INFORMATION NIGHT

Last Thursday, Mr Jones and Ms Judd held a Stage 3 Parent Information Night to inform parents about the program for Stage 3 students and to assist parents with the application process for High School. This night was very successful with a large number of parents attending. Stage 3 students helped their parents experience the use of the Activ Expressions and parents heard about how Stage 3 are implementing the new curriculum. Internet safety and Cyberbullying were also discussed. Thank you to those parents who attended. Thank you, Ms Judd and Mr Jones for organising the night.

SAFETY ALERT

Please take care when using the Charles Hackett Drive entry gate. This car park is owned by the Village Centre and is often used by delivery trucks. These large trucks would have difficulty seeing children. Care should be taken in this car park as in any other car park.

PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Just a reminder, that parking on school grounds is for school staff only. This includes the parking area behind the canteen (1 space is available for the canteen manager only). Unfortunately, there have been a number of parents, who have been using this area as a drop off zone.
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SCHOOL NEWS

Stage 3 Information Night

District Swimming Carnival

Stage 2 Clean Up Australia Day
HARMONY DAY
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Week 7

KD- Merit- Daniel, Cecilia & Maddison
PBL- Ahmad

KE- Merit- Lola, Hussain & Erin R
PBL- Angela

KG – Merit- Holly, Jamais & Ryan
PBL- Veegnesh

1/2C- Merit- Grace, Joshua & Denim
PBL- Souad

1/2L- Merit- Maverick, Matthias & Skye
PBL- Michael

1/2R- Merit- Allerah, Anferny & Tua
PBL- Mikaella

3/4M- Merit- Harshitha, Nelissa & Jugad
PBL- Fatima

3/4S- Merit- Nathan & Emily L
PBL- Hrithik

5/6G- Merit- Blessie & Jeff T
PBL- Caitlin S

5/6T- Merit- Daniel & Glenn
PBL- Kailey

P&C

P&C hold a general meeting once a month. If you have a point for discussion in general business, please contact the secretary to have it placed on the agenda.

stmaryspublicpandc@hotmail.com

Please title the email Agenda and include a short description of the topic, your name and any supporting documents.

The agenda is distributed 1 week before each meeting to enable members to review items prior to the meeting.

UNIFORM SHOP/CLOTHING POOL

Uniform shop open times are now:

Monday afternoons 2.00pm to 3.15pm
Thursday afternoons 2.00pm to 3.15pm

Appointments can be made through the canteen for other times.

CANTEEN

Our canteen is operated by our P&C and is open on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Students must place orders before 9.00am. The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy is promoted by our school and a variety of nutritious food is available on canteen days. Students need to order any items they require for recess and lunch. They may purchase additional items for the first half of lunch only.
**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**Playgroup**  
Wednesday, 9am-11am  
School Hall

**Breakfast Club**  
Tuesday, 8.30am - 8.50am  
Canteen

**Banking**  
Friday, 8.30am - 9am  
Library

**P&C Meetings**  
As advised

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