Date: Friday 6th June, 2014

Don’t forget that there is NO SCHOOL on Monday 9th June as it is the Queen’s Birthday public holiday.

It is hard to believe that we are now officially in winter for 2014. As the days get shorter and the rain sets in, it is a lovely time to enjoy some indoor leisure such as curling up on the couch and reading a book by the fire. Winter time, however, at school does not deter us from active events.

Our Preps to Year 2 are had their healthy lunch today, which ties in with the topic they have been covering in class.

Next Friday we have the Lightning Premiership for the students in the Upper years. Don’t forget that permission forms have to be back by Tuesday 10th June. If students do not return their forms or money they will not be able to attend.

Survey

We had 39 respondents to the survey, so thank you to those who completed it. We will use the data gathered as part of our self-evaluation. One thing that has stood out is the need for clear communication with parents.

Enrolments

We currently have 38 preps enrolled for 2015, we only have 16 Year 6 students graduating to Year 7, so that is an increase of 22 students so far. Remember if you have a child who will be attending next year to drop into the office and see Julie for an enrolment pack. The earlier we receive these the better as it assists with planning staffing and classrooms for next year. It may seem a long way of but just think how quickly time is passing.

Asthma Plans

The school is currently updating its policies, including Asthma Plans. New forms were sent home and should be completed by the doctor. If your child has asthma and you have not received a form please contact the office. If you have received a form it is imperative that you return the completed form as soon as possible which will ensure that we are treating your child’s asthma correctly.
District Cross Country

Congratulations to Jack Wright and Clia Westthorp who represented Officer Primary School at district Cross Country.

Counselling

If one of your children is experiencing difficulties that may affect their emotional wellbeing and mental health such as dealing with bullying, depression, attention deficit disorder, grief and loss they may be eligible for support through this program.

The Shine Assist program is accessed by a referral from a General Practitioner, Paediatrician or Psychiatrist through a Mental Health Treatment Plan. Individuals may be eligible for up to ten individual sessions per calendar year and ten group sessions per calendar year.

This service will be bulk billed by OzChild psychologists so there will be no cost to young people, their families or the school.

Please see Julie for referral forms. This service is totally confidential. The school has no knowledge of what is discussed in the sessions with the students. Our role at the school is to provide a private room and to dispense and collect the paperwork.

Have a great week

Kathie

Congratulations - Students of the Week
SUBWAY LUNCHES
The next Subway lunch order is Wednesday 18th June; the orders need to be in before 9.00am on Wednesday morning. Place the orders in your child’s class basket in the office.

Parent & Friends Update

Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 19th July has had little response for helpers. If you are able to help please complete the slip attached in this week’s newsletter and return it to the office ASAP. We expect to make good money for one day’s work, but need assistance from the school community. Please note Bunnings have advised no children under the age of 16 can attend.

Book Club due back on morning of Tuesday 10th June.

HOT TIP
- Tickets are limited for our Trivia Night on Saturday 23rd August. Get in quick with your table of 10 guests. Even if you haven’t got a whole table, buy your tickets & Tracey will ensure you get to join in the fun. For all the details, see our flyer attached.

Cardinia Division Cross Country Event
Last Monday Clia Westhorp and Jake Wright represented the Officer District in the Cardinia Division Cross Country Event.
Clia finished 14th in the 11 year old girls race and Jake finished 13th in the 10 year old boys race. Well done to both students in representing the district.

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR
One of our parents has booked too many tickets, if you would like buy 2 from her please contact Sonia 0413 059 381.
The seats are in the lower section Row J.
The cost is $35.00 each

HEADLICE
Those pesky bugs are around in the senior school; please check your child’s hair regularly.