DATE: Friday 17th October, 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WORKING BEE
A big thank you to the small band of parents, staff and students who supported the Working Bee last Saturday to complete a range of general maintenance tasks around the school. The tasks that were achieved were the removal of a pile of soil at the back of the administration building, the topping up of the soft fall on two of the playgrounds, the clean-up of the area around the pizza oven, the spreading of garden mulch, weeding, trimming and sweeping.
Considering the small number of people involved, quite a lot was achieved. Well done!

PREP 2015 TRANSITION PROGRAM
This program is now well underway with many of the 2015 Prep students enjoying the fourth session on Wednesday. It is rewarding to see the children settling into the school environment and responding positively to staff. This week they participated in a short physical education session and a library lesson. The teachers were impressed with how settled and willing the children were to participate in these activities. The parents were treated to a Welcome Morning Tea hosted by the PFA. They heard about the role of the PFA and how they can become involved in PFA activities. They then enjoyed a social chat over a cuppa and some yummy home-made treats. I would like to thank our PFA president Melissa Ball and her wonderful team for hosting and catering for this most enjoyable session.
During the next session on Thursday 6th November the children will meet their Year 5 and 6 buddies and participate in a joint activity. Parents will be provided with information about Parent Payments, School Uniform and the School Nursing Program. The uniform shop will also be open for parents to purchase and order school uniform.

DISCOVERY DAY AT PAKENHAM SECONDARY COLLEGE
On Tuesday 28th October our Year 5 students will be attending Discovery Day at Pakenham Secondary College. They will have the opportunity to participate in a range of classes that will introduce them to the secondary school environment. We have encouraged all of our Year 5 students to participate in the day, even if they do not intend to attend Pakenham Secondary College in the future, as we are certain that they will benefit from the experience.

Pakenham Secondary College are also offering an information evening to the parents of current Year 5 students. This will be held at Pakenham Secondary College in the Senior Lecture Theatre on Wednesday, October 29 beginning at 7pm. The evening will provide parents with the opportunity to meet staff and learn about the school and the programs on offer.
STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR
In September nineteen of our students in Years 4 to 6 took part in the State Schools Spectacular at the Hisense Arena. If you would like to see our students performing in this exciting show you can tune in to Channel 7 this Sunday, 19th October, at 3:00pm when the show will be televised.

Lynne Brenner
Acting Principal

Parents and Friends for organising a delicious morning tea for our future Prep parents.
WELL DONE GIRLS

CARDBOARD CHALLENGE – Thursday 13th November

Dear Parents,

This term to coincide with our Unit topic of Design, Creativity and Technology students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will be participating in the Cardboard Challenge. This program celebrates the creativity of children and the role communities can play in fostering it. This November, students are invited to build anything they can dream up using cardboard, recycled materials and their imagination.

We are currently asking for any donations of smaller items from the school community. This can include: bottle caps, stick tape rolls (used or unused), small bottles, paper/plastic plates and cups. In the coming months we will be requesting some cardboard boxes but at this stage we are only after smaller items that can be collected over the coming weeks and be stored.

Please feel free to watch the following link to learn more about the Cardboard Challenge and see what how exciting this experience will be for all involved.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=faiEHkdgs6U
CONGRATULATIONS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

ART NEWS

The students have made a great start to the term in the Art Room. The Preps have been creating dino fossil pictures, the Grade 1/2's have been working on their gorgeous collaged city scapes, the 3/4's have been designing their own unique Russian dolls and the 4/5's and 5/6's have been working hard on their fantastic Picasso portraits. Some of the Junior Australian art works from last term are on display in the Junior corridor and some of the wonderful Manga art from the Seniors is up in the office foyer so feel free to drop in and have a look. The students will be bringing home their folios to share with you all at the end of this term which will contain all of their art work for the year. Well done on a great start to term everyone!

Angela Robertson
PARENTS AND FRIENDS

At last week’s assembly, the Parent and Friend’s Committee were thrilled to present over 240 learn-to-read books to Officer Primary School. The sparkling new books beautifully covered by Mrs Ing (Thank You) will help our kids excel and enhance their passion for reading. Delivering our promised books would not be possible without the generous support of the school community. Thank you everyone.

Whatever your plans this Sunday 19th October, drop into Pakenham Bunnings for a delicious sausage or two. The Officer Primary School Fundraising BBQ runs from 8.30am to 4.30pm. Don’t forget some raffle tickets for your chance to win great prizes. See you there.

Walk-A-Thon Update. You now have another week to keep collecting sponsors. All forms and money is now due back on Monday 27th October. So get busy.

The Parent and Friends were privileged this week to host a Welcome Morning Tea at Prep Orientation. The morning gave us an opportunity to talk about the Committee and our activities as well as mingle and make new friends. We always welcome new members and 2015 already looks promising. Oh, and the yummy food was also a highlight.

SUBWAY LUNCHES
Wednesday October 22nd is the next Subway lunch day. Please have your orders in before the bell on Wednesday morning.
BUNNINGS BBQ  THIS SUNDAY
WITH 1 DAY RAFFLE
TICKETS $1 EACH OR 3 FOR $2
DRAWN 4.30PM

1st Prize – Rapid Tune Car Service Package including 3 minor services & Extras. Total savings over $850

2nd Prize – Fighting Fit Gym. 6 Month All access membership value $600

3rd Prize – Marshere Dance Studio. Adult and children lessons. Value $100+

4th Prize – Pakenham Tyres. $100 voucher

5th Prize – Berwick Potteries $50 voucher plus DVD player

6th Prize – Berwick Potteries $50 voucher plus Taco Bill $25 voucher

7th Prize – Kids pack including Canadian Maple Skateboard, Boogy board & Beach Cricket Set.

Bonus Offer.

Everyone who buys a sausage gets a free all access visit pass to Fighting Fit Gym Pakenham. (Limit first 300 customers) including martial arts.

So come down, join the fun and share with family and friends.