Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that there will be only one more newsletter this year. I’m not sure whether it’s a sign that I’m getting older, but the time seems to have flown this year. Already we are putting together the classes for next year; our Prep classes were announced yesterday to the little pre-schoolers and their parents. It is an extremely busy time of the year. Teachers are putting finishing touches to their reports, and Kerry Placek will be working long hours to have them collated and printed in the coming weeks.

Our staffing for 2016 remains stable, with only one position currently being decided. All other teachers will be here again, and one teacher will return from Leave on a part time basis, Jennifer De Silva.

We also have the 2016 booklists ready to distribute. Once again we have included excursions and PIT Gymnastics in the initial costs at each year level. Once you receive these, you can make payments any time before Christmas or in the days before school starts in 2016. Term dates are here for your information:

Term 1  Wednesday 27th January  -  Thursday 24th March  *** teachers only on 27th Jan.
Students Years 1 – 6 begin on Thursday 28th January
Prep students begin on Monday 1st February

Term 2  Monday 11th April  -  Friday 24th June
Term 3  Monday 11th July  -  Friday 16th September
Term 4  Monday 3rd October  -  Tuesday 20th December

Prior to school commencing, the office will be open on Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th January for purchases of uniform or payment of booklists. Tuesday 26th is of course a public holiday.

Year six students are preparing for their graduation; that is such a special occasion for them all. The end of primary school is a time when these young people reflect on past events and their learning and of course are excited to share their anticipation of what’s to come in secondary school.

I couldn’t resist this lovely photo of our buddies sharing a great time at Edwardes Lake Park. The senior students “buddy up” with our young prep students and spend quality time and form friendships with them.

This is just one of the terrific programs we have to ensure students feel safe and happy when they start school.

Helen Miller
Principal
**DIARY DATES**

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**‘Birthday Greetings’** to the following students who have either celebrated a birthday recently or are celebrating a birthday in the coming weeks:

Maha, Vini R., David, Matilda, Ying, Casey and Fatma A.

**STUDENT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Student of the Week awards at Assembly on the 13th of November, 2015:


Encouragement Awards:

Diamond, Leo, Parios, Vini R., Areeba, Angelo, Rital, Zara B., Carlos, Stephanie, Thomas, Rafael, Fotini ad Mohamed A.

The “You Can Do It’ award was presented to Group 14 for being responsible role models to their buddies in Group 3.

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Student of the Week awards at Assembly on the 20th of November, 2015:


Encouragement Awards:


The “You Can Do It’ award was presented to Group 1 for excellent getting along skills in P.E. Fantastic sharing.

**SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAM**

**YEAR 5 AND 6**

This Friday in Interschool sport Reservoir Primary School are playing against Reservoir Views. Bat Tennis and Rounders will be played at Reservoir Views Primary School and Hardball Cricket and Kanga Cricket will be played at Donath Reserve.
Below are the results for the 13th of November against William Ruthven:

Kanga Cricket: On Friday we played against William Ruthven and Thamillini was captain. We lost the toss and William Ruthven decided to field. Jasmeet and Prabhleen were first at batting and they did an excellent job. Praijini and Thamilini were next followed by James and Reece who got the highest runs. The rest of our team also did an awesome job. Then it was our turn to field. Bridgette got two spectacular catches. Everyone was fantastic in the field and Praijini, Gabby and Issy got amazing wickets. Jasmeet and Thamilini cheered and supported their team mates as they fielded. Overall the scores were William Ruthven 4.3 and Reservoir 6.8. We had a great game.

Rounders A: What an excellent game of Rounders we had against William Ruthven. We lost the toss and they decided to field. Our A team players made a huge effort in batting although it was quite difficult with their great fielders. Our fielding skills were excellent too! We managed to get lots of outs with an excellent pitcher, Isobel, and some great catches. We had a great game and in the end the scores were Reservoir 10 to William Ruthven 0. We won! Well done Team A!

Rounders B: Wow what a sunny and windy day to play Rounders. We won the toss and decided to field. We had great fielding skills and after 3 outs we switched and we got amazing hits by everyone. Also all of the players got home runs. Finally the scores were Reservoir 10 and William Ruthven 14. Even though we lost we had a great game.

Boy’s Bat Tennis: Our nerves were high. Our hearts were pumping. It was time for doubles and singles A. Ahmed and Farouk had a win of 9-1 and Denholm with a score of 9-2. On to singles B. Josh won a fabulous 9 games and while he was celebrating his win, Yashil and Sweeney were on the way to winning against their doubles team B. The final scores were Reservoir 36 to William Ruthven 5.

Girl’s Bat Tennis: The sun shone on our faces as we hit the tennis ball back and forth. The bat tennis girls put in their blood, sweat and tears into the tiring, but fun, games. The scores at the end of our doubles and singles matches were Reservoir 5 to William Ruthven 36. Yes we lost, but we still had heaps of fun. Especially afterwards when Mrs D’Angelo and Farouk versed Denholm and Sweeney – the scores were Mrs D’Angelo and Farouk 6 to Denholm and Sweeney 1. Well that’s what she said!!

Below are the results for the 20th of November against Reservoir East:

Kanga Cricket: On a hot but rainy day we played Kanga Cricket at Donath Reserve. They won the toss and decided to field. They had some great catches but we had amazing batters. The first batsmen were Jasmeet and Prabhleen and they played well and made 13 runs. Then Thamilini and Praijini made 9 runs. When it was our turn to field we made several catches. Vaibhav and Edward were good wicket keepers. Jasmeet and Praijini took two good catches. Overall the scores were Reservoir 56 runs and 7 wickets to Reservoir East 30 runs and 9 wickets. We won!!!!

Hardball Cricket: It was a cloudy and windy day when we played Hardball Cricket. We were playing against Reservoir East. We won the toss and decided to bowl. We had great fielders. Aaron was great at wicket keeping. Sadman got two terrific wickets and Nihad also got a wicket. Then it was our turn to bat. Sadman and Nihad were opening; they both retired. Almost everyone had a chance to bat and make a few runs. The scores were Reservoir East 31 and Reservoir 82. It was a great match and we all had fun.

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Ride2school November 2015

Here is an overall ‘Hands up Survey” for all our students on the morning of Friday the 13th of November 2015.

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Learn to leave the car at home

Parents are keen for children to adopt healthier habits such as walking to school but safety concerns often clash with best intentions.

Children, adults and school staff all know that walking or cycling to school is far better for health and for the planet than taking the couch potato option of jumping into a car. The question is: how do we translate this awareness into practice?

The key is to make journeys to and from school as safe and easy as possible. Getting more children walking and cycling to school is one of the objectives of the Ride2school programme. Many schools in our community are promoting pupil’s physical activity and at the same time it reduces school traffic and helps the environment.

False security

In fact, the example that parents set is one of the most important factors in whether children pick up healthier habits. Parents who try to keep their children safe by driving them to school are depriving them of the opportunity to learn road sense, putting them at greater risk when they do start travelling to school independently.

"Walking or cycling to school doesn't take as long as people think," many would say. However, there's an awful lot more we have to do to make roads safer. Understandably parents have real concerns about traffic. The most important thing is to influence children before bad patterns of behaviour have become firmly established.

The winner of the Active Traveller Award with 74% of students walking or riding to school for the month of November was Group 5. Congratulations to all students. Keep up the hard work.

Did your class make the Top 5?

1. Group 5 with 74%
2. Group 14 with 71%
3. Group 10 with 67%
4. Group 4 with 62%
5. Group 9 and 6 with 58%

Make sure you are up and ready to go for our next Ride2school morning on Wednesday the 2nd of December 2015. This will be our last Ride2school morning for the year. Let’s make a difference everybody.

Keep fit, Keep active, Ride2school

Thank you
Young Leaders/Junior School Councillors and Maria Phokos

Jelly Bean Guessing!

Wow, what a busy week going around to many different classes for GUESS THE JELLY BEANS! Each guess was 20 cents. Students bought heaps of money for a guess for all the Jelly Beans in a jar. Each guess was different and so many kids had a go. In total we collected $99.00. We would like to say ‘Thank You’ to the Di Giorgio family who donated the Jelly Beans for this fun event. The lucky number was 832, but, we had two winners!! The lucky winners were Ayden from Group 4 and Isobel from Group 13. Congratulations!

Special events in November 2015

FREE Daily Heide Museum of Modern Art
Heide Detective solving cryptic clues, follow a map around the exhibitions, gardens and buildings. Each detective
to complete a trail wins a prize from the lucky dip.
Bulleen 9850 1500 heide.com.au

FREE Daily Our Land is Alive: Hermannsburg Potters for Kids
The exhibition features twenty of the Hermannsburg Potter’s vibrantly painted terracotta pots depicting all AFL teams through historic scenes from football. Features Indigenous Australian players Adam Goodes, Nicky Winmar and Michael Long as well as AFL paraphernalia, flags, footage and 100 footballs hanging from the ceiling. 10am- 5pm The Ian Potter Centre: National Gallery of Victoria Australia, Melbourne. ngv.vic.gov.au

FREE 29th November Out and About FUN DAY
An accessible event for people of all ages and abilities with sports and activities, a pop up sensory garden, live music, animal farm, roving entertainers, face painting and sausage sizzle. Organised by not for profit aged and disability services organisation. Villa Maria Catholic Homes. Noon-4pm. Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, Albert Park. 9855 7600 outandaboutday.com.au

Parks are Popping up in Darebin
New temporary parks are popping up in Darebin, testing new area for play, rest and recreation. The new Reservoir pop-up park on the corner of Cheddar Road and Broadway is an open, backyard-themed area including a large sandpit for young children, elements for skaters and scooter riders as well as planting and seating. The park integrates many of the ideas raised during the development of the Reservoir Streetscape Masterplan.
Come along to take part in the free, one hour exercise sessions at the park at 9:30am each Friday until the 4th of December.

On Being Happy - Quotes No. 3

“Learn to let go. That is the key to happiness” Buddha

I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did but people will never forget how you made them feel”. Maya Angelou

I love those random memories that make me smile no matter what is going on in my life.

“Happiness is not a station you arrive at but a manner of travelling”. Margaret Lee Runbeck

Smiling is good for the heart, laughing is good for the soul and loving will keep you living, laughing and smiling.

Be so happy that when others look at you they become happy too.
Nothing is impossible. The word itself says I’m possible. Audrey Hepburn