Dear Parents and Carers

Last Friday we had planned to take part in the annual Clean Up Australia Day. Unfortunately the wet weather meant that this had to be postponed. The clean up will take place this Friday and will commence at 11:40am. All classes will be responsible for cleaning an area of the school and students are asked to bring along gloves to wear for the clean up. Parents are welcome to come along and help out.

The wet weather also forced the Twilight Family Evening to be postponed. This will now be held on Friday 15th March between 5.30-7.30pm. Families are still able to purchase “Stars” for the night. I hope all families will be able to attend.

Last Friday students in K/1CT, K/1FW and their buddies enjoyed a Teddy Bear’s Picnic and I would like to thank all of those parents and grandparents who came along to join us on the day. We were fortunate to have the hall so the event could go ahead as planned and everyone was able to enjoy their picnic lunch. It has been great to see our new Kinder students settling in well to “big school” and our visitors supporting the event. Thanks to Mrs Farrugia, Mrs Crossingham, Mrs Truskett and Mrs Wall for organising the day.

Yesterday school photos were taken and students looked great in their school uniforms. SRC and School President photos were also taken. Photos should be delivered by the end of term.

Today a special program commenced called “Maths Kitchen Rules”. This program will look at how maths is used in cooking and each class will be involved. Caz Sandison, one of our parents, has volunteered to work with students to explore different aspects of maths in the kitchen. Today our Kinder students will enjoy some activities. She will also be working with small groups of students on problem solving and extension activities. I’m sure all students will have a lot of fun using maths in a different way and we thank Caz for her time and knowledge.

Don’t forget, entries for this year’s Writing Competition are due on Wednesday 27th March. Information was sent home a few weeks ago and it is pleasing to see some entries have already been received. I hope that all parents will encourage their children to take part. I also hope students are busy practising the words and collecting sponsors for the Spell-a-thon which will be held on Wednesday 3rd April.

Included with this week’s Newsletter is a booklet of Absence Notes. You would be aware that it is a requirement that written explanation must be provided to the school when a student has been away. I would ask all parents to use the booklet provided if their children are absent from school at any time.

These records are regularly checked by the Home School Liaison Officer and parents contacted if there is a concern.

Last week a Parent Contact Sheet was sent home to all families. If this has not yet been returned could I ask that it is returned this week as it is essential that we have up to date details for our records.

Could I remind parents that school hours for students are 9-3pm and staff are on duty from 8.30am each morning. I would ask parents to ensure their children do not arrive at school before 8.30am each day.

Dale Green
Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS

This week’s focus: Stay on Task

This will be shown through

Respect - We will value the right of others to learn.

Responsibility - We will complete set tasks by working to the best of our ability.

Excellence - We will be positive about learning which allows us to strive for excellence.

JAFFA CLUB

There will be no JAFFA Club this week and next week.

Stay safe,

Rachael Joyce
P&C President

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Harmony Day is coming up on Thursday, 21st March. The canteen is planning a special lunch menu to celebrate the day. We will be having a special ‘Mexican Munchies’ menu with yummy lunches and extra special drinks available. As the canteen is not normally open on Thursdays, this lunch will be available for pre-order only and the normal canteen menu will not be available. More information about the menu and how to order will be sent home next week.

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SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

You may be aware that amendments to the Smoke-Free Environment Act 2000 occurred and a number of settings are now smoke free. This includes public playgrounds, swimming pools, sporting facilities and public transport stops. Also included are areas within 4 metres of the pedestrian access to a public building, which includes schools. With this legislation in mind could I please ask parents not to smoke near the pedestrian accesses to our school.

SAFE PEOPLE, SAFE PLACES

Parents are encouraged to reinforce the 'Safe People, Safe Places' messages with their children, including the information below which was taken from a NSW Police Press Release, 2012:

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are - a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help - police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'Go away, I don't know you'. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthday.

Lauren McKern ~ 4.3, Josh Recinelli ~ 3.3

STUDENT QUIZ

What is the most popular religion in the world?

Last week's winner ~ Kelsey Hamill 5/6S

Answer to last week's question ~ Mercury and Venus

UPCOMING EVENTS

7.3 Regional Swimming Carnival
8.3 School Clean Up Day
14.3 Selective High School Test
15.3 Twilight Night Evening
19.3 SRC Induction Assembly

Attendance Award
Week 5
K/1FW
96.2%

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