Welcome to week 3. We hope all families are now well settled and enjoying the beginning of the school year. The children are very settled and off to a great start.

Tomorrow night we are meeting as a school community to support the learning of the children..... Please make the time to join us. Information regarding this meeting went home last week.

Dear parents,

Last week I sent home a note indicating that there was a possibility of industrial action in schools this week that could disrupt classes. At this stage it looks as if this action will go ahead on this Thursday.

If this is the case then we will have only a few staff at school on Thursday of this week. (Feb 14th) and we will not be able to run normal classes and programs. We are open to support any family who needs to send their children to school but it would help us enormously if you were able to have your children at home on Thursday.

We are very sorry for the disruption to classes and the timing of this action but it is an important cause for all involved in education and we are all hoping for a solution as soon as possible.

Important parent meeting

Tomorrow, Tuesday February 12th there will be an important meeting for all parents. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher, introduce yourself and find out what is in store for the year. A note went home last week with all the details for this meeting.

Grade 2/3 parents. 7.00pm start in the 2/3 classrooms.

Grade Prep / 1/ 4/ 5/ 6 Parents. 7.30 in the multipurpose room.

This is a parent meeting and children are not required. If required we will be providing child care to help all families to be able to attend.

Please make every effort to come along and support your child’s learning.
Cross country

Cross country practice will begin this week with Laurie for those who have returned a permission note and are interested.

Reminder….Community Market committee fundraising Meeting

The committee organising the Community Market will meet this Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Year 7 Enrolment Reminder

Parents are reminded that applications for Year 7, 2014 are open for all catholic secondary colleges. These applications will close on March 1st. Please do not be late if you want a place in a catholic secondary college for 2014.

Education Maintenance Allowance

If you have a current health care card or pension card you are entitled to apply for the EMA. Your card needs to be current for January 29th. Please bring your card into the office as soon as possible so we can help you to apply and you don’t miss out. The allowance for this year is:

Prep - $200 Grades 1-6 $150

Learning and Teaching

At tomorrow night’s parent meeting teachers will give an overview of the work that children will be covering this term. An important part of your involvement in your child's learning is to be informed of the work we are doing at school so you can be a part of this.

One important part of the curriculum is the inquiry units that each class covers. Please find below some of the key questions that will shape our History units this term.

Grade prep / one:
What is my history?
What stories do people tell about the past?
How can stories from the past be shared?

Grade 2/3:
What aspects of the past do we see today and what does this tell us?
What remains of the past that is important to our local community? Why?
How have changes in technology shaped our daily life?

Grade 4:
Why did the great journeys of exploration occur?
What was life like in Australia for Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islanders before European settlers came?
Why did Europeans settle in Australia?
What was the nature and consequences of this contact for Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islanders?

Grade 5/6:
What do we know about the lives of people in Australia’s colonial past?
How did Australia’s colony develop over time?
What significant events and people shaped our colony?

Beginning of year mass

This Friday our school community will celebrate the beginning of the school year with mass in the church. Please consider making the time to come along and join us in the church at 11.30am for this mass. This is a great way to share the beginning of year with your child.

CDF Banking is on Wednesdays.

Literacy helpers… Please read the note coming home regarding helpers for the literacy times in our school. You can contact Michele for further details.
**Enrolment update forms.**

All children from Grade 1-6 will bring home an enrolment information update form which needs to be completed. These forms will come home on Wednesday and we would appreciate it if they could be returned by Friday of this week.

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**Grade Prep**

The Grade Prep children have settled in beautifully this year and we congratulate them. On Friday at assembly we saw the preps presented to the community by their grade 6 buddies. We are sure they will be well looked after.

*Please keep in mind that the Grade Prep children do not have school on Wednesdays in February.*

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**Assemblies.**

Please note that we have assembly in the multipurpose room every second week. These assemblies are organized by the children in different grades. Our next assembly will be on Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} of February. We will remind you again next week.

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**After school sport**

After school sport began tonight for those were enrolled. This will continue every Monday and Tuesday during this term.

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**Chinese New Year.**

We trust that all Chinese members of our school community have enjoyed their celebration of Chinese New Year on Sunday.

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**Adult English Classes**

As a service to our parent community, our school provides English classes for any parent who wants to come along. This year our classes will be on Wednesdays from 9-11.00am in the meeting room off the multipurpose room. These classes begin this Wednesday…..please join us.

Please let Michele know if you would like to come along. There is no charge, the classes are run by a professional adult English teacher and the classes are fun.

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**Important dates**

A full calendar of dates will be published and available on our web site very soon. Please find below a few important dates for your diary.

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Can you spare a little time?

We are looking for some parent helpers to give us a hand in managing our lending library of games. These games can be borrowed by families and taken home to enjoy. They are educational games and fun to play. If you are able to help out please let Michele know as soon as possible as we want to get this up and running for the year.

Student of the week from assembly

Grade Prep / 1 Alison

Layne Bartram- Hatzi for his fantastic holiday journals full of all the fun things he did on holidays. A well written piece of work.

Noah Andreula for some terrific handwriting especially his letters “L & T”. What a great start Noah!

Grade Prep / 1 Kat

Massimo Serra for doing some great reading and settling in so well to prep.

Oliver Rossi for doing a great job at creating his wild things puppet.

Grade Prep / 1 Larissa / Jen

Evan Restall for being very helpful and responsible in the classroom.

Rory McLeod for a fabulous and well written holiday journal

Grade 2/3 Doriana

Mayen Malek for his positive attitude to school and his generous nature in class towards others.

Maria Alison for a great start to the year and completing her work really well.

Grade 2/3 Mary / Sharon

Mehal Patel for settling in beautifully to St. Theresa’s after coming from another school.

Dragon Fan for some wonderful writing in his holiday journal and for being our first “21” champion.

Grade 4 Aaron

Robert Desmond for being a great classroom helper and starting off the year so well.

Ella Luu for settling in so well to her new school. We are so glad you came.

Grade 5/6 Erin

Chelsea Barnes for an excellent SRC speech

Jovylin Rabino for amazing participation in all activities.

Grade 5/6 Tenielle-Marie

Hermella Alemseged for her beautiful manners in class and her great presentation of work.

Riley Kennedy for his outstanding effort and thoughtfulness in class prayer.

Tuckshop

Just a reminder….. There are no lunch orders for the moment.

Do you want to help out at lunch time in the tuckshop?

We will still be selling “Zooper Doopers” at the tuckshop during lunch times. Parents are very welcome to volunteer to work in the tuckshop on a roster system to help out. (Zooper Doopers are frozen tubes and cost 50 cents)

Lunch time tuckshop duty runs from 1.30pm – 2.00pm. We are still organising a roster and any parent is welcome to join us. Please complete the attached return note if you would like to be included.

Name: __________________________ I would like to be included on the tuckshop roster. I am available on the following days. ________________________________ I would like weekly, fortnightly etc ________________