Grade Prep  

The Grade Prep children have this Wednesday off as usual. This is the last week for preps to stay at home on Wednesdays.

Welcome Morning Tea

Last week we sent home invitations to our welcome morning tea to be held tomorrow morning in the Multipurpose room. We have invited all new parents as well as existing families to come along.

At this morning tea we will also spend a little time looking at reading with children... All are welcome to come along and join Michele and Rob for this session. Morning Tea is from 9.00 am tomorrow.

Fundraising News....

Community Market

Excitement is building for our community market which is on Friday March 22nd from 5-8.00pm. Please put this in your diary and join us during this evening for this event.

There are still some stalls available if you would like to sell anything from home and make a few dollars.

Classroom activities

Please keep an eye out for notes regarding your child’s class involvement in the community market… Classes are collecting all sorts of things to organize their activities.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to those who have already donated to the Easter raffle. If you can help out, please leave donations at the office.

Thank you

Many thanks to those who helped by offering to deliver fliers to our local streets for the Community market. We managed to cover most streets thanks to your generous offers.
Learning and teaching

What can you do to help create the best possible learning situation for your child??

Many parents often ask for tips that might help with their child’s learning at home. Below you will find just a few things that you might consider when thinking about this question.

- Read to your children as often as you can and make it an enjoyable and fun time.
- Build self-confidence and encourage children to keep trying so that they enjoy the feeling of success.
- You should also try to treat mistakes as opportunities to learn and keep the conversation positive.
- Set high but realistic expectations for your child and make sure they have as much time as they need to achieve success.
- Show your support and enthusiasm for the new things they learn.
- Create a study space that helps children to stay organised away from distractions.
- Stay involved, parent-teacher communication is powerful.
- Encourage learning at home in even the smallest things... like counting, shopping, cooking and helping around the house.
- Education experts agree one of the most valuable ways to become involved in your child's education is to provide a rich learning environment at home by finding ways to turn everyday experiences into learning opportunities.
- The zzzz factor. Children need lots of sleep. Ensure they go to bed early every night so they are ready to learn the next day. It is very obvious at school when children have not had enough sleep.
- Limit television, social networking sites and electronic games to a reasonable time.

Year 7 Enrolment Reminder

Applications for all Catholic Secondary colleges close this Friday, March 1st. Please don’t be late if you have a grade 6 child and want them to go to a Catholic College next year.

Education Maintenance Allowance

This Wednesday February 27th is the last date for you to bring in your Health Care or Pension card if you want to access the Education Maintenance Allowance. Please don’t miss out on this opportunity.

Enrolment update forms.

All children from Grade 1-6 have brought home an enrolment update form today with the Newsletter. We would appreciate it if they could be returned by Wednesday of this week so that all of our records are up to date. This is really important as children are starting to go on excursions now and current medical information is crucial.
Can you spare a little time?

We are looking for a parent to co-ordinate the game lending library at our school. This would be a weekly commitment and would involve organizing some other parent helpers to work alongside you. If you are interested, please let Michele or Rob know. We would like to get this up and running as soon as possible.

Child Care

We are still working on the arrangements for our after school care. We will keep you informed as to the arrangements for this as soon as we are organized.

We are interested in knowing whether any parents are doing child minding themselves for a living. It would help us if we had a list of parents interested in this as we often have inquiries from families interested in short / long term arrangements as well as one offs and we could well support each other.

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Assembly

There is no assembly this week. Our next assembly will be on Friday March 8th and will be organized by grade 2/3 M/S.

After School Sport

After school sport will continue on Monday and Tuesday for those enrolled.

Adult English Classes

Our adult English Classes are continuing on Wednesday mornings from 9-11.00 am. All are welcome to come along for these enjoyable and educational sessions each week 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.

Mobile Phone Communication

A separate note is attached to the Newsletter regarding improving our communication with families through mobile phones.

We are setting up a system which will allow us to send through text messages regarding school issues and reminders of school events to help keep you better informed of what is happening at school. We will also be able to keep individual parents and classes informed of things that are relevant to them through texts. We are asking all families to return this so we can load numbers into the system.

Please note that you can register one or both parents if you like….. Please return the by the end of the week.

School Photos are coming up on Wednesday March 6th

We have sent home order forms for School Photos. These need to be back by Monday March 4th at the latest. If you are able to return these this week that would be even better. All photos are Pre paid.

If you have more than 1 child and would like to have a family photo taken then you will need to collect an order form from the office as soon as possible.
Safeway and Coles docket

You will remember that last year we collected many thousands of docket from Woolworths and Coles to get free equipment for the school.

Last week $1750 worth of sports equipment arrived from the Coles docket. We displayed some of this at assembly on Friday. Laurie and the children will make great use of this we are sure.. This is almost double what we raised the year before…Well Done!!!!

Marie has put a display of the educational materials that we gained through the Woolworths docket in the hallway. Once again this has been a very successful venture and the equipment is fantastic.. Thank you.

Parent Literacy Workshops

Michele is running Parent Literacy workshops for any parents interested in working as helpers in our classrooms.

The next workshop will be on Tuesday (Tomorrow) from 2.15 – 3.15. Please join us.

Grade 2/3 Excursion.

The grade 2/3 children will be going to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat on Thursday as part of their studies. This should be a great experience for all.

Student of the week from assembly

Grade Prep / 1 Alison

Sofia O’Neill for the fantastic way she has settled into school and her wonderful manners.

Kirsten Marayag for her gorgeous smile and the way she tries hard every minute of every day.

Grade Prep / 1 Kat

George Vasiliadis for being a wonderful leader during evacuation practice.

Emily Nguyen for doing a fantastic job with her reading activities.

Grade Prep / 1 Larissa / Jen

Marcus Needelkovski for being such a helpful member of class.

Ananya Singal for being able to identify so many shapes in Maths.

Grade 2/3 Doriana

Ashli Quach for fantastic work in all areas for a whole week.

Ivan Brekalo for listening carefully to instructions and completing all of his work well.

Grade 2/3 Mary / Sharon

Majier Adut for a fantastic recount about his creative experience in the sand.

Billy Chen for fantastic question during our excursion to the Hunt Club in Deer Park.

Grade 4 Aaron

Dylan Wright for his inventive recount in writing.

Christine Alatsas for a wonderful flipcam cooking video for homework.

Grade 5/6 Erin

Emily Nguyen for an amazing thoughtful and insightful reading journal.

Aner Durmisevic for a great persuasive reading journal entry and a fantastic attitude in all areas.

Grade 5/6 Tenielle-Marie

Mia Papakaladoukas for great sportsmanship at interschool sport.

Christopher Johns-Ayton for a fantastic persuasive writing plan.