Dear Parents and Guardians

Swimming Carnival

We sincerely thank our two swimming instructors, Babs and Rebecca for the excellent swimming program they conducted for our children over the last two weeks. For most, if not all children we saw a great improvement in their confidence in the water, while many showed wonderful improvement in their swimming technique and strokes.

To conclude our program we held a mini swimming carnival last Friday. Bright sunshine greeted us as we arrived at the pool. The program quickly started and we went on to have a most enjoyable day. The children certainly enjoyed the races and activities in the pool throughout our time there. I was very impressed in the wonderful way all children joined in and gave their best, while their behaviour was excellent throughout the entire time we were at the pool.

We sincerely thank all parents who were able to be with us at the carnival. We congratulate the children for their wonderful behaviour and the spirit in which they joined into all activities. May I especially thank our Grade Five and Six students who were most helpful within their teams and also helping the younger children with their races.

A special thanks to all staff members for their organising of the teams, marshalling, scoring etc. Also a special thanks to Miss Jones. There is much work that goes on in organising and preparing for a day such as our carnival. The smooth running of the carnival was very much the result of the hard work of Miss Jones.
CHANGE OF DAYS FOR PE, MUSIC AND INDONESIAN

An Important Reminder:

Starting this week our PE day will move to Wednesdays. Children will need to wear their PE uniform each Wednesday for the remainder of the term.

Music and Indonesian will be changed to Tuesdays from now on.

Parents And Friends Annual General Meeting
Our P&F Annual General Meeting will be held tonight starting at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All are most welcome to attend this important meeting.

Entering The School During School Time
May I just remind parents and visitors that after 8.45am, entry to our school is only through the top door leading to the office. On entering the school all parents and visitors are to report to the office. If you wish to leave lunch, clothing, a message etc for your child/children, then our office staff will take this to your child’s classroom.
I also remind all parents and visitors that while they are within the school/classrooms, for example with parent help, they are asked to wear a yellow VISITORS tag. In this day and age we can not be too careful and this is one way we endeavour to protect all our students, visitors, parents and staff.

Easter Egg Raffle
Each year we have a fantastic Easter egg raffle. Tickets will be sent home in a week or so. We ask that each family please send in an Easter egg or Easter chocolates to help make up our great prizes. Each year we are able to offer well over twelve ‘eggstraordinary’ prizes. Over the years our Easter egg raffle has been a major fund raiser for our school.

Footy Margin Tickets
Each year we also run a footy “margin ticket” fundraising activity. The idea is that you pay to participate for the 2017 football season. Each week you either collect or have delivered a small card with a secret number hidden under a sealed flap. Opening the flap reveals your number for that week. If your number is the same as the difference between the scores of the two teams in the featured games for that week then you win. Tickets are $2.00 each and the weekly prize is $100.00. Tickets can be obtained from the school office or by calling Mrs Grundy on 64731393.

No Hat No Play Policy
Just a reminder that we have a NO HAT NO PLAY policy for Terms 1 and 4. Children without a hat will be required to play in a shaded area.
Dates for 2017

Our Term Dates for 2017:

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Some Important Dates for Term 1

P&F AGM: Tuesday 7th March
Holiday (Eight Hours Day): Monday 13th March
St Patrick’s Day: Friday 17th March
St Joseph’s Day: Sunday 19th March
End of Term One: Thursday 13th April
Easter Sunday: Sunday 16th April

We all look forward to a very enjoyable and successful year.

Kind Regards

Peter McBain
Principal
Swimming Carnival Report
The swimming carnival was fun, fun, fun!!
Before the swimming carnival we had two weeks of practice with Babs and Rebecca. All the swimming skills they taught us were very valuable. During the swimming carnival the weather was great. Everyone was having fun.
Most of the students swam in the 25m race. Our parents were so proud of us when we won our ribbons.
At the end, some teachers counted up all the points and Bluegum won!
I'd like to thank Miss Jones, Mr McBain, Mrs McGee and Mrs Grundy for organising all the activities.
Thank you to Babs and Rebecca for teaching us. I would also like to thank the 5/6 people who helped the little kids.

Dev Gupta
Grade 3