Dear School Community,

It has been a fantastic start to the year and I am happy to report that all new students, parents and teachers have settled well into a routine. Our new parents attended a Junior Classroom Information Session last Friday afternoon where Mrs Sidebottom explained the high expectations we place on parents to help support and promote our students to learn at school and at home. Please remember that if you have any questions regarding the expectations of your child at school or home, please contact your classroom teacher and book a suitable time to meet and have your questions answered.

The school will be reporting on your child’s progress at a Goal Setting Conferences throughout the day on Monday 20th March. Your children are now busily setting goals in four main areas and will be a part of the discussion regarding their progress later in the Term. Copies of these goals will be sent home when they are completed in the four areas of:

- **Writing** – Each child will have a ‘Big Write’ goal focussing on using either better Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers or Punctuation,
- **Spelling** – Each child will have a goal relating to the specific spelling rule they are practising using our ‘Words Their Way’ Spelling Program,
- **Numeracy** – Each child will have a goal relating to either Numeration, Counting, Addition & Subtraction or Multiplication & Division, and
- **SELS (Social & Emotional Learning Skills)** – Each child will have a specific goal that may relate to one of our school values or something specific that they would like to work on.

Last Friday the school advertised for a teacher for the rest of 2017 and as I explained at Assembly last week, I have decided to go back into the classroom for an extra day this time around. This will mean that the new teacher starting in the Grade 2/3 classroom will work for three days and Mr Cleary will be the teacher for the remaining two. This change will take effect from Tuesday 14th March. More information about teaching days and other specifics will be announced as they are known after we make our way through the appointment process in the coming weeks.

**School Council Elections will be taking place at our School Council AGM on Tuesday 14th March.** If you are interested in becoming a member, please collect a Nomination Form from the Office. Nominations close on Tuesday 7th March and we would love to attract some new Parent members to fill some current vacancies. There are only eight meetings for the year and it is a great chance to understand the complex mechanics of a school and to make a contribution to its smooth operation. **If School Council is not your ‘cup of tea’, our much valued Parents & Friends Group are also seeking new members and the P&F AGM will take place at 6pm on Wednesday 1st March.**

*Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal*
2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President – Geoff Jacobson, Secretary - Wendy Sidebottom (Teacher Representative) Members - Adam Cleary (Principal), Narkea Rogers, Damien Scott, Jarrod Osborne, Andrew Miles & Tracy Gauci (Parents & Friends Representative)

2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

TERM 1
6:30pm on Tuesday 21st February 2017
6:30pm on Tuesday 14th March 2017

TERM 2
6:30pm on Tuesday 2nd May 2017
6:30pm on Tuesday 13th June 2017

TERM 3
6:30pm on Tuesday 1st August 2017
6:30pm on Tuesday 5th September 2017

TERM 4
6:30pm on Tuesday 24th October 2017
6:30pm on Tuesday 5th December 2017

TERM 1 CALENDAR 2017

February
21st School Council Meeting
22nd Foundation Students - No school
27th 6-7pm Evening Workshop with Michelle Trudgen
28th Bangerang Education Centre Excursion

March
2nd Hockey Clinic at School
6th 6-7pm Evening Workshop with Michelle Trudgen
8th School Photos
13th Labour Day Public Holiday
14th School Council Meeting (AGM)
17th Aquamoves Cluster Day
20th Student Goal Conferences
31st Last day of Term 1

Advertise in our newsletter

Would you like to advertise your business in our newsletter?
Pop in and see Justine in the office for more information.
‘We are KIND’ Award
For displaying qualities at school that make these students KIND people. Well done!

IZZY GUTHRIE  ○  CHARLIE GAUCI  ○  JOSH THORPE

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Congupna PS Chess Club
Do you enjoy playing chess?
Do you want to learn more about strategic thinking and playing chess competitively?
If you answered YES to these questions then Mrs Woolley wants you for the Congupna PS Chess Club.
The club will meet every second Monday at Lunchtime in the STEM Lab.
We would love to see you there!

WANTED... CHESS SETS!!
Have you got a chess set in the cupboard collecting dust? We would love any donations of complete sets to help us start our club. Please bring the sets to the office or Mrs Woolley on a Monday. Thankyou!
CONGUPNA NETBALL CLUB – JUNIOR NETBALL

The Club is inviting all interested players, old and new, to attend the upcoming trials and trainings.

15/U trials - Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th February – 5.45pm-7pm at the Congupna netball courts.

12/U and 13/U training to start on Wednesday 22nd February from 5.30-6.30pm at the Congupna netball courts.

Please note- trainings will change to Tuesdays/Thursdays once the season begins (April 8th).

All new and continuing 12/U, 13/U and 15/U players should register via Survey Monkey as soon as possible (link below).

If there are any questions, please contact Bev Bell 0424513992

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FTGVDMS

Games for Net Set Go participants in 2017 “Learn as you Play” Games

All 6 – 9 year olds welcome. Teaching umpires, rotating rosters, patches all inclusive.

Aussie Net is an introduction to Netball for 5 – 7 yrs

Current players/teams registered from your school, call to register and find your school contact person for Junior Stadium Netball Programs for 2017. Programs run all year!

Term 1, 6 weeks starting Friday February 17th Games $45
Friday 17th Aussie Net $40 includes a Ball!

Registration/Inquires call Kylie 0419 998190

Shepparton Swans Under 14's Football
Shepp Swans invite all under 14's who are interested playing in 2017 and have not signed with another club.

We are a great family club that is looking very positive for the coming year with coaches set in place. This is an opportunity to be part of a successful club, with a strong focus on player development and support.

For further information please contact- Andrew Jones- 0407 227 484
Stressed about back to school costs?

Would $500 help pay for uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a laptop or tablet?

Saver Plus matches your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500!

You may eligible if:
- you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession card and,
- you or your partner have some regular income from work such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work.

Contact Sharon Wandin
your local Saver Plus Coordinator:
03 58228100 / 0439 067 021
or swandin@berrystreet.org.au

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