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Anzac Day

This week remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. We continue to dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. With the setting of the sun, and in the morning we will remember them.

Dear Parents,

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS/STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Thank you to those parents who took the opportunity to catch up with classroom teachers for the parent/teacher interviews. For our Year 3-6 students it was a great way for them to share their learning, successes, challenges and future goals with their parents. If you did not manage to see your child's classroom teacher this week then I would encourage you to make contact with them early next term. Keeping communication open between school and home assists both parents and teachers to support the student and their learning.

CROSS COUNTRY

This morning a good number of students in Year 3-6 took up the opportunity to participate in the District Cross Country trials. The children are to be commended on their efforts as they braved the cool morning.

Tomorrow our senior students will participate in a Summer Sports Gala Day to be held at Jells Park from 9.30am – 2.30pm.

RECONCILIATION

Next Thursday evening 42 students from Year 3 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep these children in your prayers over the coming week.

CANBERRA CAMP

Our Year 5/6's head off on camp next Monday morning at 7.00am. They have been preparing for this camp for many weeks and we are sure they will have an amazing experience.

EDUCATION BOARD

At last night's Education Board AGM we welcomed Tamsyn D'Souza as a new general member. Tim Ruyg has decided to step down from his position and I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank Tim for making a significant contribution to our school. Kerrie Brewer was appointed as Chairperson, Anthony Longano as Deputy Chairperson and Kylie Payne as Secretary. I also wish to thank Nicole Firth for her contribution to the board as Chairperson for the past few years and to Angela Stopajnik for her role as secretary.

The 2017 School Board consists of the following members;

- Chairperson: Kerrie Brewer
- Deputy Chairperson: Anthony Longano
- Secretary: Kylie Payne
- Parents Association Rep: Grace Leslie
- Parent Rep: Rachel Terkelson
- Parent Rep: Tamsyn D'Souza
- Parent Rep: Angela Stopajnik
- Parent Rep: Ana Goodman
- Parent Rep: Nicole Firth
- Parish Priest: Father John Magri
- Staff Rep: Michella Pradel
- School Principal: Brendan Welsford

Last night's agenda included use of social media within the school, updated Child Safe Standards, a building update and car parking protocols.

SCHOOL CHOIR

The School Choir will perform during tomorrow's assembly.

WALK-A-THON

Our annual Walk-a-Thon will be held on Wednesday 17th May. Information and forms will be sent home shortly. Please remember to return your permission forms as soon as possible. Sponsor forms and money do not need to be returned until after the walk-a-thon.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic book club orders are due to school by Thursday 4th May.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week

Brendan Welsford
 Principal

TERM TWO DATES

APRIL

Thursday 27th P/T Interviews . Children dismissed at the usual time of 3.30pm

MAY

Monday 1st Year 5/6 Canberra Camp
Thursday 4th Reconciliation Ceremony (Grade 3)
Tuesday 9th NAPLAN testing Grade 3 & 5
Thursday 11th Mothers' Day Stall
Tuesday 16th Prep Family Faith Night
Wednesday 17th Walk-a-thon
1/2 Family Faith Night
Thursday 18th District Cross Country
Friday 26th Biggest Morning Tea

JUNE

Saturday 3rd Confirmation Commitment Mass
Wednesday 7th Parent Information Night – Confirmation SH 7.00pm
Friday 9th School Closure day
Monday 12th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 23rd School Disco
Thursday 29th Reports to go home
Friday 30th End of Term –students finish at 2.30pm

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Church Choir practice will begin on Thursdays straight after school. Lucy Rogers will pick the children up from the school foyer and take them to the church. All children are welcome to join the choir and parents are needed to help with the children. They will be singing for the Mother's Day [11.00am](#) Mass.

Kind Regards
Lucy Rogers

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I would like to invite you to a little get together the before and after school care team will be having on the afternoon of Wednesday the 3rd of May at 3:30pm onwards so all the parents, carers and students will be able to meet. The food and drink will be provided. Also, could you let one of our team members know in advance if you will be able to join us so we can organise everything.

Also, if you have any clothes, costumes or accessories that are going to the op shop or being thrown out, we would be happy to take those off your hands as the kids love dressing up in different attires.

Thank you,

The before and after school care team

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

This year the Parents Association is fundraising with the Entertainment™ Book & Digital Membership – it is just \$70 and gives you over \$20,000 worth of value!

If you do not wish to purchase an Entertainment™ Membership, **simply return the Book**

to school immediately. To purchase either the Entertainment™ Book or the Entertainment™ Digital Membership just follow the purchase instructions on the enclosed letter.

APRONS

We still have plenty of aprons for sale. They are available in the office for \$20.00



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