Dear Parents,

Once again, we have had another busy week, not only with extra curricula activities but all the learning which takes place in our classrooms on a day to day basis.

**GRANDPARENTS DAY**
We wish to thank all our grandparents, parents and friends who attended our Grandparents Day Mass yesterday. It is always wonderful to see the rapport and special bond between grandparent and child. As it was read in the introduction, “Grandparents can bring a real sense of history to a family as they share many family stories. They can give the rest of the family a sense of belonging.” This was certainly evident as there were so much sharing with photos, treasured items and favourite stories.

Thank you to our hardworking Parents Association for organising the morning tea/lunch and the many parents who provided food for the occasion. For those who were not able to attend our mass, this prayer was read for our grandparents.

Dear God,

We give thanks and praise for the rich inheritance we receive from our elders and grandparents.
For their inheritance of unconditional love,
For their inheritance of faith and wisdom,
For their inheritance of strength and courage,
For their inheritance of story and history,
For their inheritance of good works and kindness,
For their inheritance of joy and laughter.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord Amen.

**CHESS CLUB**
This week a number of our 3/4 students and some 5/6 students attended a lunchtime chess club run by two coaches from Northern Star Chess. This club will run each Monday for the next 7 weeks. The coaches were suitably impressed with how much knowledge was remembered from class sessions in Term 1 and they look forward to beginning chess tournaments during these lunchtime sessions. There are a few places still available if anyone else is interested in taking part.

**WORKING BEE**
Our second working bee will be held on August 2nd from 3:45-5:30. We plan to weed the Reflective Garden, shovel more tanbark onto the playground on the oval (not as much as last time!!!) and continue to work on the Kitchen Garden, as well as clean the kitchen in the hall.

If there are enough helpers, there are a couple of seats in the asphalt area which need sanding and repainting. Please fill in the attached form if you can assist. Thank you

**KITCHEN GARDEN**
Remember the building of the garden beds is on Monday 29th July (all day). Also at the working bee, the following Friday, we will need to complete the raised garden beds.

**Traffic Disruption**
Monday 29th July at 8am a crane will be delivering supplies for the vegie garden. We are not sure how long this will take so there may be disruptions to traffic flow. It may be necessary to park away from the school grounds and walk your child to school.

**NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM**
Yesterday we were fortunate to have Anna Burke visit the senior students as they are focusing on Civics and Citizenship. There were many interesting questions, which had been given much thought. Anna Burke gave amazing insight into the way Parliament works, her role as Speaker and was delighted with the knowledge our senior students had shown when questioned.

**CONCERT UPDATE**
Dance lessons are well underway for our Concert, *Magic at the Museum*. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help in some way with costuming. In weeks 3 and 4, class teachers will contact you as to the need of their class item.

Tickets will be available in week 6 and must be returned with money by the end of week 7. More details will be in next week’s newsletter.

**CYBER SAFETY**
This term we will be running an important program for the children, staff and parents relating to Cyber safety. ACMA (Australian Communications & Media Association) are coming to work with Year 3-6 students (afternoon), Staff (after school staff meeting) and Parents (early evening at 6:30pm) on Monday 26th August.

This is a VERY informative session looking at online behaviours for us as educators as well as family. Each session runs for about 1 – 1 1/2 hrs. Please save the date. More information regarding the parent meeting will be included in the newsletter closer to the date.

**ZONE FINALS-FOOTBALL**
Good luck to all our footballers who will play in the zone finals this Friday, 26th July at Princes Highway Reserve.

**CONDOLENCES**
We send our condolences to Sue Jenkins, whose father-in-law was laid to rest on Tuesday. Our condolences, also, to Miss Michella Pradel (Yr 5/6 teacher) whose father passed away last Sunday and condolences to the Airo-Farulla family (Luca and Alessia) whose grandfather died during the week. We keep them and their families in our prayers.
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Instalment Two
The education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.
Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.
The second instalment of the EMA payment is due to be paid mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the direct deposit or pay direct to school payment option on their application form.
Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August/early September.
Parents/guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second EMA payment.
Parents/guardians who children have transferred to this school since 28th February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 2nd August 2013.
Applications forms are available from the school office.

FREE TRIAL!! HAVE A GO!!
Did you know that there is an indoor group fitness class that takes place every Monday night in the school hall at 7pm? Would you like to look, feel and function better? Then here’s your invitation to join a fun group of like-minded individuals....

Hello, my name is Ana Thomas. I am a registered, qualified personal trainer. For the past year, I have been running ladies only workout sessions for one hour in the school hall. I have been running a similar program at another school in the area for five years with great success. If this sounds like something you’re interested in, call me today to organise your free trial! The trick to looking fabulous in the summer is sweating it out in the winter! Look forward to meeting you soon.
Ana

Antonietta Corp
(Acting Principal)

TERM THREE DATES

July
Monday 29th Garden Building Project

August
Thursday 1st Education Board
Friday 2nd Working Bee
Wednesday 7th Confirmation Reflection Day
Thursday 8th Confirmation Family Night
Thursday 15th Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Friday 16th Confirmation
Wednesday 28th Parents Association Meeting

September
Friday 6th School closure day
Tuesday 10th Inter School Athletics Carnival
Thursday 12th Education Board meeting
Thursday 19th Concert
Friday 20th Term ends

THANK YOU
The Parents Association would like to thank all the parents who assisted with the running of Grandparents day. Thank you to all those families who supplied food for the event. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and made it a wonderful day, enjoyed by all.
Mock Parliament with Anna Burke at Orchard Grove Primary School

When we went to the Mock Parliament we learnt more about what happens in the House of Representatives. We found out that Anna Burke is the Speaker of the House and her job is to control the unruly politicians. We were shocked to learn that the politicians can call out and interrupt a person who is speaking. If you are too unruly and don’t stop when the speaker calls ‘ORDER’, the speaker can have you removed from the chamber. If that happens you are locked out for one hour. We have a much better understanding of the roles of people in parliament e.g. shadow minister, clerk of court, sergeant-at-arms, opposition. We were also surprised to know that you don’t have to vote with your party, you can cross the floor and vote for the other side. When it’s time to vote for a new law, a bell will ring and lights will flash. That means you have 4 minutes to get to the chamber to vote.

It was a very informative day and now we can run a mock parliament for everyone else in the senior level that didn’t have the opportunity to go.

Tiffany, Leah, Elle, Angela, Bala, Alex, Zach, Daniel, Dylan and Jacob
WORKING BEE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND
3:45-5:30PM

Teamwork divides the task and doubles the success.

Some of the jobs include

- Continuing to build our “Garden Kitchen.”
- Shovelling tanbark onto the playground
- Weeding the Reflective Garden
- Cleaning the kitchen in the hall
- Sanding the wooden seats on the asphalt area

This is a great chance to meet other families and enjoy a sausage sizzle to end the afternoon.

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Working Bee

Family Name ......................................................

We are able/unable to attend the working bee on Friday, 2nd August

Signed ..................................................................

Date ..................................................................
