

Monday 16 June 2008

Newsletter 18/08

Dear parents

Building Project

As many of you have observed I'm sure, our major building project is really coming along, and we are hopeful of shifting into our new administration block and staff room at the start of next term. We can hardly wait!

Safety at the Front Gate

Last week I mentioned some of the issues we had regarding the "drop off zone".

There has been a huge improvement, so **thank you everyone**. You will notice that we have resumed coning off the car park adjacent to the pedestrian crossing, the intention being to improve visibility for both drivers and those using the crossing.

Could we also ask that, where possible, children and parents enter the school through the gate nearest to the hall, rather than walking up through the car park, while the building project is still on.

Junior Dance Evening

Last Wednesday evening the Junior Team (Rooms 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11) held their dance night.

What a fabulous occasion! The children had a great time, and it was wonderful to see such a huge turnout of parents and extended family members.

It was neat to see lots of parents getting up and joining in-we saw some interesting moves on the dance floor!

Thank you for coming, and **thank you to Elizabeth Thomas** and all the staff who were involved in any way.

Visiting Our School?

Don't forget to *report to the school office* if you are coming up to school during the day. All children must be signed out if they are leaving early. If you are coming to school to collect your child during the school day, please *report to the office first*. To avoid interrupting classes, we prefer that children are collected from the office.

Reporting to Parents

Your child will bring home their mid year report on the last day of term, **Friday 4 July**.

Parent interviews are coming up early in term 3 (*Wednesday 6 August* and *Thursday 7 August*). Interview request forms will be coming home on Monday 23 June.

"Cool to be Kind" Show

On Thursday this week we are having an **anti-bullying** presentation for the children called "**It's Cool to be Kind.**" Marty Rochfort, the presenter, talks about respect, care and kindness and the "golden rule"-treating others as you would like to be treated. This is a one hour comedy magic show which uses volunteers and asks a lot of questions. It is a great mix of magic and learning about important life skills. The cost of this show is covered by the activity fee, or \$3.00 per child if you have not paid your activity fee.
(Sandra Johnston, Organiser)

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to all the following little superstars, who will receive their special certificates at Wednesday afternoon's assembly. Parents, assembly starts at 2.15pm, and we'd love to see you: **Lachlan Bartlett, Jessica Corrigan, Ethan Fenning, Joshua Graham, Kiana Hania, Connor Jones, Jordan Kanon, Charlotte Lowe, Madison Marshall, Ellery Martin, Rory Moore, Ben Parker, Alesi Ray-Livingstone, Salma Sanad, Rhea Taylor, Mark Tohovaka, Gary Toleafoa, Samuel White, Ella Woodford.**

Education Review Office

Welcome to Norma Black, Paul Hawkins and Robert Blucher, who are visiting our school this week.

ICAS Competitions

Maths is on 29th July
English is on 12th August
Computer Skills is on 27th August

New Pupils

Welcome to the following new pupils: **Yiwen Lin, Joanne Gee, Beth Osborne and Huda Sahib**

A reminder to let Trish in the office know if you have a child turning five this year who will be joining us.

Coming Attractions

<i>Today</i>	Choir having a combined Music Festival practice at Pt View School
<i>Wednesday 18 June</i>	School assembly at 2.15pm BOT meeting at 7.30pm. All welcome.
<i>Thursday 19 June</i>	Cool to be Kind Show
<i>Friday 20 June</i>	Four staff at Numeracy professional development
<i>Monday 23 June</i>	Parent interview request forms coming home
<i>Friday 27 June</i>	School Disco
<i>Monday 30 June</i>	Maths books coming home
<i>Tuesday 1 July</i>	Choir practice at Point View School Writers' Quiz
<i>Wednesday 2 July</i>	Vision and Hearing testing Music Festival First Night
<i>Thursday 3 July</i>	Music Festival Second Night
<i>Friday 4 July</i>	Last day of term School reports coming home
<i>Monday 21 July</i>	Term 3 begins

Helping Your Child to Read

*Read to your child every day
Vary the type of books read
When reading to your child, stop sometimes and ask, "What do you think might happen next?"
Talk to your child about books read by them, or to them, at school
Visit the excellent local public library
Encourage a quiet reading time for a few minutes each night before lights out
Take that television out of the bedroom!
Yes! Books still make **fantastic** presents!*

Have a good week everyone

Regards

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