Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to everyone that completed the recent survey to provide feedback for our four-year strategic plan. We received a great deal of positive feedback about our school facilities and great school community culture. We also received great feedback about where we can improve further, such as athletics days and school sport, community gardens, numeracy, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island perspectives. We will use this feedback to make further improvements to our school over the next four years. Watch this space!

D. Broadfoot
Principal

Remembrance Parade

On Friday 11th November, we will be holding a Remembrance Day parade. At 11am we pause to remember the sacrifice of those men and women who have died or suffered in wars and conflicts and all those who have served in our armed forces.

Poppies for sale

The Student Council will be selling poppies tomorrow morning for Remembrance Day. They will be on sale before school for $1.00

Halloween Disco

Thanks to all the students and families that attended our Halloween Disco. It was great to see so many children and adults dressed up. Thanks also to the P&C and all the people that assisted in the preparation and running of the disco.

Prep Enrolments and Open days

Enrolments for Prep for 2017 have now begun. If you have a child that is eligible to start Prep next year please pick up an enrolment pack from the office. Please pass on this information if you know of another parent or caregiver that will be enrolling their child in prep at RESS next year. We are filling up fast!

We also have Prep Open Sessions coming up for 2017 students. The times are:
Wednesday 23rd November 9.30am to 11.00am
Thursday 1st December 1.45pm to 3.00pm

Please phone the office if you wish to attend any of the above sessions.

Important 2017 planning

Please ensure that you inform the school if your children will not be back at school on the first day (Monday 23rd January) or if you may be moving. This information is essential for planning classes and for staffing planning for 2017.

We also need to enrol all Prep students immediately to ensure we can adequately prepare for 2017. If you have children eligible for Prep in 2017, please call the office to arrange enrolment.

High School Transition Day

Please be aware that there will be a High School transition day for all Education Queensland schools in Townsville on Wednesday 30th November. More information will be available when it is provided to us.

Graduation and Awards Night – Year 6

The Year 6 Awards and Graduation Night is Thursday 1st December. The focus for this event is on our graduation Year 6 students. However, students that have applied for 2017 leadership positions (School Captains, Sports Captains and Student Council) are also invited, as these positions will be announced at this event. However, it is not an expectation that they are present, as they will still receive their badge at the following school parade. Detailed information was sent home recently. Please contact the office if you have not received the note.
STRANGER DANGER

Whilst the vast majority of adults love, care and protect children, it is a sad reflection on life that some pose a risk of harm to our children. Teaching children about stranger danger remains an important and difficult task for parents. It is a difficult task because we need to teach our children how to remain safe, while not paralysing them with fear or planting the seed of thought that the world is full of dangerous people. We also need to bear in mind that the majority of harm that occurs to children comes from people known to us (relatives, trusted family friends) rather than from strangers.

Take the time to conduct a little test of your child's understanding of stranger danger. Ask them what they would do if a stranger approaches them. Hopefully they will say, "Don't talk to them". Next ask your child what a stranger looks like. Depending on the age of your child you will probably get a description of a scary person who looks mean and wears dark or dirty clothes, who might even wear a mask. As we know, strangers that pose a risk to our children are never quite so conspicuous in their appearance.

The following are some guidelines about stranger danger education. Teach your child that:

- a stranger is anyone that they do not know,
- they should never ever go with a stranger no matter what they say; teach your child that strangers will sometimes make up stories about lost puppies or lollies, but that no matter what they say they should not go with them (No means No, always),
- you will never send someone to pick them up that they have not met before,
- they should not just not talk to strangers, but they should not talk to anyone that they do not know,
- they should play in groups and never walk home alone (strangers are much more likely to approach a child who is alone than one who is in a group),
- they must always tell you if someone has approached them (sometimes children believe they will get in trouble, assure them that this will not happen).

Remember: Above all else, teaching your children about stranger danger is not a single lesson. It is a lesson that you and your child need to regularly revisit.

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