Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At Railway Estate State School, we have high expectations of student behaviour. This week on school parade we focused on ‘respect’. We are fortunate at our school to have very respectful students, however a couple of incidents this week have prompted me to remind our students of the level of respect that is expected. Here at Railway Estate SS, we know how important it is to have a school culture that is built on respect – that is why one of our three school rules is 'Be Respectful'. On parade, I advised the students that being disrespectful will not be tolerated. We must all teach and enforce the value of being respectful to others, especially to adults. We all need to ensure that we teach the behaviours we expect. Please continue to work with us to instil the values of respect in all children. We want to ensure that our school community prides itself on the way that our students interact positively with peers, staff and parents.

D. Broadfoot
Principal
12th November, 2015

Remembrance Parade
On Wednesday 11th November, we held a Remembrance Day parade. At 11am we paused 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. The students were exceptionally attentive and respectful during this important event.

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 Open Day Success
Our first Prep Open Day was held yesterday and it was a great success. Transitioning children into school is a very important step in early education. Our next Prep Open Day is Thursday 3rd December.

IMPORTANT 2016 PLANNING
Please ensure that you inform the school if your children will not be back at school on the first day (Wednesday 27th January) or if you may be moving. This information is essential for planning classes and for staffing planning for 2016.

We also need to enrol all Prep students immediately to ensure we can adequately prepare for 2016. If you have children eligible for Prep in 2016, please call the office to arrange enrolment.

TOWN HIGH TRANSITION
All Year 6 students intending to enrol at Townsville State High School have another transition day on Wednesday 25th November. All students should have brought home a note. Please contact the office if you have not received one.

GRADUATION AND AWARDS NIGHT – YEAR 6
There have been some recent changes to our annual Awards and Graduation Night. In the past we have made this night for upper school grades (Year 5, 6 and 7). After consultation and feedback, we have decided to focus this event on our graduating Year 6 students. However, students that have applied for 2016 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. Family invitations have been sent home this week. Please contact the office if you have not received one.

LOST PROPERTY
Please remember to check lost property if your child/children has lost something. There are quite a few items from the school camp that are still unclaimed. All items not collected by the end of November will be donated to charity.

Prep Information Night
We will be having another information session for 2015 Prep parents that were not able to attend our first information session. This will be held in the Prep room on Thursday 3rd December at 5.30pm.
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.

The Uniform Shop

School Uniforms are available for purchase from The Railway Café. New uniforms are $25. The best days to catch us are Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings before school but if you need a uniform outside these times please let us know at The Railway Café.

Citizen of the Week

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Important dates:
- 26th November – Graduation and Awards Night (Year 5 and 6)
- 30th November – Joyful Day
- 2nd December – High School Transition Day
- 3rd December – Prep Parent Information Session
- 3rd December – Prep Open Day
- 3rd December – Christmas Stall
- 3rd December – School Play
- 5th December – School Play
- 9th December – Rewards Day
- 11th December – Last day of school

Breakfast Program Donations

The Breakfast Program is asking for donations of milk and honey. If you are able to donate please drop items off at the tuckshop any weekday. Thank you.

Issue 8 Book Club due 21/11/2015

Order forms to be returned to the school by Friday 21 November. If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.


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