Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and commitment to our fantastic school. We have had some amazing parent support recently, through events like Harmony Day, Crazy Hair Day, interschool swimming, and Movie Night. It has been great having so many parents at these events, as well as at school parades. We have also had a number of parents assisting with breakfast program and tuckshop, which has been of great assistance. I hope that all parents are booking times with teachers to meet for parent-teacher interviews before the holidays. I cannot emphasise enough how important these meetings are.

Another way to be involved in your child’s education and school is through the P&C. The Annual General Meeting will be held this Monday, 30th March at 6:00pm. The current P&C have done an amazing job, but I am aware that some of the positions need filling. The focus of the P&C is to make the school a fun and vibrant place to be. If you would like to contribute to making our great school even greater, please come along! We need a P&C!

D. Broadfoot
26th March, 2015

Congratulations to all the students that participated in the interschool Swimming Carnival last week. Railway Estate won the ‘Best Overall Average’ trophy and the ‘Most Improved’ trophy. Once again, we also had great feedback about having the best ‘team spirit’ and sportsmanship.

Lockdown

Many stories are circulating regarding a school lockdown this week. The school did go into lockdown due to some very dangerous behaviour by a student. All classes responded extremely well to this situation by following school procedures. The highest level of our RESS Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students has been enacted to deal with this incident. We are proud of our reputation of keeping students safe in our great school, and all steps have been taken to ensure this behaviour will not occur in our school again.

All teachers will be conducting parent-teacher interviews over the next week. **It is absolutely essential that all parents or caregivers take the time to meet with the teacher.** If the times that have been offered do not suit parents’ busy schedules, all teachers are committed to making another time to see you. **Please ensure that you commit to this critical communication about your child’s education.**

Mrs Miller will be conducting her meetings at the beginning of term two, when she returns from her long service leave.

**High five!**

**Our anti-bullying strategy**

Last Friday was National Day against Bullying and Violence. Our school recognised this day with a whole school parade, where we introduced a new school-wide strategy for students to proactively address bullying. The name of the strategy is ‘High Five’. It is an effective strategy to develop problem-solving strategies for our students and it can also help to eliminate bullying. High Five is a 5 step problem solving strategy that can be used in the classroom, in the playground and for perceived bullying incidents.

The ‘High Five’ strategies are:

1. Ignore
2. Talk Friendly
3. Walk Away
4. Talk Firmly
5. Report.

Each one of these steps has specific actions, which will be taught to the students during parade and in class.

This week we focussed on the ‘Ignore’ step

- Pretend you didn't hear it.
- Do not make eye contact.
- Maintain positive body posture (calm, confident).
- Think positive self-esteem statements.
- Count to five in your head slowly.
- Take deep breaths.

*** It is important to note that high level behaviours, such as swearing and physical behaviour are not to be ignored and this has been reinforced to the students. They are to report it immediately.
DO YOU HAVE SKILLS TO SHARE?
Do you have particular talents or skills that you think could be of benefit to students in our school? Perhaps you would like to run a lunchtime club/workshop or listen to children read or help children with their sight words. If you are interested in contributing to the ‘greatness’ of our school, please contact Mr B.

Radio visit
On Wednesday 1st April, a local radio station, 106.3FM, will be broadcasting live from our school. This will include the segment ‘Are you smarter than a 5th grader?’ It is sure to be a fun morning. Parents are welcome to come along or tune in!

SCHOOL RESOURCE CONTRIBUTION
Please note that the school resource contribution can be paid at the school office. We strongly encourage your commitment to this important scheme. This contribution helps to provide important resources for the students’ curriculum needs, particularly as we do not use textbooks. The contribution is $80 for year levels 1 to 6 and $100 for Prep. Thank you to those that have paid this already. Please note that the office does not have EFTPOS facilities.

SCHOOL CAMP – Grade’s 5 and 6
REMINDER: the deposit for the camp is $60.00 and is due by Thursday 2nd April.

Citizen of the Week

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Keep a watch on our school these holidays...
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.
If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

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