Message from the Principal...

Dear families, students and staff,

Your child’s class teacher will be contacting you by phone during the coming weeks. This will be a quick catch up with you. It is an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you might have regarding your child.

Recently we received information from Miss Gregory that she will be unable to return to school until term 4 at the earliest. She is undergoing chemotherapy treatment due to a return of the cancer that she battled some years ago. I know you would join with me in keeping her in your thoughts as she undergoes treatment. The school has made some staff changes regarding Year 4 and 5/6AQ. Mrs Quinn has taken over from Mr Bullivant as the Year 4 teacher and Mr Bullivant has taken over from Mrs Quinn as the other teacher on 5/6AQ. Mr Bullivant has taken over from Mrs Arandale as their full time teacher until the end of the term as Mrs Arandale is on sick leave for the rest of the term. These classes have been renamed 4Q and 5/6AB.

Recently the P and C donated funds to the school to support the replacement of furniture, an air conditioner in the 1/2M classroom and funds to supplement the kindergarten literacy program. The total of the donation was approximately $9 000. I really appreciate the donation from the P and C in to assist in the comfort, wellbeing and education of children.

Congratulations to the hard working pool committee who will open the pool for business this Wednesday afternoon.

Have a great week.
Karen Cavanagh
Principal

Assembly
Due to the Cross Country there will be no assembly this week.

Calendar
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Uniform Shop
Until further notice the Uniform shop will be closed, as it is run by a volunteer who is not available for the rest of term. Orders with the correct money, may be placed through the front office.

School Photographs
Photo envelopes have been sent home today. School photographs will be taken on Thursday 23 April (Week 1 next term). If you would like a sibling photo taken special sibling envelopes are available at the office. Sibling photos will be taken at 8.30am for any students able to come to school early and then again later in the day for those who catch buses or where not available for the early session. We would like to ask parents to please send their child to school on photo day dressed in their summer uniform. All envelopes and money must be returned by the end of this term. Thank you.

Our community pool is finally opening!
This Wednesday afternoon at 3.30pm, our local pool will open its gates to the community for the first time. This is an incredibly exciting milestone in a journey that has taken more than 25 years. Please come along and help us celebrate.

As the pool is not attended by a Life Guard, all children swimming in the pool must be supervised by an adult. Unsupervised children will not be allowed into the pool area. Thank you for your understanding and support in making sure we provide a safe environment for our children.

From Thursday 19th March, the pool will be open daily, from 7am-7pm, until Anzac Day when it will close for the winter. Until further notice, pool entry will be free.

The pool will re-open in October for next summer. At this time there will be an official ceremony to formally celebrate the opening of the pool.

Soccer Coach
If there is any parent or member of the community who would like to be involved in a Soccer coaching role could they please leave a message at the Front Office or get in contact with Mr Dawson. It would involve a soccer training session for one lunchtime for the length of time that we are in the Soccer Knockout, attending the knock out games and a fantastic day later in the year when the boys participate in a Soccer Gala Day.

Cross Country
This Friday we are having our School Cross Country from 1.30 to 3.00 pm. I would appreciate some help from parents on this day. The task is simply to be an official on the track to ensure children are running the right way and to encourage the runners as they pass by you. If you are able to provide some help please see Mr Dawson before the carnival or on the day of the carnival. Cross Country is for all students turning 8 this year and older. All students will need to wear their normal Sport Uniform and have appropriate running footwear. Please send your child with an extra drink. Parents are welcome to come and watch.

Head Lice
We have had reported cases of head lice, mainly in Year 1, 2 & 3 students. Please check your child’s hair and treat. You need to remove every egg as the treatments only kill the live lice.

P&C Easter Egg Raffle
Large tubs have been placed in all the classrooms ready to be filled with donations of Easter Eggs for our annual Easter Raffle held at the Easter Egg Parade on 2 April. If you have any baskets to put prizes in that would also be appreciated. Please make sure tickets are returned by Wednesday 1 April. No tickets will be sold on the Parade day.
Ride, Scoot, Walk to School Safely Day
Thanks for the amazing efforts to both parents and students in participating in ride, scoot or walk to school safely day. A special thanks goes to our mascot Mr Dawson and assistant safety officers: Arvey, Alex, Kye and Byron who were responsible for checking the 4 point helmet checks. Karmen and Satine did a wonderful job praising the effort of those participating and handed out stickers to those who joined in. We were lucky to arrive before the rain arrived and there were some very excited students participating this year. Please encourage your children to be active and safe arriving to school where possible.
Easter
Thank you to all the students who have brought in an Easter Egg for the class collections. Don’t forget to buy some raffle tickets to win one of the wonderful Easter prizes! Infants children need to decide what kind of Easter character they are going to dress up as. The choices are – The funniest hat, a bunny hat or mask, Colourful hat, Australian hat, Creative/Innovative hat and recycled/inexpensive hat. The children from Year 3-6 need to create a sculpture or small display that has an Easter theme. The Easter Hat parade will be held on Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April, commencing at 1.00 pm.

1/2M – The coolest class!

Last Wednesday our classroom was fitted with a brand new air conditioner and extractor fan. We would like to say a big THANKYOU to our wonderful P & C who funded this purchase. It has made such a difference to our classroom.

Canteen News
The Canteen will operate Tuesdays to Fridays and will only be closed on Mondays. If any new parents would like to volunteer please pop into the office and leave your details and someone will contact you.

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