UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 18th October
Toy Catalogue orders to be returned

Monday 21st October
Curriculum Day

Thursday 24th October
Prep & Grade 1/2
Excursion - Cranbourne
Botanical Gardens

Friday 25th October
House Sports

Monday 28th October
Walkathon

Wednesday 30th October
School Carnival

Tuesday 5th November
Melbourne Cup Day

Holiday

Monday, 21st October is
Curriculum Day

Children are not required to attend school

NAPLAN results – reports will be sent home this week in sealed envelopes. Please discuss these reports with your child (Grade 3 & 5 only) and remember that these assessments were completed 6 months ago.

Learning community Newsletters are being sent home this week. The teachers provide this information to provide parents/carers with terms of reference to open discussions with children at home. It should enable you to ask specific questions of your child e.g. what did you learn about fractions today? - as opposed to what did you do today? which often gets the response – ‘nothing’ or ‘I dunno’ and is usually accompanied with a shoulder shrug.

Establishing regular, open and honest communication early with young children has been proven world wide to assist parents in parenting children as they get older. Please go to the link on our website ‘Parenting Ideas’ for some great suggestions that have long term benefits.

To assist our school planning for 2014, we would appreciate families communicating to us your intentions for next year. Please complete the form on the back page and return to your eldest child’s home group teacher as soon as possible. This will enable us to ensure we have the required staff in place.

Information about Grade 6 students is not required. If you have younger children who have not yet been enrolled please let us know.

Cheryl Van Deursen - Principal
**Curriculum News**

**Preparing for 2014**

We are now in the final term for 2013 and for many of our students this can be exciting, frightening, worrying, confusing, challenging - and so much more! As much as children are excited about the prospect of a brand new year, grade level, different teachers, different work, etc. all of these things may create anxiety or concern in your child.

At school we will be maintaining routines as much as possible, while also starting to prepare our students for the transition to 2014. There will be opportunities closer to the end of this term for students to talk about next year and what they may be doing in their new year level. These opportunities will also be balanced with maintaining routine and regular structure to help alleviate feelings of concern or anxiety.

At home, take time to talk to your child about how they are feeling about the year ahead – what are they looking forward to, what are they curious about?

If you know that your child does not like changes to their routine, it would be a good idea to start preparing them for their new year level soon.

This could be particularly relevant for many of our Grade 6 students – leaving primary school to head to secondary school can be quite daunting. I am sure we can all remember our own experiences of this!!

Remain positive with your child about the new school year approaching, and please speak to your child’s current Home Group teacher about any concerns/queries you or your child may have.

Let’s work together to make the transition to 2014 smooth and stress free for everyone!

*Di Fernand - Assistant Principal*
STUDENT NEWS

Junior Learning Community News
Thank-you to all the families and friends who have shopped at the Good Guys and earned donation credits to support our school.

School hats are compulsory this term. If your child has lost their hat, new hats can be purchased from Beleza.

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NOV 2 9.00 A.M. – 1P.M.
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Please complete by October 25th 2013
DO NOT COMPLETE FOR GRADE 6 STUDENTS GOING TO SECONDARY

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