Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday March 14th
School Photographs

Monday March 18th
Middle Camp

Tuesday March 19th
Senior Camp

Wednesday March 20th
Middle Camp

Friday March 22nd
Indonesian Day

Thursday March 28th
Easter Bonnet Parade

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Friday March 29th
Good Friday – Public Holiday

Principal’s News

School Council:
School Council Elections have now closed. We have one newly elected parent who will join us this year.

The members of our 2013 School Council are: Jenny Lorne, Maryelle Gillett, Claudia Joya, Scott Skewes, Marlene Cockburn, Belinda Walker, Di Fernand (Staff), Manieka Radford (Staff) and myself.

School Councillors meet eight times a year, making decisions regarding the finances and operations of the school. This commitment is greatly appreciated by the community.

Cheryl Van Deursen - Principal

Quote:
Change is brought about because ordinary people do extraordinary things.

Barack Obama
At the moment, our key focus for homework is to encourage our students to read every night. We are also mindful of the DEECD guidelines and expectations in relation to this. Current Department guidelines say that homework should:

- Provide opportunities for students to apply new knowledge or to review revise and reinforce newly acquired skills.
- Provide opportunities for students to gain background information so they are better prepared for future lessons.
- Encourage students to pursue knowledge individually and imaginatively.

Guidelines for appropriate time spent on homework are that it will generally **not** exceed:

- 30 minutes a day or be set on weekends or during vacations. (Prep – 4)
- 30 to 45 minutes a day at Year 5
- 45 to 90 minutes a day in Year 9

School Council is currently reviewing policies to ensure they are current and relevant to our school community. The Homework Policy is currently under review. As we work through this process, it would be great to get feedback from our families. Please take a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire included with this newsletter and return to school by Wednesday 20th March.

Your input is valuable and will help us to develop a policy that meets the needs of our school community. **Thank you** for your support and assistance.

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**Homework**

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Stars of the Week**

_Congratulations on all your wonderful efforts this week!_

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**STUDENT PICK UP TIME**

Please note that school dismisses at 3.15pm each day and students need to be picked up at this time. The school does not conduct an After School Care Program.

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**CURRICULUM NEWS**

**Di Fernand - Assistant Principal**
STUDENT NEWS

Students in Grades 3 to 6 have been working on their “Me Shields” and “Self Portraits” this term during their Art lessons.

The P-2’s have been creating their own “Elmer” The Elephant based on the book by David McKee.

The children are really enjoying working in the Art Room and they are to be congratulated for their effort and persistence.

Kim Biram – Art Teacher

Rhyley K. (MMD)  Emma C. (SIW)

Taylah M. (Prep)  Shelby W. (SIW)
A final reminder that School Photographs will be taken tomorrow for your children. The order form and money must be brought back with them tomorrow and handed in when they have their photos taken. No change will be available at the office. Please make sure all students are in correct school uniform.

Orders will be delivered to the school on Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March. Thank you to the families who participated in this Drive.

\textit{Jenny Lorne – PFA}

Choc Top Ice creams will be sold on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week at lunchtime. The cost of the ice creams is $2.00.