Principal’s Message

Cross Country
The Cross Country was a wonderful day where students were actively involved in their sport. The day was beautiful weather wise, student behaviour was outstanding and there was a lot of parent support. Thank you to Mr Baker, Miss Strickland and Miss Ngov who did a wonderful job of organising this event. A lot of hard work and planning goes into the organisation of such an event.

Soccer
On Monday night we took 40 students to watch the Socceroos friendly game against South Africa at ANZ Stadium. Student’s behaviour was outstanding and our school was represented proudly. The game was very exciting and ended in a 1-1 draw. I wish to thank Mrs Sor, Miss Fiso and Mrs Dickson for their organisation and taking time outside of working hours to provide this wonderful experience for our students. I am sure that this kind of experience will be a memorable one and something that they will remember for years to come.

Keeping Our Children Safe
The orange fencing currently around the school is to ensure we keep a safe environment for all of our community. Please do not walk over the top of these barriers. I ask that you take careful notice of this fencing and request that you please follow the path ways in and out of the school in order to stay safe. Always set a good example. Children are always watching and they want to be just like adults so make sure you set a good example around traffic. You can assist by talking as you are walking, talk with your children about why you are stopping, and what you are looking and listening for. Explain to them where it is safer to cross and why. Please do not walk through the car park to enter or exit the school. This is not only dangerous but it is also teaching our children bad habits regarding road safety. Recently the media have told many stories of children being hit by cars and we certainly do not want an accident like this to happen within our school community. Please help us keep our children safe.

Parking in the staff car park
The staff car park has very limited places and we ask that parents do not park in this space. There should be no parents entering the school grounds in a vehicle. If you are attending the school for a specific purpose we ask that you park out on the roadway. This is so that we can keep a safe environment for all members of our school community. We often have children moving around the school and staff specifically wait until out of hours to leave.

Mobile Phones
Mobile phones have recently become an issue within our student body. If students bring a phone to school it needs to be signed in at the front office before 9.00am and then picked up after the afternoon bell at 3.00pm. These phones will be kept in the school safe during the day. Please note that students should only carry phones for very valid and specific reasons and the school has asked that you provide evidence of the reason for your child bringing a phone to school.

School Calendar
Week 7
Mon. 9th June - Public Holiday

Week 8
Mon. 16th June - Book Club due
Mon. 16th June - Books in Homes assembly

Week 9 - 23/6 - 27/6
Parent Teacher Interviews All week. Please make time to meet your child’s teacher.
Fri. 27th June - Last day of Term 2

School resumes Term 3 Tues.15th July
Mother’s Day Stall
A special thank you to the P&C who did a wonderful job of organising our Mother’s Day Stall. The stall was a huge success and I am sure that all of our mothers and grandmothers out there appreciated their gifts. The raffle too was very well received. The P&C raised $450 and this will go back into the school to support various projects and initiative. Sincere thanks to the P&C for your work and ongoing support.

Canteen
We are asking for your support with the canteen in making things run a little smoother in the mornings. You can help by making sure that you come prepared with a lunch order that has been filled out at home. You can purchase lunch bags from Coles and Woolworths and have the orders filled out. Unfortunately we have had a number of cases where parents are pushing in front of children and this creates a situation where students are then late for class. We ask that you line up and wait your turn so that it is a fair process for all involved.

Regards

- Narelle Nies—Acting Principal

Honour Awards
Congratulations to the students who have earned an Honour Award:

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Principal Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received Principals awards

Jessica S, Sharron T and Angel L

Kindergarten are learning ‘why they are special’.
Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here (School A-Z Website): www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk (School A-Z Website)

School attendance is important.

Did you know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Missing school leaves gaps in your education.

All students in Years 1-6 have a Mathletics log in. If you have access to the internet please use this resource for 10 minutes a day.

Literacy Planet challenge during June.
Use your Literacy planet account during June and the Top 10 students will be rewarded with a BPS achievement award.

We celebrate students who have achieved a Principal’s Award in our front office with a photo of your child. Well done on your achievements.