Dear Parents,

Midyear Parent Teacher Interviews
I would like to thank parents and staff for braving yesterday’s cool winter weather to attend parent teacher interviews. The meetings are important as they allow you to discuss your child’s progress and fine tune goals and strategies. Several teachers appreciated the opportunity to discuss issues and inform parents about specific concerns. I would like to thank Lisa Needham for organising the interviews, interpreters and ensuring all mid-year reports were printed and distributed in a timely manner.

Plumbing works
Work is continuing on harvesting rain water from the new roof. The plumbers are installing a ‘charged system’ to connect the roof to the tank this week. This simply means that gravity will fill the tank. Plumbers will connect the tank to students toilets during the first week of the holidays.

Mr Barkell on Long Service Leave…
Dean Barkell will be taking some well deserved leave for the duration of Term 3. In his place I will be employing Terry Argent, a highly recommended teacher with much experience in teaching all primary grade levels. We wish Dean well on his travels and look forward to seeing him again in Term Four.

Relocating the canteen...
In preparation for the new BER building we will be moving the canteen to the former dental unit (this is the brick structure on the North East side of the oval). The internal walls and ceiling have been given a fresh coat of paint and I have organised an electrician to install additional power points and move the stove and air conditioner to the new location.
This temporary canteen requires approval by the Health Department of Moonee Valley City Council before we can commence trading; therefore it may not operate at the beginning of Term Three.

Congratulations Cross Country Runners…
On Wednesday 9 June, Jaidyn Johns, Danielle Christian-Beckenham and Billy Koziaris ran in the Zone Cross Country finals. Jaidyn ran in the 9&10 year olds race and came 22nd in a field of 45. Billy ran 19th in the 11 year old boys race from a filed of 45 students and Danielle ran 29th in the 12&13 year old girls in a field of 50.
I wish to congratulate these students on a splendid effort and thank their parents for taking them to the event.

Students participate in Writing competition…
This week, there were fourteen students who undertook the University of New South Wales writing competition. I wish to thank Mrs Baud for organising the implementation of the test. We will present certificates to the students when they arrive and publish their collective results.

Final Assembly 2pm Friday…
Students will have their final assembly at 2pm tomorrow afternoon. There will not be a morning assembly. Following assembly, students will be dismissed at 2.15pm. I hope that all students have a safe and fun filled break and that we all returned refreshed on Monday 12 July for a great start to the new semester. Many thanks to all students and staff for a great term’s work.

Have a great week

Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER
(subject to change check regularly)

June
Friday 25th  Last Day Term 2—Students finish at 2:15pm
Interschool Sport—St Augustines-9:30-Home

July
Monday 12th  Term 3 starts-8:50am
Monday 19th  Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm
School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Monday 26th  Focus on Science Week
Friday 30th  Fundraising Committee Meeting 9:15sm
Tree Planting Day

August
Tuesday 3rd  Australian Schools Test—English
Wednesday 4th  Prep Farm Excursion
Monday 9th  Curriculum Day
Wednesday 11th  Sports Day (formally our Footy Day)

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Cost: Early bird special of $115 for Multi-Sport before the 14th of June 2010. Regular price $125 per student per week for Multi-Sport. (Child care rebates available) Daily registrations cost $35 per day.
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