Dear Parents,

Congratulations students and staff on a great Term 2…

Four years ago on the last day of second term, I presented 7 students with a 100% attendance certificate. Tomorrow 116 students will be presented with this award; this is over 1,500% increase. We believe we can teach children well when they are at school.

School to receive $150,000 towards building improvement…

The DEECD Infrastructure Division advised that supplementary maintenance funding of $150,000 has been approved for our school.

The funding relates to the following items:

- Roof areas – spouting/downpipes ($38,000)
- Corridor roof ($13,000)
- Sub structure – re stumping ($48,000)
- Stormwater system ($45,000)
- Alcove roof areas ($6,000)

This comes on top of other grants already received:

- Electrical upgrade ($6,000)
- CAESES kitchen ($19,000)
- Installation of a toilet for students with a disability in Building B ($22,000)

In addition the school will receive $50,000 from the federal government for the installation of a 10 kW solar electrical panel. This totals $247,000 of improvements to our school.

I would like to thank the Facilities Committee for their persistence and the Regional Office for their support in acquiring the DEECD grants.

Students perform for residents at the Ron Conn Nursing Home…

Three times per term Maxine Shell and Michelle Portelli escort students studying keyboard to the nursing home to perform in the recreation area. Many of the residents require high level care and appreciate listening to ‘live’ music. Yesterday I also accompanied students and saw how much this means to those in wheelchairs and others who are unable to leave the confines of the nursing home.

The performances also benefit our students. Firstly they receive performance practice, secondly there is additional motivation to rehearse and finally their efforts are warmly appreciated by the audience.

I wish to thank Maxine and Michelle for this service to local community members.

Advanced notice of Term 3 activities with expenses …

The following activities have been planned for next term and may have expenses associated with them I provide this list so parents can budget for these:

- August 5 Fundraiser Chocolate Drive
- 8 Grades 1 & 2 Hands On Science
- 9 Prep - 6 Anti-bullying presentation: The Human race
- 12 Preps Farm Excursion
- 22 – 26 Prep – 6 Book Week & Book Fair in library
- 29–Sept 9 Prep – 2 Junior Swimming program
- Sept. 7 – 9 Grades 5 & 6 Camp
- 15 Prep – 6 Sports Day
- 19 – 21 Grades 3-4Camp

Details for activities involving expenses will be given to parents at least two weeks before the activity date.

I wish all students, their family and all staff a refreshing term break.
DATES TO REMEMBER
(subject to change check regularly)

July
Friday 1st   Last day Term 2—Students finish at 2:15pm
            Sausage Sizzle and Casual Clothes Day
Monday 18th  Term 3 begins
Tuesday 19th 3/4 C Parent Teacher Interviews 3:15-5:00pm
Thursday 21st 3/4 C Parent Teacher Interviews 3:15-5:00pm
Friday 22nd  Chocolates sent home for Chocolate Fundraiser

August
Friday 5th  Money and any unsold chocolates to be returned to school
Facilities Committee Meeting 5pm

Pupils of the week last week were:
PrepA– Alexander V
Prep/1A – Michael H
1/2B– Anastasia L
3/4A– N/A
3/4C– Shae B
5/6A– N/A
5/6C– Misselly C
PrepB – Raymond L
1/2A– Zoe B
1/2C – Caroline D & Thein B
3/4B– Aaron V & Peter F
3/4D– Joshua N
5/6B– Emily B
5/6D– Liam A

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July School Holidays!
Come and Join the
MELBOURNE STORM
&
NORTH WEST WOLVES
Rugby League Holiday Clinic
When: Wednesday 6th of July
Where: AJ Davis reserve Niddrie (Melways reference 15 G9
Time : 10am-12 noon
Cost: $10 includes Football and drink bottle. (Free if kids don’t want these)
All ages welcome!

To register or for more information please go to www.ridevelopment.com.au/victoria and click on Niddrie Macquarie kids to Kangaroos Clinic and follow the links
Or Call James on 0448890013

Dyslexia Support Group
Support to parents of dyslexic children
The Group is organising a Dyslexia information forum on Monday August 1, commencing at 5pm, to be held at Williamstown Primary School, Cecil Street, Williamstown. Registration for the event is at 4:45pm.
It’s keynote speaker is Dr Nola Firth, a leading researcher in this field. Wine nibbles and door prizes will also form part of the night, along with discounted copies of Helping Children with Dyslexia by Liz Dunoon. The only cost is a gold coin donation from those attending. To attend the forum, please RSVP at Dyslexiasupportgroup-west@hotmail.com before 22nd July.
Further information contacting Rebecca Cleaver (0425771357) or Julie Martin (0418657749).

Happy July holidays, stay warm!!

Advertisements
The advertisements in this newsletter are for community interest only. The school has no connection with, nor endorses, any particular business activity.

Notice to Parents
The school yard is supervised by a teacher on duty until 3:30pm. Students are expected to be picked up by this time.