Dear Parents,

BER building nears completion...
Painting of the new building has been completed, as has the electrical and ICT cabling. Currently there are floor coverings being laid – linoleum for the wet areas and Art room and carpet for the main room. All rooms, including the canteen, have thermostatically controlled, reverse-cycle air-conditioning.
Concrete footpaths were poured yesterday, and a 100,000 Litre rainwater tank will be installed over the next week.

Working Bee – Sunday
There will be a working bee on Sunday from 12.30pm to 4pm. Works to be covered include: turning the soft-fall under the play equipment, weeding gardens, arranging yard furniture and minor painting.

Car Parking concern...
Last Friday, senior officers from Moonee Valley and Mr Andrew Elsbury MLC, accompanied Nadia Castricum and myself around the school at dismissal time. We were dismayed to see parents parking in an illegal manner. Parking in driveways and on nature strips is illegal as is ‘double parking’ or stopping temporarily beside other cars and signalling children to the car.
I am most concerned that parents are still parking on the opposite side of the road to the school. I ask for assistance from concerned parents in discouraging this practice.

Senior Swimming Program cancelled...
I regret to inform you that the 2011 Senior Swimming program has been cancelled. As stated at assemblies, to keep the costs at a manageable level ($98.00), a minimum of 66 students were required to participate in the program. Unfortunately we received only 54 permission notes.
Sharing the cost of the bus among so few students would have increased the cost of the program significantly. Parents who have already paid for the program can collect their money before 9.30 or from 2.45pm – 3.30pm from the Office.

Grade 5/6 students on Ultranet...
Mr Hatzikides is the eLearning teacher and is progressively bringing all students onto the Department’s new online learning environment, Ultranet. Students in the senior grades have entered their profile and are starting on their express spaces. The express space is the protected equivalent of Facebook’s wall.

Liz Oruba Recommends...
Liz is our library technician and she spends many hours reading children’s literature. She has a deep and abiding interest in reading and likes to share her passion with students. This month Liz recommends the following book:
You Are What You Eat: and Other Mealtime Hazards by Serge Bloch
You are What You Eat: and Other Mealtime Hazards can best be described as, a great read and a fun way to get your children talking. It’s the story of a dog called Roger and his mum’s desire to get him to eat three healthy meals a day. What happens when he dines at a friend’s house, whose mum is a health nut? Maybe he’ll discover that ‘variety is the spice of life.’ With such expressions as ‘cool as a cucumber’ and ‘two peas in a pod’, children may initially be puzzled but parents will have the opportunity for a few serious chuckles.

Have a great week
DATES TO REMEMBER
(subject to change check regularly)

March
Friday 18th    Fundraising Committee-after assembly-in Staff Room
Sunday 20th   Working Bee 12:00pm–4:00pm
Friday 25th    School Photos
Monday 28th    School Council Annual General Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 29th   Cyber Safety Parent Information Evening

April
Friday 1st     DISCO—Grades P-2@4:30pm-6:30pm & Grades 3@6-7pm-9:30pm
                Get your permission form and money in as soon as possible to make sure
                you receive your glow bangle.
Friday 8th     Last day Term 1-Students finish at 2:15pm
Wednesday 27th Students resume for Term 2

Forms sent Home this Week
1. Cancellation of Senior Swimming Program (to families who had
   expressed and interest)
2.   

Pupils of the week last week were:
PrepA—Nathan G    PrepB—Fiona M
Prep1A—James M     1/2A—Nicholas M
1/2B—Ciara D       1/2C—TBA
3/4A—Bethany C     3/4B—Joanna T
3/4C—Renee Z       3/4D—Akima D
5/6A—An L          5/6B—Lauren S
5/6C—Cassius B     5/6D—Taya C

SCHOOL PHOTOS
MSP PHOTOGRAPHY ARE ON THEIR WAY!!!
School Photo Day is: Friday 25th March

Have your child’s school memories captured forever.

Please take time to read the relevant information on the envelopes and remember these helpful points:

Don’t seal envelopes inside each other.

Every student must present their own envelope to photographer on photo day, even if money is included in brother or
sister’s envelope.

Please include correct money, as no change is available on Photo day.

If paying by cheque, please make payable to “Southern Cross MSP”.

Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request, please collect prior to Photo Day.

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Disco and Fundraising Committee News
The Fundraising Committee are looking for more parents to either join the
group or help out at the Disco on April 1st.
We need some help for the Sausage Sizzle and to sell lollies and chips.
If you are able to join or can spend an hour helping out at the Disco please
leave your name and contact details at the office, or come along to our
meeting on Friday 18th March (tomorrow!).
All children are to be picked up from the CASES room after the Disco has
finished. We cannot let the children wander through the school at 9:30 at
night.
Thank-you
Fundraising Committee

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