Dear families and friends,

Last Thursday and Friday I was at the final professional learning days for the HOW2learn strategy which aims at assisting schools to refocus their energies upon what matters most in education – learning. It covers 4 broad areas which are:

- Creating a culture that enables learning to be central in all school decisions.
- Learning about the science of how we learn and building growth mindsets to strengthen our learning experiences.
- Developing effective, lifelong learning habits.
- Developing teaching practices that accelerate learning for all.

I am very excited about the direction this initiative is taking at our school and am looking forward to further embedding it into our school culture during 2016 and beyond.

As you are all aware Jess will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this year and I am very excited to inform you that Kellie Noske has accepted the position as the K-2 teacher for 2016. Kellie will be spending time during this term with Jess to ensure a smooth transition for all students.

I have scattered the Melbourne Cup fancy fashion photos throughout the newsletter. They are great!

Jenni

Mrs Morey’s Learning News

K-2 is currently producing their comic strips from the digital text Lost and Found into the app “Pixton”. They are learning how to share and divide in number and also are learning how to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks. The students have been busily making a mini film on the “iMovie” app to introduce a new student to the school by identifying the most important parts of the school. They have also been researching about animals that live in wet and dry environments and are publishing an information report on it next week. Check out your child’s learning on the app Seesaw.

Mrs Wall’s Learning News

We are writing information reports with a focus on using key words to summarise text into our own words. In maths we have been solving word problems that require us to think mathematically, apply efficient strategies and/or operations. Using a symmetry app on the ipads and completing a rotational symmetry art task made this learning really ‘stick’! This week we are completing Chance and Probability tasks. Our coding skills are developing using the ‘Scratch’ program. This week Mrs Wall is going to show us the Easel.ly website and we will be creating an infographic.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

The students will be walking to the Memorial Park to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony on Wednesday 11th, November. Families and friends are invited to attend from 10.45am.
Bluearth visit
On Friday 20th November we will be having a Bluearth activity session for students and their families. I was fortunate to find out about this program at the Teaching Principals conference and would love to share it with the school community. Bluearth’s activities are designed to enhance and develop students’ physical abilities, support social and emotional growth and enhance left/right brain development to assist with learning. Please come along so you can experience firsthand about the benefits of this program and how it will help all children and their development.

After the session there will be a morning tea followed by our assembly for the term. The times for the morning are;
- 9.30-10.15- Bluearth session
- 10.15- 10.35- Morning tea
- 10.35- 11.10- Assembly

Water fun session / P&C welcome afternoon
On Thursday 10th December we will be having a water fun afternoon at school which will be followed by an afternoon tea organised by the P & C to welcome all our new Kindergarten parents as well as to catch up socially with all our current families. More details closer to the date.

End of term activity
We will be travelling to Albury on Wednesday 16th December to see the movie ‘Peanuts’ and go for lunch at La Porchetta. Tickets will be paid for from the student account and lunch and the bus has been kindly subsidised by the P & C.

Seesaw

Jess and I are very impressed with the Seesaw app and the way it allows the sharing of student learning between home and school. We have included the necessary information and log in details for those who have not yet done so with the newsletter and encourage you to have a look at it.

Swimming School

Our annual swimming lessons will be held during Week 8 & 9. A separate permission note with all the details has been sent home.
Cup Cakes
Cup cakes are on sale each day for $1.50. All profits from this will go towards Cancer research.

Ice Creams
This term sees the return of ice-creams for sale on a Friday. The cost will still be $1.00. Students are able to pay in advance if you wish to do it this way. Eg $10.00 for 10 weeks’ worth.

Week 6
Wednesday, November 11th  Remembrance Day
Friday, November 13th  Kinder transition 3/5

Week 7
Friday, November 20th  Kinder transition 4/5

Week 8
Monday, November 23rd  Swimming school begins

Week 9
Friday, December 4th  Swimming School ends

Week 10
Tuesday, December 8th  Presentation Night
Thursday, December 10th  Kinder transition 5/5
Water Fun
P & C Welcome