Dear Parents

Enrolments and Grades for 2014

Thank you to parents who have informed us of changed arrangements for 2014. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is not attending CSPS next year, as we are about to begin the process of constructing classes and designing our transition program for later in the term.

We would still like to hear from any families who may not have filled in their enrolment forms for Prep in 2014 as we are conducting Prep Interviews with families tomorrow, Friday 15th November.

Holidays

Each year we have a number of families who may leave the school earlier than December 20th, which is our last school day, to travel overseas visiting families and friends.

We need to have these dates in writing, with your return date to ensure you are catered for in 2014. Unfortunately we are not able to give reports out prior to the last week and if your child is going to be absent you need to let the office know to arrange postage of your child’s report.

Working Bee TOMORROW!!!

We have a lot of sweeping and tidying up to do after all the wet weather and storms and would greatly appreciate any help from Prep-2 parents tomorrow from 2:30-5:00. Please bring along your brooms and shovels to help us beautify our school.
Year 3/4 Camp

This time next week the Grade 3/4 students will be attending camp, which begins on Wednesday 20th November. We hope the weather improves for them and I am sure they will have some great experiences that they can report back to school with at the following assembly. Thank you to all the families who support our school programs, we cannot run programs such as camp without parental support.

Thank you,
Lynne Foster
Assistant Principal

Swimming

Thanks to all the parents who have supported the school’s swimming program. We understand it is costly for families however we do believe it is vital for all of our students to be given the opportunity to learn to swim. Costs rise when we are not able to fill buses and we appreciate your support. Unfortunately the weather this week has not been kind to us and the pool management have endeavoured to allow senior students to have at least part of their lessons inside. The outdoor pool is heated and we hope the weather improves in the coming weeks.

StUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14th

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<th>Prep A</th>
<th>Sehaj</th>
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<td>Tanay</td>
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<td>Jerome</td>
<td>For putting in his best effort in all tasks</td>
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<td>Jaden</td>
<td>For putting in extra effort and showing improvement in all areas of his learning</td>
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<td>William</td>
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<td>Anna &amp; Shinta</td>
<td>For always offering to help others and organising classroom tasks brilliantly</td>
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<td>Kyri</td>
<td>For completing all classroom and homework tasks to a very high standard</td>
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Proof of Benefits of Reading to Children

Melbourne researchers have proven what parents have intuitively known all along - the more often you read to your children from an early age, the greater the positive effect on their reading and thinking skills.

The Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research has not only proven a causal effect between the frequency of reading to a child and his or her development, but have also, for the first time, measured the benefits.

Children four to five years old who are read to three to five times a week have the same reading ability as children six months older (who are read to only twice or less a week).

Reading to children six to seven days a week puts them almost a year ahead of those who are not being read to. It was also found that reading to small children has a positive effect on the development of numeracy skills.

"It does appear to be the case that children who are read to more often keep doing better as they age than other children," said Professor Guyonne Kalb, director of the institute’s Labour Economics and Social Policy Program, and co-author of the study.

The research - which was funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development - found the positive outcomes occurred in children regardless of parental income, education level or cultural background. That is, children with poor backgrounds or parents of limited education or ability have the same benefit of being read to frequently.

"We wanted to try and determine whether reading itself is leading to better outcomes, or do parents who read to their children have other things going on," Professor Kalb said.

"We worked with children representing a whole range of families, from all different backgrounds and economic circumstances. We found it doesn’t matter if a child is from a poor or rich family, or if the parents are highly educated or not, doing this basic thing of reading to them leads to better developmental outcomes."

The longitudinal study followed the reading skills of more than 4000 children, aged four to five years in 2004, through to age 10 to 11.

The then Victorian Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development Wendy Lovell said the research was "an exciting step forward" in understanding the importance of reading to young children.

"These findings send a clear message to parents, grandparents, teachers and carers that the benefits of reading go way beyond a shared bonding experience."

(The Age March 3, 2013)

I wonder if our chooks read a bedtime story before they go to sleep each night?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Fear less, hope more,
Eat less, chew more,
Whine less, breathe more,
Talk less, say more,
Hate less, love more and good things will be yours.
(Swedish Proverb)

Barbara Mothersdale
Acting Principal
**SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES NEWS**

**SELL OUT OF OUR CURRENT GREEN & GOLD UNIFORM STOCK**

If you missed out on the sell out of the green & gold uniform last week—don’t worry! There is still some green & gold uniform stock available.

More details in next week’s newsletter.

**WE ARE NOW SELLING OUR NEW NAVY & TEAL BLUE UNIFORM**

**PRICE?** Refer to our school website for a Uniform Shop Price List

**WHEN?** Monday 18th November 8:30-10:30am
Thursday 21st November 2:30-4:30pm

**WHERE?** Multi-purpose facility

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**News from the office**

Watch out in the coming weeks for an information sheet relating to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2014 in the newsletter.

**What is EMA?**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education related costs.

**Who is entitled to EMA?**

If you have a child enrolled at school and you hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card you may be eligible to receive the EMA.

**How do you receive your EMA payment?**

You can nominate for the school to receive your EMA payment so that your school fees are reduced. Alternatively, you can elect to receive your EMA payment by cheque or direct deposit.

For more information, please refer to: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx

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**Book Pack Collection Day 2014**

Book Pack Collection & Payment Day for 2014 will be on:

**Date:** Thursday 23rd January 2014

**Times:**

Morning 8:30—10:30am
Afternoon 2:00—4:30pm

If you are eligible for EMA, please ensure you bring a valid health care or concession card and a completed EMA application form with you on 23rd January.

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Oakdale Dental & Wellness Centre has recently opened at 157 Mackie Rd, East Bentleigh. We offer *Laser Dentistry* which is great for kids, and grown-ups alike, as we usually don’t need needles and drills (over 10 years of experience in lasers, nearly 20 years of dentistry).

We also offer *Kinesiology*, the opportunities include helping children to overcome learning and behavioural concerns, but expand to all sorts of treatments for everyone in the family.

Massage is also on offer, providing remedial and relaxation massage for whatever your body needs!

[www.oakdale.net.au](http://www.oakdale.net.au) or call us on 9078 7100.