



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

CAPITAL WORKS FUNDING

As you may be aware, the school received some funding for Capital Works this year. This is likely to involve the school having some refurbishment work undertaken mostly in the old main building during the year.

As part of this process, Mrs. Van Rooy and myself have met with some architects recently to see what can be done to spruce up existing areas. We are excited at the prospect of this work as we feel that school improvement in class environments has a big impact on engagement and learning. We will keep you updated as the work progresses.

YARD SUPERVISION

Each recess and lunch time teachers are rostered on to supervise the yard. These teachers wear high visibility jackets so that they are easily identifiable. If incidents arise in the yard children are encouraged to seek the assistance of a yard duty teacher in dealing with the issue. At times the issue may be complex and in these instances the yard duty teacher may send the child/ren to Mrs. Van Rooy or myself to have the opportunity to discuss the issue with the supervision of an adult.



During such times, strategies for effective communication, building relationships, problem solving, managing emotions and self-regulation are discussed.

If your child comes home and reports that they have been involved in an incident in the yard, we ask that you reinforce to your child that they are to report any incidents to a yard duty teacher.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Staff really enjoyed the professional learning undertaken on our Student Free Day a couple of weeks ago. This professional development provided staff with some valuable information and tools to support us educate students from a variety of backgrounds.

We learned about: Hidden Rules, Mental Models, the importance of voice (Adult and Parent) and different registers.

CAR PARK

Please note that the school car park is for **staff only**. We have had a number of reports of near misses when unauthorised vehicles have used this space. The car park is not a drop off zone, so please **avoid using the car park for the safety of all of our students.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 30th March: Ghana Beat My Drum - School Performance Tours

Friday 31st March: Last Day of Term 1 1.00pm Assembly 1.30pm Dismissal
Bus travellers will need to be collected from school at 1.30pm

Tuesday 18th April: First Day of Term 2

'GHANA BEAT MY DRUM' PERFORMANCE

On Thursday 30th March, we will have a 'Ghana Beat My Drum' performance at school. These shows have proven to be very popular in the past with our students. The cost for this performance is \$5.00. Please return permission slips and payment to the office by Monday 27th March.

COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

We ask that parents wait outside the buildings when collecting their children from school. By keeping the corridors clear, we are not only able to ease congestion and exit students more safely, but give our students the best opportunity to develop independence. (eg. take care and responsibility for their own belongings). To support this practice, please ensure that you have a conversation with your children around an agreed drop off/ pick up area. Should you need to speak with your child's teacher it is best to make an appointment as the mornings can be very busy with teachers seeking to speak with students and get ready for the school day ahead. After school our teachers have scheduled meetings at least two afternoons.

Please note that if you want to collect your children prior to the end of the day, you must go to the office, fill in the sign out book and take a card before collection, as per normal.

Kind regards

Peter Haberl - Principal



Volunteers required

We are currently seeking volunteers who could spare one hour per week to mentor a student in LAP (Learning Assistance Program).

What is LAP?

LAP is a student-centered and volunteer-based mentoring program designed to assist schools to implement one-to-one learning that supports, guides and enriches the wellbeing and learning outcomes of students. It focuses on the wellbeing, academic, social and emotional needs of students through the powerful and positive contribution of mentors

LAP began at Liddiard Road in 1997 with a small group of volunteers who were interested in spending time with individual students. Students are selected by their classroom teacher, to participate in the program. Students who might benefit from LAP are those who struggle with self-esteem, lack confidence, are shy, are new to the school or basically need a person to listen and show they care.

Together with the child, you might choose to cook, do a craft activity, read a book or play a game. There are lots of things you can do, as long as you're having fun.

Time spent with the student, is about building relationships. As a volunteer, you have the opportunity to communicate a sense of value, friendship and personal worth to help the child. You can become a friend and mentor, sharing in the challenge and excitement of their learning and growth. Respectful relationships help children to develop the confidence they need to be a good friend.

If this is something that interests you, and you are prepared to obtain a Working With Children card, (free for volunteers), please contact Sharon Sandy or Sue Sleswick. You can give us a call, or pop into the Nurture Room for a chat.



EXCURSION AND EVENTS TERM PLANNER

Below is a list of events that we have planned thus far and approximate costings. The purpose of publishing this information is to give you plenty of opportunity to save and plan for upcoming events.

Please note that if you have a child attending camp this year you can start making payments towards this now.

<u>TERM 1</u>	<u>TERM 2</u>	<u>TERM 3</u>	<u>TERM 4</u>
'Ghana Beat My Drum' Performance Thu 30 th March (Cost \$5)	Prep unit Inverloch Beach trip 26 th April (Approx. Cost - \$25) Preps only	Book Fair 19th - 28th July	3 / 4 Camp Coolamatong Oct 11 th - 13 th (Approx. Cost - \$250)
	1/2 Unit Melbourne Zoo 26 th April (Approx. Cost - \$50) All 1s and 2s	Snow Queen Alpha Show Aug 7 th (Approx. Cost - \$7)	Prep - 2 Swimming (Approx. Cost - \$80)
	5/6 Melbourne Camp - June 13 th - 15 th (Approx. Cost - \$295)	Life Ed Sept 8 th - Sept 14 th (No Cost)	Dazzler Lunch (Approx. Cost \$6)
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		Prep Unit Garden Trip (Approx. cost \$10)	
		Dazzler Lunch (Approx. Cost \$6)	

LIBRARY 2nd HAND BOOK SALE continues next week

Fiction - Non-fiction - Picture - Story.

March 28th and 29th March.

Before and after school in the Library.

20c each or 6 for \$1.00



12S MATHS – MEASUREMENT

Recently, as part of our unit of work on the measurement of length, students were highly engaged selecting various parts of a blue monster to measure. They chose from a variety of measuring tools including tape measures, metre rulers and 30 cm rulers. They were too engrossed to look at the camera!

