Dear Parents,

Congratulations students and staff on a great Term Two…

As this term draws to a close I wish to acknowledge the fantastic progress made by students throughout the school. Most students have demonstrated impressive test results in both English and Mathematics. I thank teachers for their commitment to improving students’ endurance for sustained individual reading and the emphasis given to developing student’s problem solving strategies throughout the school. These are the essential academic skills students need to succeed in later life.

Some of the highlights of Term Two included:
- Performance by the police band Code One
- Years 3/4 excursions related to their Water theme: River Walk, excursion to Melbourne Water Treatment Plant and a visit from Professor Science
- Preps investigations of animals including a visit to the Melbourne Zoo and their Mothers day afternoon tea
- Education Week celebrations and Book fair
- Anti-bullying presentations to students and parents: Values for Life
- Visits to and from local secondary colleges for Year 5/6 students
- Cross Country race at Brimbank Park
- And finally participation in the national testing program NAPLAN

Term 3 calendar attached…

There are a number of activities planned for students in Term Three; these are noted on the calendar attached to this newsletter. Other activities will be planned and implemented throughout the term; and they will be noted in the dates To Remember on the back page of each newsletter. A colour copy of the calendar will be available on-line from Friday 26 June at: http://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au/aps/documents/term3-calendar.pdf.

New teacher for Grade 1/2A…

Mrs Seibert’s husband has contracted a serious illness and Lorraine finds herself unable to return to work for the remainder of this year. Ms Michelle Portelli will teach this grade during the second semester. Michelle is a very experienced and highly regarded teacher who is currently teaching at Calder Rise Primary School. Michelle has already introduced herself to the grade and I look forward to introducing her to parents at the assembly on Monday 13th July.

I also wish to thank and acknowledge the work of Ms Deb Colling who has filled in for Lorraine over the last three weeks. I wish Deb well on her forthcoming European holiday.

Prep classes for 2010 filling fast…

As usual, parents in this area have enrolled their children early to secure a place for 2010. There are several places still available. I am concerned that families who do not have their children attending kindergarten may not know that it is better to enrol now. If you know of anyone intending to send their child here next year, please let them know that enrolling early secures a place for their child.

The next two weeks see Geelong play Port Adelaide at home and then the match footy lovers are waiting for as the Cats tackle the Saints – fortunately this will be broadcast live.

I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Paul Mulryan
Preps Visit the Zoo
Prep A and B enjoyed an exciting day at the Royal Melbourne Zoo.
A big thank-you to the Mum's who helped make this day a success.
DATES TO REMEMBER
(Subject to change please check regularly)

June
Friday 26th  Last Day Term 2 - 2:15pm finish for students

July
Monday 13th  First Day Term 3
Monday 13th  Canteen Committee Meeting 2:30pm
Thursday 16th  Education Committee Meeting 3:30pm
Friday 17th  Fundraising Committee Meeting 9:15am
Friday 17th  Facilities Committee 5:30pm
Monday 20th  Finance Committee 7pm
Monday 20th  School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Canteen News for Tomorrow:
There will be no Chicken wedges available

Research: Parent’s Interest in Parenting Programs
The Parenting and Family Support Clinic (PFSC) at the University of Queensland are currently conducting research into parents’ thoughts and interest in participating in parenting programs. We are looking for parents with a child aged 2-10 to complete a survey based study and watch a short video about Triple P. The study is available online at: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/engagement. Alternatively if you reside in the Brisbane metropolitan area, you can complete the study at PFSC by contacting Faye Nitschke (Email: faye.nitschke@uqconnect.edu.au or Ph: 07 3365 7307).

Is your child the next Gymnastics or Dancing SUPERSTAR?
Get a free 15 minute individual assessment with our instructor this school holidays and a free class referral for term 3!

Dance (ages 4-12)
Monday 6th of July
1pm – 3pm

Gymnastics (all ages)
Tuesday 7th of July
1pm – 4pm

Bookings are essential
call now 9689 1322

Lost Property
Please check that your child’s jumpers and jackets are their own. We have students who are missing a few garments that are labelled with their names but are not in lost property. Lost Property Boxes are located in both buildings.

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