Hi Parents

We are in full swing now with all programs well underway. This week we welcomed back Chappy Selma. Chappy is with us on Mondays to help support the social/emotional wellbeing at school. A reminder that Chappy has made herself available on Monday after school for homework support.

Cross Country is in the process of being organised, and Mrs Beckmann has begun training students for this event. For students to be competitive at the Small School and regional level, they will need to train at home as well. I am still waiting for confirmation of the Small School Cross Country date. I predict it will be in Week 10, making our school Cross Country in Week 8.

Welcome BBQ

Next Friday 10 February we will host our Welcome BBQ. We encourage all families to come along, hear what is happening in the classrooms this year and enjoy a casual sausage sizzle with the school community. The school will provide sausage sandwiches and the P&C will have some soft drinks for sale ($2 each). Please return attached slip by Tuesday of next week for catering purposes. The evening will begin at 5:30pm.

5:30pm class meeting 3-6 classroom
5:50pm class meeting P-2 classroom
6:10pm sausage sizzle

Bus, P&C AGM and meeting

On Tuesday 14 February at 6pm we will host the annual bus meeting. All parents whose children travel on the school buses are encouraged to attend. Our P&C AGM will follow at approximately 6:45pm. The P&C is a great way to be involved in decision making and to be kept informed of happenings in the school. We meet monthly after school, every second Tuesday of the month. We would love to see some fresh faces at our next meeting! We will be discussing school strategic documents and the school camp.

Attendance

We have had a few illnesses to start the year and thank you for your prompt notifications to ensure we are fulfilling important policy requirements. A reminder that your child needs to be notified each day (unless you have indicated that they will be away for a number of days). A reminder that all absences need to be notified by a parent/guardian either by phone call, text message or written note/email.

Attached to the newsletter is the Year 1-Year 6 attendance percentage for 2016. Every day counts and days here and they certainly add up. Please contact me at school if you wish to discuss ways to improve your child’s attendance in 2017.
The P-2 class have had a great week and are back into their daily routines. The new Preps are going very well and can nearly log onto Reading Eggs and Mathletics by themselves!

Next Tuesday we will start Library again. Can all students please bring in a library bag on Monday and Tuesday?

In history, the students are investigating their own memories and family events. Year 1 and 2 students will need sources such as photos of a family event (birthday party etc.) for their history assessment. Year 1 only need one source and year 2 need two sources. Thanks in advance.

Dear Parents

I’m not sure how your recent holidays panned out, but after driving nearly 10,000 kms over the Christmas break, I’ve realised that, despite all the amazing sights I’ve seen, there is no place like home among the wonderful people I work and play with! I have returned to school with a renewed appreciation for all the dedicated staff and beautiful children here! Thankyou for sending them to Prospect Creek so that I can share a little in their lives. I feel privileged to be able to take part in class activities and to run programs to help with their of social/emotional development. If you see me around, please stop and say hello - especially if I haven’t chatted with you before! I want to share this great quote with you from Mother Theresa. Parenting can seem such a thankless task sometimes it’s worth remembering that you have the future of the world living in your home!

Chappy Selma

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create

Each year we require to update our records regarding media consent. This form was sent home last week and allows you the opportunity to limit the consent you provide for your child. Photographs, work samples and names are used in newsletters, which are then uploaded to the internet. Our website has student photographs and we also post information (including photos) to our school Facebook page. Could you please return this form to the orange box in the office next week so we can update our paperwork.

**Media Consent**

**Office Hours**

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Important information regarding homework

A reminder that homework will be shared between Ms. Gray and myself this year. Students should have handed in their first week of homework (which was literacy) today. Numeracy will be set by Ms. Gray and given to students next week.

Reading Goals

Students have set reading goals (as well as other goals) in class. Every child has a benchmark of where they should be reading by the end of the year. By working towards their goals on a daily basis, they will reach their benchmark, however, this will only happen if students read each night.

Reading at school is instructional; texts are chosen by the teacher and read for a short time only. We are working through a process for interpreting and comprehending the text. This process will improve results but only when consolidated by reading for enjoyment. At home, students should choose texts that appeal to them, find a quiet space and read for enjoyment. This is where the fluency, accuracy and consolidation, leading to improvement, happens. I have noticed that a number of students still aren't reading on a regular basis. I cannot stress how important it is that this becomes an enjoyable routine and not a homework chore!

Please pop into the classroom if you would like to see your child’s reading goals and benchmark.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Mobile Library—Tuesday 7th February
Welcome BBQ - Friday 10th February
Book Club Due—Monday 13th February
P&C AGM & Bus Meeting—Tuesday 14th February
Mobile Library—Tuesday 21st February
RSL Raffles—Friday 3rd March
Mobile Library—Tuesday 7th March
P&C Meeting—Tuesday 14th March
Last Day Term 1— Friday 31st March
School Photos—Wednesday 19th April
RSL Raffles—Friday 28th April
School Camp— 29th August—1st Sept. 2017

ATTENDANCE TARGET—96%

School Attendance Term 1, 2017

Students of the Week

Jennifer—Fantastic Leadership skills in the classroom.

Jordan—Well done on a focused and engaged start to the year.