ALLERGY ALERT

In the interest of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut muesli bars.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

School assemblies will be held fortnightly in the school hall.
Kindergarten - Year 2 - Friday 10.00am to 10.50am
Years 3-6 - Monday 2.00pm -2.50pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4:
Week 2:
15th October Kinder Orientation
16th October Kinder Orientation

Week 3:
21st October Stage 2 camp
22nd October Stage 2 camp
23rd October Stage 2 camp

Week 4:
28th October Gala Day
30th October Earlybird session

Week 5:
6th October Earlybird session

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 4, which always is a very busy time of year. There are loads of activities coming up including Stage 2 camp, Gala Day and Grandparents Day. Our teachers are also gearing up for a very busy term and are currently commencing work on our Semester Two student reports.

The weather at this time of year can be quite changeable so please ensure your child’s clothing is clearly marked with their full name.

The school is in the process of having fencing installed in order to maintain a safe working and playing environment for our students. The enclosing of the K-2 paddock area will help ensure that students cannot access the carpark area. At the same time this new fencing will allow our preschool students to access the K-2 paddock area as an additional outdoor play space.

Our Kinder Orientation commences this evening with the first of two orientation sessions for our 2016 Kinder students and their parents. The second of these sessions will be on Friday morning 16th October. Please note, parents need only attend one of these sessions.

Following these orientation sessions, our new Kinder students will be invited to participate in our Early Bird Program for the following three Fridays. These sessions aim to assist our new students and their parents become more familiar with our school routines and personnel. We encourage all our new families to attend.
**CHANGES TO BELL TIMES REMINDER**

As part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) process, our school has been in ongoing discussions with the Department of Education’s PBL consultants in order to provide the best learning environment possible for our students.

As part of this process we changed our internal bell times at the commencement of Term 4, 2015 and will trial an ‘eating time’ at the end of each break, rather than at the beginning. Research indicates that students who eat recess or lunch at the start of a scheduled break, then burn off that energy boost during play. They then often return to class depleted of energy and struggle to concentrate on learning. Research supports students playing first, and then eating before classes start again. By doing this they actually eat more as the enticement of play has passed and they are hungry. An additional benefit is that both eating times will be supervised in the classroom setting. A number of schools throughout the state have already made this change very successfully and have seen the benefits to student engagement and learning.

Please note the canteen will be open for both recess and lunch times for purchases. Hot food lunch orders will be available at the canteen for collection by students at 1.10pm, with all other lunch orders to be sent to classes at the end of lunch.

Crunch and Sip remains a focus for our school and will continue in all classrooms.

The beginning and end of the day will remain the same:

**PRESCHOOL PLACES FOR 2016**

There are still vacancies in our preschool for 2016. The Preschool is offering a five day per fortnight program. However, places are filling fast. If you are interested in applying for a position for your child for next year, please see the ladies in the main office.

**PRESCHOOL ORIENTATION**

Just a reminder that the Preschool Orientation is next Wednesday 21st October from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

**2016 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**

If your child is turning 5 years of age before July 31st 2016 and you have not yet registered at the office for Kindergarten next year, then please do so as soon as possible.

**ICAS COMPETITION RESULTS**

Results and certificates for the Spelling, Writing and English ICAS Competitions have recently been sent to the school and presented to students. Congratulations to the following students on their results:

**Writing Competition**

- Participation awards: Khye Ramos, Jason Lin, Thiza Arulmozhi
- Merit awards: Jada Attard
- Credit awards: Rafia Akanda, Ethan Xia
- Distinction awards: Anuva Ullah
- High Distinction awards: Grace Xia

**Spelling Competition**

- Participation awards: Anuva Ullah, Patrice Atmar, Akash Venkatraman, Samreet Walia, Khye Ramos, Jason Lin, Thiza Arulmozhi
- Credit awards: Khushi Gupta, Jada Attard, Rafia Akanda, Ethan Xia
- Distinction awards: Grace Xia

**English Competition**

- Merit awards: Ethan Xia
- Credit awards: Jada Attard, Rafia Akanda, Grace Xia, Krithika Guduru

Mrs L. Feneley
ICAS Competition Co-ordinator
TARONGA ZOO EXCURSION

On Thursday the 3rd of September, Kindergarten and K/4D went to Taronga Zoo in Mosman to learn about changes in living things. They were lucky with the weather as it was a beautiful, sunny day. The kids had so much fun seeing the animals up close and personal (some for the first time in their lives). They all learnt so much and gained so much knowledge and understanding from the excursion. By the end of the day, the kids were so tired they all had a sleeping competition on the bus ride home! Well done Kindergarten and K/4D on their outstanding behaviour on the day and for their inquisitive attitudes to learning and experiencing new things!

Miss. Vanderstraaten.

GALA DAY REMINDERS

Gala Day is fast approaching for 2015. This year Gala Day is on Wednesday 28th October (Week 4). We are seeking people who can assist with baking cakes for the day.

We will provide the cake mixes for you to return the baked and iced cakes, covered with cling wrap.
If you are able to assist with making cakes that can be delivered to the school on the day, please fill out the tear off slip below and return to Mrs Graham.
We thank you for your ongoing and much valued support of our school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see Mrs Graham.

GALA DAY CAKE MAKING

Name: _________________________________
Child’s class:_____________________________
Contact number: __________________________
How many cake mixes: _____________________
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