Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 3 and the second half of the school year. I hope that you all enjoyed the holiday break and that the children are refreshed and ready for the new term.

This term we start our Gym program. Parents have paid this for as part of the enrichment money. Thank you to those who have paid it all already. For those who have not paid in full, you should have paid half by now, and be making regular payments through this term. I do not want any child to miss out on any of our programs, so please see me if you are in financial difficulty.

Parents may remember that our school was given substantial money towards teacher professional learning for the teaching of mathematics as part of a National Partnerships program. We have been using this in various ways to develop lesson structures, assessment tasks and looking at the new curriculum. This week and next each stage group of teachers will be having a planning day to do more work in these areas. The main difficulty that our children have with mathematics is due to the language involved in problem solving. Talking about the problems, what they mean, what they are really asking, and then how to solve them, is what children need to do. Discussing problems in their home language with parents will help as well.

Every school creates a school development plan that goes for a period of three years. 2014 is the final year of our current plan, so we are in the process of developing our next plan. The new plan will be developed using a new format, as directed by the department of education, and in line with the changes that are occurring in education at the moment. We will be asking for parent input as time goes by, so please be thinking about what you think our school needs to develop into the school that will educate your children for their future. The Melbourne declaration of goals for education are:

Goal 1:
Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence

Goal 2:
All young Australians become:
- successful learners
- confident and creative individuals
- active and informed citizens

Our school plans will be based on achieving these in our school.

School security

During the holidays we have had a number of instances of intruders in the school. While there has been no major damage to date, we are concerned that our school has not been secure, and that there are members of the community who are misusing our facilities and causing a nuisance. If you are in the area around our school after hours or over the weekend, I am asking that you report any suspicious goings on to the police or school security on: 1300 880 021. We have had new and additional sensors put into the school, so hopefully this will also put a stop to things. Thank you for your help.

Looking forward to a great term ahead,

Anthea Donaldson
Principal

Class Awards

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Gymnastics Program

Gymnastics started today for students. Please make sure you have paid your Enrichment money so you child doesn't miss out on this wonderful program.

Mondays - KB, KN, 1F, 1K, 2/3R, 3J, 3/4C, 4S, 4A, 5/6B, 5/6E, 5/6H, 5/6J, 5/6N and 3-6K

Tuesdays - KS, KA, KR, KJ, 2W, 2L, 2P, 1H, 1N, 1S, 2-4H and K-2G.

Library News

We are borrowing this week so make sure you all have bags.

Next week is preview week so all the children will be able to have a look at the bookfair. The bookfair begins in Week 3 Monday to Friday. Please don't hesitate to come and have a look. Books will not be sold until Monday 28th July.
**Stage News**

**Kindergarten**

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you had a relaxing and safe holiday and are ready for an exciting term of learning ahead.

This week our gymnastics program starts with our visiting gymnastics teachers. This program will continue for the entire term. Gymnastics is included in the Enrichment Program. Please make sure that your payments are up to date so that your child doesn’t miss out on this specialised program! Students will need to wear their sports uniform on their gymnastics day. If girls wish to wear tights they must make sure that they wear footless tights, so that they don’t slip over during their lesson. KB and KN will be going to gymnastics on Mondays. KS, KA, KR and KJ will have their gymnastics lesson on a Tuesday.

A note outlining this term’s topic talks will go home this week. Topic talks will begin next week, our first topic being ‘Mystery Bag’. Students will be familiar with this from last term. Bring in a bag with a mysterious object in it and describe the object to the class. The class will guess what is inside each student’s mystery bag based on the clues the speaker has given them.

We look forward to a great term. Have a fantastic first week back!

Miss Stuart & Mrs Rhodes

**Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2)**

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. It’s time to get back into action with a term full of exciting events and learning!

This week we begin our Gymnastics program. 1F and 1K will be on Mondays, and 2W, 2L, 2P, 1H, 1N and 1S will be on Tuesdays. All students will attend the initial lesson, however, students need to have paid their enrichment money to attend all sessions. Next week we will also be starting our Life Education sessions, which each class will attend. Please make sure enrichment payments are up to date so that students don’t miss out on these very worthwhile activities.

On Thursday is Jump Off Day! I hope you’ve been doing some fundraising and practising your skipping skills over the holidays. I know all Stage 3 teachers showed students different skipping routines and skills during fitness sessions last term. Students took home sponsorship information about half-way through last term. It gave students a website where they could write their sponsors’ names and the money they are willing to donate. The other option (and probably easier at this stage) is students can just simply bring in their donations on the morning of the Jump Off and this money will be collected by the class teacher. Students will need to make sure they pack an extra water bottle on Thursday and wear their sports shoes. It should be a very exciting afternoon!

Also on Thursday, students in Stage 3 will be leading their very first ‘Peer Support’ lesson for 2014. They will be teaching students in Kindergarten to Year 4 about ‘Healthy Eating’. So if you get the opportunity, please ask your child about the lesson and the activities. We know all Stage 3 students will do a fabulous job and we are looking forward seeing them teach the lesson and show the school their outstanding leadership skills.

This term all of PWPS will be participating in a ‘Gymnastics’ program which will be run by expert teachers from the Dance Fever Academy. All of Stage 3 lessons will be on Monday. Please make sure your enrichment money is up to date so your child doesn’t miss out on this exciting program.

We are all looking forward to another action packed term. Have a fantastic week!

Mrs Heifetz

**Sports News**

PSSA begins this Friday. Games are against Greystanes P.S.