Greetings from the Principal

Last week we sent home a one page note with important dates and we apologise for any confusion caused as we did not pick up that we had mixed up our October and November. Student Free Day is on Friday 26th August and 17th October. School Concert dates are 16th and 17th November and School Closure Day is on Friday 18th November.

With regards to NAPLAN and the media reporting that we are not able to provide any information as to how our students did, we have not received any of the NAPLAN reports yet. When looking at a student’s result remember this is one piece of information indicating student’s achievement based on tests done over three days. It stands alongside school based student reports, parent-teacher interviews, student led conferences and student work samples to give a clear picture of how a student is developing. We have a summary of previous years results on our website and will add this year’s when we have the data.

Our school is participating in the Primary Maths Association Powerful Learners: Mathematics and Numeracy Challenge again this year. We are looking forward to seeing our students mathematical thinking.

This year is our second Senyszyn Science Challenge and we encourage students to have a go and look forward to seeing what they come up with. More information is on page 2 of our newsletter.

Yannoula Michael
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the following Early bird Lucky Draw winners:

H 2 – Elliot Jervois
H 3 – Zebadiah Clark
H 4 – Kayleigh Petrie
H 5 – Zeeva Nemet
G 2 – Isabelle Mendham
G 3 – Vanessa Chong
G 4 – Shayla O’Halloran Studd
G 5 – Cadel Harrison
I 1 – Jasmine Alexander
I 3 – Brodie Wait
I 4 – Ethan Edwards
I 6 – Emelia Pengilly
I 7 – Mia Noble
I 9 – Kaleb Bettess
I 10 – Evie Walker
C 2 – Joshua Morris
C 3 – Katie Shiers
C 4 – Olivia Kranixfeld
J 1 – Blaine Hammond
J 2 – Izaak Roomes

Awesome Effort, well done!

Congratulations to the following PRC Early bird classes:
H2, H3, H4, G3, G4, G5.

Fantastic effort everyone but we are not there YET!
Let’s see if we can get the whole school to finish. You have until the 9th of September so get reading!!!

Come along and have a look! There will be posters, variety items and books.
While you’re there why not have a guess how many critters are in the cookie jar?
50c per guess and the first person with the correct guess or closest to the correct number will win the critters and cookie jar.

Opening Times of the Book Fair to purchase books will be:
Wednesday 21st September 12:45pm – 1:15pm
3:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 22nd September 12:45pm – 1:15pm
3:00pm – 4:00pm
Friday 23rd September 12:45pm – 1:15pm
Hope to see you there!

Senyszyn Science Award.
The aim of the award is for students to
• undertake and report on a scientific investigation/inquiry of interest to them
• Develop their science knowledge and understanding
• Show their work to a broader audience.

Students interested in taking part are asked to undertake a scientific inquiry of interest to them and present their findings in any form eg constructed model, written report, photography or a poster. They will need to communicate the understanding of the science involved to a judging panel.

All students R-7 are able to participate. Entries will be judged in the following categories: R-2, 3-5, 6-7.

Investigations will be judged based on the following criteria:
• Accurate science content, ability to communicate and explain their ideas clearly, skill demonstrated in presenting their investigation and originality of investigation.

All entries are due by MONDAY 29th August.

OVERDUE M&S FEES 2016
Reminders have been sent for outstanding fees.
Thank you to those families who have paid or applied for school card.
Remaining families with outstanding fees will be referred to a Debt Collection Agency.

Upcoming Early Years Incursion:
Hahndorf Mobile Farm Barn
10 August 2016
Cost: $3.60 (including gst)

Money and consent form to be returned by tomorrow—Friday 5th August.
Congratulations to the following students who received values award certificates at our last assembly:

CERIFICATES
Bronze: Hayley Holland-Ceruto
Gold: Amber Fowler, Jacob Renshaw, Jonathan Moulds.
Platinum: Braelen Brown

MEDALS
Silver: Luke Kranixfeld

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**Head lice Prevention and treatment**

**What are head lice?**
Head lice are small parasitic insects that live close to the human scalp. Head lice are pests but rarely pose a threat to health. Outbreaks can be minimised if parents and guardians regularly check children for head lice and follow the recommended treatment methods if active lice are found. Adults are called lice and their eggs are called nits. Head lice do not fly, jump, hop or swim – they spread by head-to-head contact by crawling. Lice don’t care about hair colour or hair type, and they love both clean and dirty hair. Head lice do not prefer a particular blood group.

**Responsibility**
Parents and guardians are responsible for checking and treating children for head lice. Pre-schools, schools and child care centres are not. School and child care centre staff are responsible for informing parents and guardians of cases or suspected cases of head lice.

**Checking for head lice and nits**
Check everyone in the household for head lice weekly, or daily during an outbreak. The wet combing technique is a reliable method of checking for head lice, as the conditioner makes lice easier to detect. If head lice are detected, start treatment using the preferred method. If only nits are found, chemical treatment is not required but wet combing may be done.

**Treatment:**
The two most common methods used for the treatment of head lice are chemical treatment and wet combing method: Chemical treatments use pediculicides, which kill head lice and some nits. Wet combing involves saturating the hair and scalp with a conditioner to stun the lice, making it easier to comb the lice and nits out of the hair.

**Chemical treatment**
There are four main categories of head lice products currently available in Australia: pyrethrins, synthetic pyrethroids (permethrin, bioallethrin), organophosphate(maldison or malathion), and herbal products with or without pyrethrins. No treatment kills all nits, so the hair must be re-treated after 7 to 10 days to kill any head lice that may have hatched from nits that survived the first treatment. Only use treatments made specifically for removing head lice. Do not use a hair dryer after applying a treatment, as the heat can destroy the active ingredient.

**Wet combing treatment**
Wet combing can be used to check for and re-infestation. Re-infestation should not be suspected until all the other potential causes have been ruled out.

**If the treatment appears to have failed**
If a chemical treatment was used, check the instructions and, if they have not been correctly followed (especially the need to repeat in 7 to 10 days), repeat the treatment. Try an alternative treatment. Check with your chemist to make sure you are choosing a preparation with a different active ingredient. Try the wet combing method instead of, or as well as, a chemical treatment. Do not use the wet combing method for at least one day before and after chemical treatment or as per the manufacturer’s directions.

**Using the wet combing method**
Conditioner stuns head lice for around 20 minutes and also makes hair slippery, making them easier to remove. You will need hair conditioner, a head lice comb and paper towel. Wet combing using conditioner should be avoided for at least one day before and after chemical treatment, or as per the manufacturer’s directions.

Using the wet combing method check the heads of all household members and treat all who have head lice.

**Preventing the spread**
Check for head lice weekly – daily during head lice outbreaks. Treat head lice as soon as they are detected. Avoid direct head-to-head contact. Keep long hair firmly plaited or braided and slick down stray hairs with hairspray or gel. Avoid sharing brushes, combs, hats and helmets.

**Further information**
If you are concerned about head lice or want more information contact: your local pharmacist or GP or the Child and Youth Health Parent Helpline: 1300 364 100 or online at www.cyh.com
Your local council Environmental Health Officer
Look for other SA Health resources about head lice at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/headlice
child & adolescent sleep clinic

Does your child have a sleep problem?
Does your child:
- refuse to go to bed at night
- have trouble falling asleep
- wake up and cannot get back to sleep
- have trouble waking up or getting out of bed in the morning
- often sleep in their parents’ bed or bed room or need a parent present to help them fall asleep
- miss school or feel fatigued throughout the school day

The child & adolescent sleep clinic in the School of Psychology at Flinders University provides treatment for children & adolescents ages 6-20.
For more information please call 8201 7587 or email casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au
www.facebook.com/cascsleep

Father’s Day Gift Sale

Happy Father’s Day

The Governing Council are pleased to announce that we will be having a Father’s Day gift stall this year. Please let your kids know that they have a fantastic opportunity to buy their dads or grandpas a wonderful gift.

Great gift ideas ranging from $2.00 to $10.00

Wed 31st August 2016
Thurs 1st September 2016

So give your kids an advance on their allowance or let them mow the lawn for a bit of extra pocket money so they can bring some money along to spoil their dads

“A Father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow”

Come & Try Tuesday mornings!
10 - 11:30am
Seaforde Meadows Scout Hall

Week 1 2nd August
Baby Sensory South Australia
$10 for hour class

Week 2 9th August
Tribal Belly Dancing
Cost $5

Week 3 16th August
Sewing Class
No cost

Week 4 23rd August
Introduction to drumming
Cost $5

Lost Property is located in the library. Please make sure all items of clothing are named so that we may return them to your child/ren.
It might be a good idea to pack spare clothing in your child's bag in case of accidents. Any spare clothes for our emergency clothing room would be appreciated—Thank you

Canteen news
Please note that fried rice will only be available on Mondays. We also have a new item on the menu - potato pie that will sell for $3.50.
Volunteers always needed—call in and visit Hayley in the canteen. Any time you can spare would be appreciated.