Message from the Principal

Week 3 already! I trust all of our students enjoyed their long weekend.

As an introduction to this newsletter, just let me remind you of the contents of a letter I sent home with all students yesterday. We have a pressing need for extra assistance with the tuckshop on Wednesdays - please see Mr Lawton or one of the P&C committee if you are able to help out. Also, please note that swimming fees have increased to $1.50 per student per week. Finally, please see Mr Lawton or Mr Byrnes to arrange a time for your 3-Way reporting interview if you have not already done so.

Let me also remind you that letters and permission notes for school camp were sent home last week. Note that these need to be returned, with payment, by Monday, November 3rd so that we can make final arrangements regarding turtle bookings, food etc.

Finally, I am asking for everyone’s assistance in helping to promote our fantastic school over the remaining weeks of Term 4. Enrolments are crucial to us in helping us to maintain our current level of staffing and for us to be able to continue to enjoy the advantages of having a fulltime second teacher. Please, if you are intending to enrol students for 2015, then it would assist us if you could do so at the earliest opportunity. See me or ask at the office for an enrolment pack. Also, if you know of anyone who is considering a school for their Prep child or a child in any year group next year then please let them know about Maroondan and of the advantages and attention to children’s welfare that our small school can offer. Encourage them to enrol their children here. A leaflet is attached and I can provide more for anyone requiring them.

Regards,

Robert Lawton, Principal

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Focus Expectations

We have taken a break from focused expectations in Weeks 2 and 3 to take time to review the school’s responsible behaviour plan and to revise the rewards and consequences that result from following/not following our four school rules, as shown below;

- MAXIMISING
  - RESPECT
  - EFFORT
  - SAFETY
  - SELF-RESPONSIBILITY

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TERM 4 DIARY DATES

Monday afternoons (every week) - Library borrowing for all students
Monday, 2.45pm (every week) - Parade (visitors welcome)
Tuesday afternoons (every week) - Swimming lessons for all students (until the end of term—$1.50 each week)
Tuesday, October 21st to Friday, October 24th - 3-Way Meetings (Parent, Student, Teacher)
Tuesday, October 28th - School Discipline Audit
Wednesday 19th Nov to Friday 21st Nov - School Camp at Mon Repos
Monday, 24th November - Mobile Education Trailer visit for Year 4-7 presentation on University Life
Tuesday, 25th November - Red Cross visit for Emergency Response presentations to all students
Thursday, 4th December - Gin Gin High School Transition Day for Years 6 and 7
Monday, 8th December - School Concert and Year 6/7 Graduation, 6.30pm
Friday, December 12th - Reports Issued—TERM ENDS

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**Behaviour Rewards**

Well done to Tyson and Jeremy who have become our first Marvellous Maximisers for Term 4 (20 Max Bands). Congratulations also to all of our Maroondan students. Miraculously we had ties in both Week 1 and 2 for the House Award, with both teams scoring exactly the same amount of bands in each week. Brilliant!

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**Life Education Visit - Friday, October 10th**

Students from all year groups had a great time on the first Friday of Term 4 when Kathy and Harold visited with the Life Education caravan to deliver their message about staying healthy. Students from Prep and Year 1 are shown below beside the super new caravan. Thank you to those of you who supported Life Education through purchasing Healthy Harold products.

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**P&C News**

Our next full P&C meeting is on **Monday, November 10th at 3.15pm**. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Also, please look out for a letter and order form next week for our latest fundraising activity. This will be a ‘bakery treats’ drive, from which you’ll be able to stock up on slices, tarts and cookies ready for Christmas.

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**Reading Comprehension Focus**

Our reading comprehension focus during the next two weeks will be:

**Questioning**

Good readers question before, during and after they have read a text. A sheet is attached to this newsletter with more information. Thank you to those of you who continue to support your children through encouraging them to use these reading strategies in home reading activities.

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**Gin Gin Judo Club**

Fun & effective classes for children, teenagers and adults.

Located at the National Fitness Hall, between the tennis courts and the police station

**Primary**

4:15 to 5:00 Tuesday and Thursday

**Highschool & Adults**

5:00 to 6:30 + Friday 4:30 to 6:00

Contact Ivan 0439573575

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**SCHOOL SWIMMING**

**EACH TUESDAY**

**FOR ALL STUDENTS**

**COST:** $1.50 EACH WEEK FOR POOL ADMISSION

THANK YOU