Dear Parents,

**Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend**

There will be no school on Monday as it is a public holiday.

**Important - Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)**

Just a reminder that if you have a valid Health Care Card you are able to apply for these funds (125:00) to be credited to the school for you to use to pay for camps, sports and excursions that your child may want to be part of. Please return your form by Tuesday 9th June as is the last day for the return of these forms.

**Warm Clothing**

On the way to school this morning whilst listening to the radio, I heard that this is the coldest start to winter that we have had in sixty five years. As if I needed to hear that on the radio! I have been out in the yard to have felt that for myself!

Very often many of our children like to ‘crack hardy’ (especially our Year 5/6 boys), refusing to wear windcheaters and or jackets even in this very cold weather. As much as possible, we like to get our children outside for recess and lunch breaks so they can run off their energy. As our classrooms are warm, it is imperative that children have warm clothing to put on when they go outside to play.

I know that many children will kick up a fuss at wearing warm clothing, (I know as I am a parent myself) but at the end of the day you are the parent and you know what is the best for your child and their health. Please ensure your children are clothed appropriate to the weather.

**3-6 Play Equipment**

Finally, the Years 3-6 play equipment has been repaired! As soon as we noticed that the play equipment needed repairing, we had a company come out to look at it. It was then that we discovered that the landing plates, which needed replacing, would have to be engineered as they were no longer the standard dimensions for play equipment.

A little while later when the workmen came to install the newly engineered landing plates, they discovered they did not fit. The incorrect measurements had been given to the engineering company! As usual, the engineering company then became very busy and we had to wait a long period of time until they could re-engineer us some more. This was finally done with the new landing plates fitting like a glove! The equipment is now back as fully functional.

Robyn Baker - Principal

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**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**After School Care**

The mobile telephone for the After School Care Program is: 0417 105 385

Please ring the number when you want your children to use the After School Care Program. When calling to book your children in for After School Care, please leave a short detailed message including the children’s names, grade levels and room numbers.

Vincenza Minniti A.S.C. Coordinator

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NEW FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Don’t forget to return your Yellow forms to the office please

The Victorian Government have unveiled a new initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camp, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child/children.

Last day to lodge your application form to the school office 9th June 2015.

Zora Sterjovski - Business Manager
Prep Enrolments 2016

We are currently taking Prep Enrolments for 2016

Children turning 5 by April 30th 2016 can be enrolled at school.

Please enrol your Prep student so that we can start our organisation for 2016.

You are welcome to visit our school and come see our Preps working in their classrooms.

If you know anyone in the community (neighbour/friend) who has a child starting school next year please let them know.

For further information please contact the school office on 9466 1322.

Aromatherapy for holistic health and well being

Refresh or begin your aromatherapy journey and learn the various ways to blend pure essential oils to stimulate, soothe and relax the mind and body.

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For more details ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: [www.prace.vic.edu.au](http://www.prace.vic.edu.au)

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** Help Required by Parents **

The Parents Association have decided to have the NOODLE day again. For this to happen we need the help of 3-5 parents for each day to help.

Parent helpers are welcome to add their name on the list located at the school office and select a day which you can help out.

Thanks Parents Association
Werribee Mansion
By Noah 1/2D
On Tuesday the 19\textsuperscript{th} of May 2015, all the 1/2 s went to the Werribee Mansion. We went there to learn about and see what it was like in the olden days.

We took the bus to get to the Mansion. At the Mansion we met this Ranger Greg. Then we went to the lake and grotto. Then we rushed to the laundry. The laundry Maid’s name was Maid Helen.

After that we ate our lunch. Then we went back to the Mansion, where we met Butler Greg. After that we went to the farm and saw chickens.

We were a little bit late to get to the bus. So we walked fast. We walked passed the rose garden. We saw the bus. We went inside. We got to school on time.

I was exhausted and tired. I felt happy because I had a lovely time and I was exhausted.

Werribee Mansion
By Rema 1/2D
On Tuesday the 19\textsuperscript{th} of May 2015, all the 1/2 s went to the Werribee Mansion. We went because we were learning about the olden days.

First, Ms Hennequin marked the roll to make sure everyone was here. Then we lined up, my partner was Sanja. Then we walked to the bus. We arrived at the bus at 9.15 am. It was a long drive.

Then we walked in the wet rain. It was really cold!!!! First we ate our snack. I sat next to Sanja.

After our snack, we looked around the Mansion. It was beautiful. I loved it. It was fun looking at the old house. We even saw some old clothes like dresses and old suits. We saw dead animals on the wall.

Then we went to the lake and saw a little house full of shells. We went on the little bridge. Then we rushed to the laundry. We washed some dirty clothes and ironed clothes. It was so fun.

Then we met Butler Greg and he showed us around the big Mansion and how they lived along time ago. I felt happy because I had so much fun and my favourite bit was the laundry.