Dear Parents and Carers

Term One is at an end and what a term it has been. I have the privilege of working with groups of Year Three and Year Five students. We are reading together and it has been such fun for me to be back in the classroom. I will continue with this next term.

Harmony Day Celebration

Thankyou to the P&C, the Samoan Mums and staff at the school for such a successful Harmony Day celebration. It is wonderful to see so many of the community coming out and celebrating the diversity of our community. There were some great photos taken by both Mr Rocks and Ms Bond. Some of these can be seen on display in the foyer. A great photo was on the front page of the Satellite too.

Sporting

On the sporting front, the Cross County was held last week and reports from everyone said it was a great day with our children striving to do their best in the competition. We now have twenty children off to District Cross Country at St Marks Inala next term. Today we had Grace, Isayah, Christian and Salvation at the District Basketball Trials. A number of boys have also trialled for the District Rugby League team.

Disco

After postponing the disco last Friday, I am pleased to remind you that it is on tonight from 5:30-8:00. We have had to increase entry fees to $6 each and $15 for 3 or more siblings as we are employing a professional Disc Jockey for the evening. He is bringing along a great light show as well. This is a closed disco for children enrolled at the school only. No older siblings can attend.

Behavior Reward Day

Tomorrow sees our Behaviour Reward Day with 180 children eligible to attend. That is 90% of children. The focus we place on the teaching of expected behaviours is constant and the children are responding well. Thanks to Ms Bond who pulls the lessons together each week. Ask the children about Simon!

Staff Farewell

Sadly we farewell Judy Nowlan from our front office. Judy has been here for over six years and will be missed. It has been a privilege to work with such a happy friendly office staff. Thanks for everything Judy. Mrs Rachel Peace is returning to the school and is our new face in the office.

After School Activities

Active After School Activities has again been successful this term. We had children participating in both Rugby League and Basketball. We will again have AASC next Term and are awaiting confirmation of the sports.

Camp Notice

A letter regarding camp has gone home today for children in year 3, 4 and 5. Please read and respond as soon as possible. We need 40 students to commit to attend for the camp to go ahead.

Have a safe holiday to all. Please keep the security of the school in mind as you pass by. The School Watch number is 13 17 88. School returns on Tuesday 22 April.

Wendy Hoskin
Principal
Cyber Safety

Over the next few newsletters we will be including information about Cyber Safety. This is an important issue in our community. Teachers will be talking to the 5, 6 and 7’s about this in class.

Fact 58% of 18-25 year olds regret something they posted as a young teen.

What this means

Everything you post online contributes to your digital footprint. What you think you’re sharing with your friends may also be viewed by a much wider audience – including future employers, workmates and landlords.

Personal information, once posted, can be very difficult to remove. Sensitive or inappropriate comments or images are generally irretrievable. This can be of particular concern if your child’s online friends share sensitive information about your child or other people, to show off or provoke a reaction.

It can be useful to encourage your children to always "think before they post" as a strategy to protect themselves, and to never post anything they wouldn’t say to someone’s face.

Behaviour Celebration Day

Friday 4th April 2014

On Friday, we will be celebrating with our students Positive Behaviour. This is a celebration for students who have demonstrated Caring, Courageous and Committed behaviour throughout the term.

Unfortunately not all students will attend this time, instead will be used as a teaching time to develop strategies and goals for term 2.

Renee Bond
Hoc

Assessment and Treatment of Fears and Anxiety in Children

Griffith University

Parents, is your child fearful of certain situations or do they seem to experience ongoing feelings of anxiety? At Griffith University, we are conducting a large-scale study for children (10 to 13 years of age) with anxiety that includes a thorough assessment and a novel, home-based treatment using computers and telephone contact from a trained clinician. We are providing this service at no cost to families.

To find out more about this project, please contact our team on 07-3735 3418, caadrp@griffith.edu.au.