Dear Parents and Carers

This newsletter is coming out later than usual as I was on camp with our Year 4 students. What a fantastic camp! As parents you will be proud to know that the friendliness and behaviour of our students was commented upon by many of the teachers at the camp. A very tired Mrs Hoskin returned with equally tired children. The camp was a very physical and personally challenging camp and I must commend the children on their ability to ‘have a go’ at things like the zip line. We walked many kilometres, most of them up and down hills. There are more photographs available on the e-news version of the newsletter.

School-wide Positive Behaviour

The staff have finalised our new Responsible Behaviour Plan in line with our School Expectations of being caring, being courageous and being committed. The final draft will now go to the P&C Meeting on Thursday for their endorsement.

P&C Meeting

This Thursday, October 25 at 9:30am. All are welcome. Agenda items include:

- Responsible Behaviour Plan
- P&C Shop

Early Arrival

As the summer months have arrived, I have noticed an increase in students arriving at school prior to 8:00am. Last week we had children skateboarding on the Prep footpath as they waited for 8:00am. Please do not send your children to school prior to this.

Attendance

We now have a new database at school that allows us to more easily track both late arrivals and early departures. As the table shows, it is very easy for time off school to mount up. Children need to be at school and on time in order to be learning.

World Teachers’ Day

Friday is International World Teachers’ Day and is a day that we celebrate the great work that our teachers do at school, every day. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated and hardworking staff at our school and I am proud to be able to celebrate this day with them.

World Teachers’ Day was inaugurated in 1994 to commemorate the signing of the UNESCO/ILO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation/International Labour Organisation) recommendation concerning the status of teachers and to highlight the on-going importance of teaching.

The joint statement issued by UNESCO, ILO, UNICEF, the United Nations Development Program and Education International (EI) for World Teachers’ Day records “Teachers are the foundation of good schools, and good schools are the pillars of healthy and democratic communities.”

It concludes: “This World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity to honour the women and men who inspire, challenge and nurture us.”
Sun safety is important for our school because our students are here during peak times for ultraviolet radiation (UVR), which is 10 am to 3 pm. Cancer Council Queensland says childhood sun exposure contributes significantly to a person’s risk of developing skin cancer in their lifetime, so our school encourages sun-safe behaviours.

Wearing wide-brim hats, sun-protective clothing, sunscreen and keeping in the shade as much as possible are good habits to get into and we encourage parents and staff to set a good example for our students.

Children should also have water bottles at school to stay hydrated during the day.

Parents and guardians can check out Cancer Council Queensland’s website (http://www.cancer.org.au/page-intervention/skin_cancer/) for more information on being SunSmart.

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