Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

What another wonderful week we have enjoyed in spite of the sudden chilly weather conditions. Once again I have noticed the playground scattered with hoodies, jumpers, jackets and coats all without names. These items of clothing obviously cost a lot of money. Please ensure they can be returned to their rightful owners by clearly labelling all items with your child’s name.

I’d like to wish all our competitors taking part in the Snowy Mountains District Athletics Carnival all the best in their events.

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Each week we will be including some useful tips/websites to assist you in aiding your child’s Literacy Development. This week we have included ‘10 Things you can do to help your child learn to write’.

Walk Safely to School Day

This day is held each year to promote the health benefits of walking and to create regular walking habits. This helps children develop the vital road crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians. We would like to encourage parents, guardians and friends to get involved in walking their children to school on Friday 22nd May. Students will be greeted at the gate with stickers and fruit to celebrate walking safely to school. Thank you to Foodworks for donating the fruit.

Parent / Teacher Evening

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School Assembly

A reminder our whole school assembly is on this Friday at 12.30pm. Come and join us as we celebrate the achievement of our students.

Public Education Day

Next Week we will celebrate Public Education Day on Thursday 28th May. On this day it is important to focus on the benefits of Public Education and the campaigns that have been waged to provide our students with wonderful resources, access to quality teachers and funding to have specialist programs in our schools.

Kind regards
Jo
‘Word of the Week’
gauche, adj; lacking social grace, sensitivity, or acuteness; awkward; curde; tactless

Thursday Canteen Special
FishFingers + Wedgies $4.00
N.B. Week 9 Canteen only available Mon, Wed & Friday
Like Eatz Bombala Facebook page and keep up-to-date

Quiz Question
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THIS WEEK’S QUOTE
"The world is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper."
~ Bertrand Russell

Quiz Question
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Answer: Surfers’ Paradise

Reminders:-
Parents of Year 6 students please return the Expression of Interest form for Year 7 high school placement

Gotcha Award
Winner for Term 2 Week 4
Is Lucy-Claire Kember
Well done!

Peer Support
Week 3
Types of friends is the focus in Peer support this week. Children will explore what encourages them to form friendships with different people (common interests, admirable qualities, etc.) Through various activities children will identify that their friends can fall into the categories of ‘best friends’, ‘friends’ and ‘people we know’. Children will also discuss the fact that friendships can change over time for various reasons.

Discuss with your child the different friends they have in their lives and how friendships may change. Some friends may be more important at different times in their lives.
Year 6 Cake Stall
The children from Year 6 will be running a cake stall at school, during recess, on Thursday 4th June. We encourage all children to bring some coins - 20c 50c - in order to purchase their morning tea. All funds raised will go towards the Yr 6 Melbourne Excursion.

Many thanks for your anticipated support.

WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!
Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.
You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.
Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.
Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015!
For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

Breakfast Program
Thursday mornings are still free. All we need is 45mins of your time 8.30am to 9.15am.
10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO help your child learn to write

1. Write in front of your child and talk about what you are writing, for example shopping lists, cards, letters and notes.

2. Display paintings, drawings and pieces of writing that your child brings home from school or pre-school.

3. Give your child different types of paper and different pens, pencils, crayons, chalk and textas for drawing and writing.

4. Encourage your child to draw and to write about their drawing. They might like to keep a scrap book or photo album where they can keep their pictures. Help them to write labels for their photos and drawings.

5. Play word games. Play 'I Spy' or 'Scrabble' together. Help your child to find little words in big words and to write them down.

6. Encourage your child to write. They could write messages to you and other family members, or cards, menus, invitations and letters to friends, family, neighbours and school teachers.

7. Encourage your child to write around the home. They might like to write signs, poems, favourite recipes and instructions, or to label things that they design and make.

8. Praise your child for trying to write words that are new to them.

9. Encourage your child to use technology to help with their writing.

10. Encourage your child to keep a diary and to write in it regularly.