Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. It promises to be a productive and busy term. I hope that you and your family have had a restful and enjoyable break. A calm start has been made to the term with all students settling quickly back into their classrooms and school routines. Now we are back at school, students need to ensure they are reading regularly and completing their spelling homework.

Staff Shuffle - As was advised at the end of last term, Di Craig has taken up a position as Acting Principal at Lightning Reef Primary School. We wish her well in this role and look forward to seeing her later in the year. In her absence, I will be Acting Principal and if at any time you have any concerns or issues regarding your child, please feel free to come in and speak to me. As always, Corey Warne, Bernadette Wright and staff, are available to assist you if you have any concerns regarding your child.

Australian Volleyball Coach

Mr Broadbent is absent for the first two weeks of this term. You may have read about his appointment as a coach for an Australian Junior Volleyball team in the Bendigo Advertiser. We wish him well with this exciting opportunity. He is currently in Thailand with the team. In his absence Mrs Pelly will be taking Physical Education lessons on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Gym Program

A reminder that the Gym Program begins tomorrow for Years 3-6. This year the sessions will be conducted at Jets Gym. This is a new venue and we feel certain that students will enjoy this program. A reminder that permission notes and money need to be returned to school prior to departing for Gym.

New Smoking Laws Enforced

Laws concerning smoking within four metres of a school have just been legislated by the Government. This means that fines can now be issued to anyone breaching this law. Officers from councils will be responsible for enforcing the bans and can issue fines of $147 dollars. Please avoid smoking within four metres of the school.

Annual Report

The school’s Annual Report to the School Community will be available at the front desk from next Wednesday. The report provides a summary of the school’s key performance indicators, such as the Parent Satisfaction Summary, School Staff Survey, Student achievement, NAPLAN performance, Student engagement and Students Attitudes to School. On the 27th of April between 6.30 pm - 7.00 pm (held in the Staffroom) there will be an opportunity for the community to come to the school to have any questions or queries they may have about the report answered. There is much to celebrate as a school and community about the school’s achievements in 2014. The report is useful in providing us with data around areas we can work towards improving. Your comments and observations would be welcomed.

Team China Fundraiser Dinner

A reminder that tonight a fundraising dinner will be held at the Schweppes Centre to support our 3 students travelling to China. The value of half of each meal purchased is donated directly back to the school. If your family enjoys a night out, I would encourage you to come along and support this program and the students travelling to China.

DINNER IS AT 6:30PM - BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY ALONG.

I am looking forward to working with the staff, students and parents over the next term to assist with the smooth running of the school. As a school we value greatly working closely with families to ensure that children are happy and achieving to the best of their ability. It is my goal to continue this strong partnership with families during Di’s absence, so please make contact if necessary.

Wendy Jackson  (Acting Principal)
SENIOR CLASSES
Welcome to the first week back of a busy term. Gym starts this Thursday the 16th of April at Jets Gym, Golden Square. Students that haven’t returned forms need to return permission slips PRONTO. Students are reminded that their hats are to be taken home until term 4, unless parents would prefer their individual child wears school hats during play times. However, they are not mandatory in Terms 2 and 3. We are looking forward to an Anzac Day incursion next Tuesday the 21st of April. In Numeracy we are focusing on the strategies that make a good mathematician and encouraging the students to be familiar with the 9 of them!!! In Literacy, we are focusing on Directly Stated Information within texts and prefix words. We are incorporating Anzac Day into our Integrated Studies. Now, the first person that tells Mr Pysing the product of 36 and 39 will win a chocolate frog.
Rebecca, Sophie, Scott and Adam

MIDDLE CLASSES
Gym Program - We will be beginning our Gym Program at JETS tomorrow morning please make sure your child has returned their form/payment, so they are able to attend.

Werribee Zoo Excursion - A permission slip and details of our excursion will be sent home soon. Please keep your eyes out for this and return it ASAP.

Home Reading - Reading daily is extremely important to a child’s development. The more words a child reads, the more words they use in both their written and spoken vocabulary. Can parents please ensure that their children are being listened to at least five nights per week for approximately 20 minutes each night. This term the 3/4 department has organised to run a ‘Home Reading Competition’. Students will be required to return their home reading diaries daily, with teachers counting up how many nights students have read for in their class on a weekly basis. The winning class will receive a trophy for the week, as well as being celebrated at Assembly on Mondays. The class who has read for the most nights for the term will also receive a special celebration in the last week of term.

* The ‘Reading Challenge’ Over the holidays break many students read through the holidays and it is pleasing to see the progress they have made in their reading and writing. Many children have all grown during the holidays.

** Students need to be eating all of their lunch, especially the main part of their meal (sandwich, wrap, roll etc.). Can parents please reiterate the importance of this and we will continue to monitor students during eating times.

Integrated Studies
Our Integrated Studies topic this term is ‘Going Going Gone. Over the course of the term students will be learning about endangered animals both across the world and locally. This will include our excursion to the Werribee Zoo and the creation of posters.
We look forward to maintaining a close relationship between home and school during the school year.
Julian Regan, Kim Manley & Hayden Polglase

JUNIOR CLASS
What a fantastic, settled first week back to Term 2 we have had!
We have just begun our first Integrated Unit of the term, with a focus on Indigenous Studies. This week, students have posed ‘wondering’ questions about Indigenous life and culture that they would like to find out about, as well as experienced a ‘taste-tester’ of a range of different activities through classroom rotations within the junior department. Be sure to keep a look out for their fantastic pieces of work displayed around the classrooms.

Also, just a reminder to parents that if students are absent, contact with the school needs to be made with an explanation. This can be done via phone call to the office, or through the school information app.

PREP CLASS
Welcome back to all our students and their families. We think the children have all grown during the holidays.
This term our integrated theme is FANTASY. We will be exploring castles, dragons, kings, queens, knights etc. There will be lots of hands-on art activities, songs, music and loads of fun.
Most students read through the holidays and it is pleasing to see the progress they have made in their reading and writing. Many students are up to 50 home reading nights which is a fantastic effort.

Until next week
NO REST DAYS in Term 2. Preps will be required to attend every school day.

REMINDERS:
Small boxes and scraps for our construction box pile. A box of tissues from each family to share throughout the year.

Emily & Joan

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STARS OF THE WEEK

| Room 5   | Amelia W. |
| Room 6   | Elijah E. |
| Room 13  | Keely P.  |

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MOTHERS DAY STALL

FRIDAY 8TH MAY

Volunteers are required for the day of the stall.
Please leave your name and contact number at the office.

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE OFFICE.
Items for the stall will be priced from
$1.00 - $5.00

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Our children’s future in the very best of hands..................
Prep Mullen writing about the weekend.

I played with my brother at home. Nethani
I went for lots of walks. Nevada
I went swimming with my brother. Sienna.
I went to Ryan’s party. Lucas H
I went to the park. Taylah
I went to Lucas H party. Jameson
I went to my holiday house. Tarlie
I play with my brother. Ryan
I went to the zone. Heidi
I went for a walk with my dog. Charlie
I like to go to school. Joel
I went to the pool. Storm
I got my own room. Miley
I like popcorn. Paw
My trampoline got built. Alex.

On the Saturday my dad and I went to Ryan’s party
and on Sunday I went to Jeremys party. Augie

On the weekend I went to my Nans. Olivia
I went to the party. Jovi
I went to the Air Show. Lucas N
I went to see a rainbow. Destinee
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| **Tuesday** | 8:00am Running Club  
Commences next week |
| **Wed** | 8:15am Breakfast Program  
Commences next week |
| **Thurs** | Walking School Bus  
Commences next week |
| **FRI 24TH** | 9:00 ANZAC Ceremony |
| **Thurs 16 April** | Gym Program Gr 3 - 6 |
| **Mon 27th** | 6:30 - 7:00pm Community Meeting  
7:00pm Staff Room |
| **Fri 1st May** | School Cross Country |
| **Fri 8th May** | Mothers Day Stall |
| **Fri 28th May** | Chinese Exchange Depart |
| **Tues 6th May** | Year 7 - 2016 College Information night |

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**GR 3-6 Gym Notes & Payment**

Must be returned prior to departing for Gym  
Commences Thursday!

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**Please Join Us!**

Sunday May 17, 2015  
Lake Weeroona  
Registration: 8.30am  
Walk Starts: 10.00am

**Please Sponsor Us!**

And click on ‘Sponsor a Friend’

Search ‘Girl Guides Bendigo’

**Parental Supervision required for this event.**

**Full Uniform please. No Dog?? Then bring your favourite stuffed toy!**  
We will meet at the registration desk from 8.30am. Bring Plenty of Water and let’s have lots of fun!!