Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

ANZAC CEREMONY
Last Friday we commemorated ANZAC day with our school service. A big thank you to the students who led the ceremony last Friday. Congratulations to Jiah B, Trinity F, Sienna F, Ella V, Bella L, Jordy A, Chloe W, Mikayla C and Rogan W for the contribution they made. These young Year 4 students did an excellent job of leading the ceremony and also, a big thank you to Mrs Manley for her co-ordination and training of the students. Congratulations to Audrey S, Paige G and Jacob C for the outstanding job they did representing the school at the ANZAC day ceremony at Kangaroo Flat on Saturday morning.

ANNUAL REPORT
On Monday night the School Council endorsed the 2014 Annual Report. The report is a summary of the school’s achievements over the last year. There was much to celebrate in the report regarding the school’s performance over the last 12 months. In Mathematics and Reading our results in NAPLAN in Year 3 and 5 show that our students achieved above the state average last year. A very pleasing result. It also reflects student attendance. Our student attendance rate last year was a little lower than the state average. This is something we would like to improve on this year, because attendance has a direct impact on student achievement. Of course, if your child is ill they should be at home. However, every possible day that your child can be at school, it is important that they attend.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
The Premier’s Reading Challenge opens early in May. We will be launching the challenge early next term. This is a way that you can support your child’s education and ensure that they achieve to the best of their ability. Look out for more information and encourage your child to participate.

PHYS ED
This week we welcome back Mr. Broadbent from his overseas coaching trip. He is currently busy organising the schools cross country for Friday.

The school has purchased some table tennis tables for students to use during lunch and afternoon recess times. These should be in action very soon and will be an additional activity for students to engage in during break times.

NAPLAN
Tests will be conducted in Week 6 on the 12th, 13th and 14th of May. Breakfast will be available to all the Year 3 & 5 students on these mornings. Teachers of these years are busy preparing students for the tests. Of course, we expect all students to do their best that they can on the day however, we also do not want students to become anxious about these tests. They are part of school life with students sitting these tests in Year 7 & 9 also.

STUDENTS ENTRY / EXIT
A reminder that students should enter the school grounds through the side gates, not through the front office - unless they have business at the office. This area becomes congested and also, we had a nasty incident last year, because of the area becoming a wind tunnel. The office sliding window blew out. Thank you for your assistance with this.

NEW SMOKING LAWS
A reminder that smoking close to the school is now unlawful and is a fineable offence. We would prefer that parents do not smoke in the vicinity of the school, including whilst sitting in cars waiting for students.

Wendy Jackson  (Acting Principal)
SENIOR CLASSES
Greetings all. Gym continues this week and students will continue working hard in sessions on 3 key components; upper body strength, core strength and balance.

In Numeracy we have been focusing on properties of 3D shapes, effective strategies that good mathematicians use and NAPLAN preparation.

In Literacy, we have continued focusing on Author’s Purpose during reading activities. We have also been giving students opportunities to hone their Narrative Writing skills, in particular through a “quick write” process in preparation for NAPLAN.

Grade 6 students and their families will be given an opportunity to attend an information evening at their perspective secondary school for 2016 on Wednesday, May 6th.

Now, the first person that tells Mr Pysing what a ‘Rhombus’ is needs to give him a Chocolate Frog!!!!!

Rebecca, Sophie, Scott and Adam

MIDDLE CLASSES
Gym Program - We had a very positive first session at JETS last week. The first bus leaves Speci at 9.10am please make sure all students are on time. Please read the Kids corner this week to find out more from some students about their experiences.

Werrinde Zoo Excursion - Please return your permission slip for our upcoming excursion APAP. These need to be filled in and returned ASAP. If you have any concerns or payment plan questions please contact the school this week.

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.

Homework - Each Friday your child will be given homework which is to be completed and returned to school the following Friday. This will give each child seven nights in which to work on the tasks.

Spelling: each child will have five words which they need to practise. They will need to complete the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check for their words. They also need to write each word in a sentence underlining the spelling word in colour.

The children are expected to read for at least five nights each week and these are to be recorded in their Reading Diary.

Some children are coming to school on the Friday saying they didn’t have time to do their homework. Given that they have seven nights to work on it and it would take 30 minutes at the most to complete, it would seem that they haven’t organised their time very well.

Please ensure your child has ample time to finish this important task. Failure to present finished homework will mean completing it during lunch time program.

Meals - As we are quickly heading towards the NAPLAN time can we please check that all students are eating a healthy breakfast each morning so they arrive with brains ready for learning.

Eating a healthy and nutritious lunch each day at school is vital to both the physical and mental development of all students. Students need to be eating all of their lunch, especially the main part of their meal (sandwich, wrap, roll etc.). Can parents please re-iterate the importance of this and we will continue to monitor students during eating times.

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PREP CLASS
Integrated Unit: Fantasy is our theme this term We are having lots of fun reading, writing and learning about dragons, kings, princesses etc. This week we are making wands and designing our own Coat of Arms. Next week we are making a Treasure Box.

Could all students please bring along a small box to decorate as their treasure chest.

Communication Journals: Great to see the positive comments parents have written in their students books. Please return these books to school by Friday as the students will be adding more work to their books.

Learning this week: The word “it”. The sounds Ww and Zz.

Share in the Chair: This is every Monday just before Whole School Assembly.

Some students love to bring something from home. Please don’t allow them to bring anything too valuable or precious.

Library Sessions: After a few timetable changes Library will now be in the last hour on Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child bring their books to school on Friday to change and borrow another book.

Drop off time To help develop your child’s confidence and independence please leave your child quickly in the mornings and let them do their jobs. E.g. to put their readers and book boxes on the tables and collect WOW beads. This is a time for students to play with others also. With parents in the room, this can become difficult. Some students unpack their bags and go outside for a play before school. This is going to a focus in our classroom over the coming week. Please see your classroom teacher if you or your child are having difficulty with this.

Tissues please if your have not already brought along a box.

Emily & Joan
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BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Some days are full!
Please phone the correct phone number for bookings
ASC Phone: 0447 788 636
Please Phone or Text Leah Johns
BSC Phone: 0438 062 561
Please Phone or Text Karen Emerson

WORKING BEE
THURSDAY 7TH MAY 3.30 - 5.00 PM

We are looking forward to a great turn up by all families to our first Speci Working Bee of 2015. With many willing helpers we will have our children’s learning and playing environment looking amazing. Bring along gardening gloves and any equipment you could use for weeding and general gardening and maintenance.

STARS OF THE WEEK
27th April
Room 1  Charlie R.
Room 2  Julian K.
Room 3  Monica M.
Room 4  Liberty F.
Room 5  Connor K.
Room 6  Maggie F.
Room 7
Room 8  Akaisha L.
Room 9  Makai C.
Room 10  Tiarna PT
Room 11  Blaze H.
Room 12  Callum GR
Room 13  Coby R.
3/4 Reading Challenge 3/4 Manley

YEAR 7 2016
INFORMATION NIGHT
MAY 6TH 7:00PM
AT YOUR COLLEGE
State Schools are Great Schools
Year 7 Information Evening at the following Colleges:
Wednesday 6th May at 7pm

CANTER - MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS
BROWN PAPER BAGS AT SCHOOL SUPPLIES ONLY
SUPER SANDWICHES, ROLLS

- (g) Chicken & salad $3.50
- (g) Ham & salad $3.50
- (g) Vegetarian $2.00
- (g) Cheese $2.00

SUPER COOL FOOD $4.00

Dino salad - dino nuggets, lettuce, cherries, cheese, carrot & hash browns
Nemo salad - dino nuggets, lettuce, cherry tomatoes, cheese, carrot & hash browns

BURGERS $4.00
- (b) Chicken, lettuce, cheese & mayo
- (b) Beef, lettuce, cheese & tomato

SUPER HOT FOOD
- (g) School Garden Homemade Soup & Wholesome Dinner Roll $3.00
- (g) Colourful curry served over rice pasta & grated cheese SMALL $2.00 LARGE $4.00
- (g) Ham and cheese pizza $3.50
- (g) Steamed dim sims 60c each
- (g) Corn on the cob 60c each
- (g) Baked Potato & coleslaw: cheese and light sour cream $4.00
- (g) Nachos & mild salsa & cheese $4.00
- (g) Dino nuggets 2 pack $2.00

MEAL DEALS $5.00
Dinosaur salad pack or Nemo salad pack with choice of small milk, juice or water.

TOASTIES
- (g) Cheese & ham $2.50
- (g) Ham and tomato $2.50
- (g) Chicken $2.20
- (g) Beef $2.20

DRINKS
- (g) Lime squash & sprite $1.50
- (g) Chocolate milk & sprite $1.50

SNACKS - AFTER LUNCH SALES - CASH SALES
Moderate $1.50
- (g) Frozen yoghurt 50c Zinger doper 50c
- (g) Ice cream 50c
- (g) Mousse pot $1.50
- (g) Chocolate smoothie $1.50
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- (g) Chicken noodle roll 50c
- (g) Baked potato 50c
- (g) Chips & oven baked chips 50c
- (g) Veggie roll 50c

FREE/REPEATED: Can only have one per row & age
AMBER/LEMON: Eat moderately not two a day.
GREEN ITEMS: Eat more green items.
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**PREP ENROLMENTS 2016**

**OPEN DAY - TUES 19TH MAY**

The school open day is an opportunity for future families to inspect the school and view our fabulous facilities.

If you know of any children who are due to enrol at primary school next year, please encourage the family to come along and have a guided tour of the school & discuss our curriculum.

All visitors should present to the school office to be included in tours, conducted by Junior School Council members.

**INFORMATION EVENING**
THURS 21ST MAY
6:00PM

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Please Join Us!
Sunday May 17, 2015
Lake Weeroona
Registration: 8:30am
Walk Starts: 10:00am

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**WALKING SCHOOL BUS THURSDAYS**

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