16\textsuperscript{th} August, 2012

**Mini Olympics**
What a great time we had at our recent Mini Olympics. All “countries” competed in an exemplary manner and received accolades from the “officials” for their outstanding efforts. Well done everyone.

The final results were that the bronze medal was awarded to Australia (Mr Nolan’s class), the silver medal to Spain (Miss Allen’s class) and the gold medal to China (Mr Lappin’s class).
**Disco**
Many thanks to everyone who came along to our recent disco, particularly the staff for their great assistance. Many thanks to Mrs. Bruna Barnett for her organisation of the event. Another disco has been booked for Thursday 15 November so mark this date in your diary now. The November disco is going to be especially exciting as it will have a theme – it will be a Masquerade Disco. Students will have the opportunity at school to decorate a mask to wear to the disco.

**Individual Education Plan Meetings (Parent/Teacher Meetings)**
Many thanks to all those parents who have already returned their booking forms for the Individual Education Plan meetings which are happening next Tuesday evening. It is wonderful to see the high participation rate. It demonstrates the strong commitment that we all have to working together to ensure the best possible teaching and learning outcomes for every student in our school. If you haven’t yet returned your form, there is still time to do so!

**Parent Opinion Survey**
A big thank you to those randomly selected families who took the time to complete the survey and to return it to school. All surveys that were returned have been sent off for scoring and analysis. We look forward to receiving the results and sharing them with you.

**Playgroup**
We were very fortunate to be successful in a grant application earlier this year. The grant enabled us to set up a FREE playgroup. The playgroup happens every Monday morning, 9.30 – 11 in Room 5 (BER Building). We have some regular attendees – but Lauren Gill (Hub Worker) and Mrs Lloyd would love to see even more parents and pre-schoolers (of any age!) come along.

**Parkers Playgroup**
Come along. It’s FREE!
Mondays, 9.30am—11.00 am
Room 5 (BER Building)
All welcome
School Crossing Supervisor of the Year Awards

Congratulations to Pam Kunziak on being nominated by a member of our school community for the School Crossing Supervisor of the Year Awards (Victoria wide). A well-deserved honour.

Pam, along with our other crossing supervisors Joy and Tina, does a wonderful job ensuring that all students use the crossing and arrive safely at school. We sincerely thank Pam, Joy and Tina for their wonderful work.

Recently Pam attended the School Crossing Supervisor of the Year Awards and is pictured below holding her nomination award.

Cybersafety

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

Many children and young people are clearly entrenched in an online world. But how risky is it? According to the ACMA’s Click and Connect study, children demonstrate a good general knowledge about online behaviours that might be considered ‘risky’. Yet in spite of this, some young people still engage in risky behaviour, and some perceive these behaviours are common across their peer groups.

The Cybersmart Online Helpline, provided by Kids Helpline in partnership with the ACMA, is one option which provides free, confidential online counselling for children and young people. Web counselling lets children and young people connect one-on-one, in real time, with a Kids Helpline counsellor, over the web.

Kids Helpline also offers private and confidential telephone and email counselling 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Be Smart When You Participate in Social Networking

Social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and YouTube can be a great way to keep in touch, share stories and information, and to connect with others. They enable users to set up profiles, join groups and share news and information including video, images, music and text with family, friends or anyone from around the world.

As with off-line communities, some social media users can act anti-socially and show disrespect for their online community with little consideration of the social and potentially legal implications. Issues like bullying and harassment, unwanted or inappropriate contact, uploading of inappropriate or offensive content and identity theft occur in social networking services every day.

To help you, and others, enjoy your time online:

- Use the privacy settings—limit who can access your profile or join the groups you set up.
- Keep your private information private. Think carefully before disclosing personal details such as your phone number and personal email address—even if only friends can access your profile.
- Think before you post any content, video, images or text, online. You can put it up, but you can’t necessarily take it down. Ask before posting images or stories about others. What you see as harmless fun may be embarrassing and humiliating for them.
- Don’t project an undesirable self-image. Posting provocative pictures or evidence of a partying behaviour will create a digital reputation that could be used against you now or later. It may also invite unwanted contact.
- Choose your online friends wisely. Others’ inappropriate views and behaviours can reflect badly on you. The number of friends you have in your contact list is not a reflection of how popular you are.
- Communicate with others as you would do offline, with courtesy and respect. Just because you’re online doesn’t mean you’re not responsible for your actions.
- If you think someone is being bullied or harassed online, speak out. Let others know if their behaviour isn’t appropriate.

http://www.cybersmart.gov.au

Smoking

Smoking in Department of Education, Employment and Training (DEECD) buildings or on DEECD property is prohibited. Accordingly, all parents and visitors to the school are requested to refrain from smoking whilst inside the school boundaries.

Dates to Remember

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