March 8th, 2012

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Lisa Vanderplight and Donna Cole had nominated to be parent members of the 2012 / 2013 School Council at the end of the nomination period. Both Lisa and Donna were elected to the School Council. Congratulations to you both. Thank you for your interest and I look forward to your contributions to our school council.

As we were still one parent member short, a further call for nominations was made. We then received an additional parent nomination from Bruna Barnett. With great pleasure I declare Bruna elected to the 2012 / 2013 School Council and warmly welcome her to the School Council.

Following last night’s School Council meeting, we now have 2 casual vacancies to be filled from the parent member category. Please contact the school for a nomination form if you’re interested in filling one of these vacancies.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE
Congratulations to who were selected to represent their class as members of the SRC this year. These students will be working with Mrs. Aziz throughout the year on a range of fundraising and special event activities. We look forward to exciting things ahead!
AUSSIES OF THE MONTH
Well done to Elazae Brown and Henry Rice who were selected as our Aussies of the Month for the month of February. These two students are extremely worthy recipients and at all times uphold the school’s values of Respect, Responsibility, Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion and Doing Your Best.

FREE DRESS DAY
If you would like to come to school out of uniform on Thursday 15 March 2012, all you need to do is bring a donation for our annual “Chocolate Hamper” raffle — perhaps a block of chocolate, a bag of sweets or an Easter goodie.

Please remember the school rules of no makeup or jewellery, and be sunsmart!

OPEN DOOR POLICY
The school is very proud of the “Open Door” policy it has created so that students and their families feel welcome at the school. The open door policy allows parents to be involved in classroom activities, assist in ways too numerous to mention, attend open evenings and information sessions, participate in decision making forums, attend parent education programs and so on.

The “open door” policy allows parents to remain in contact with the school and encourages important communication links between home and school.

Even though the school has an open door policy, it is important for parents to remember that it is necessary for an appointment to be made if you wish to talk to your child’s teacher. Often a parent will wish to talk to a teacher immediately before or after school. These times are extremely busy times for teachers as they are often planning work for students and finalizing things for the day ahead. After school, teachers often have meetings and professional development activities that they must attend.
To ensure that your issue is dealt with in a thorough and appropriate way, it is vital that an appointment is made. This allows the teacher to set aside the appropriate amount of time required to speak with you about the issue. The appointment can be made by phoning the school, or by making the appointment with the teacher concerned directly.

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY - Why do we have a day off next Monday?
A reminder to all that Monday 12 March is Labour Day, a public holiday. Students are not required at school on this day.

Labour Day is an Australian public holiday originally called Eight Hours Day. It celebrates the achievements of organised labour on behalf of the worker to bring about the 8-hour day in the late 1850s. Previously workers were required to work long hours each week . . . 10 to 12 hours a day six days a week. While a change was made to the hours worked each day, the five day work week we enjoy today took almost a century longer to be adopted finally in 1948. If you look closely you may spot the numbers 888 on many union buildings across Australia. The numbers are in support of British socialist Robert Owen who believed that people should have 8 hours to work, 8 hours for recreation and 8 hours to sleep. This philosophy helped foster The Eight Hours Movement.

The first Labour Day parade was held in Melbourne on April 21st, 1856. Labour Day is celebrated at different times across Australia because each state achieved the 8-hour day on different dates.

http://alldownunder.com/oz-k/date/labour-day.htm

DATES TO REMEMBER
March 15\textsuperscript{th} Free Dress Day in return for a donation for the Chocolate Hamper raffle
March 16\textsuperscript{th} Student Free Day
March 21\textsuperscript{st} CFC Children’s Treasure Hunt & Performance – Level 1
March 30\textsuperscript{th} Last day of term 1
April 16\textsuperscript{th} Term 2 commences
April 19\textsuperscript{th} School Photos
May 10\textsuperscript{th} Mother’s Day Stall

Mother’s Day Stall

START SAVING NOW........

This year’s stall is going to be \textbf{bigger} and \textbf{better} than ever!

Watch this space for more info later........