May 17th 2012

Aussie of the Month
Congratulations to Dylan Lucas and Elli Poulter our very deserving “Aussies of the Month” for the month of April. This award was presented at our assembly on Monday 7 May.

Peer Support Leaders
What a wonderful job our Peer Support Leaders are doing. After an extensive training and selection period, the Peer Support Leaders were presented with their badges at our assembly on Monday 7 May. Our Peer Support Leaders all have rostered times when they assist other students in the yard. In addition, they meet regularly with Mrs. Tisseverasinghe. In the meetings they continue to work on enhancing skills which will enable them to do their job even more brilliantly.
NAPLAN
Students in years 3 and years 5 have been participating in NAPLAN this week. Thank you to all of the students involved in the testing for trying so hard and completing the testing to the best of your ability. Thanks also to the teachers for the care and support that you have provided.
Whilst the year 5 and 3 students participated in this year’s Naplan testing program, the students in years 4 and 6 practiced Naplan test skills using past Naplan tests.

Mothers Day Stall
Thank you for your wonderful support of the Mother’s Day stall last week. We hope that you all enjoyed the gifts that were lovingly selected by your children.
A huge thank you to everyone involved in organizing the great Mother’s Day stall. There was an enormous range of beautiful gifts from which the children were able to choose. The gifts were set out beautifully in the Art Room and there were plenty of parents to assist the students in selecting their ideal gift.
Many thanks to Donna Cole, Lisa Vanderplight, Mandy Yardley, Cynthia Isaacs, Heidi Timms, Michelle Subritzky, Kelly Caddaye, Chris Damveld, Sandra Murphy and Lee Bendon for their great work.

Cross Country
Congratulations to the students who represented our school at the Cross Country Competition at Cranbourne Race Course. Once again, the behavior of the participants was exemplary and throughout the day they displayed terrific sportsmanship; they were fair competitors and showed a great deal of encouragement to all runners. What great ambassadors for our school.
Thanks to the staff who went along to care for and support our students and to Mr. Corey Pearce for his organization of the event for the association.

Gardening Club
As always we have a wide variety of lunch time clubs available. One of the most popular clubs at the moment is our gardening club. Members of the gardening club have been busily planting fruit trees and vegetable seedlings. Great work.
**Prep for Parents Online Forum on Reading**
Do you have questions about reading with or to your child? The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s *Prep for Parents* forums will focus on reading and parents are encouraged to participate. There will be experts on standby to answer your questions and to provide practical tips and advice. Alison Lester, children’s author and Premiers’ Reading Challenge Ambassador (see: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/keypeople/ambassadors/lester.htm) will give tips on reading via video.

The forum will be held during Education Week on Thursday 24 May - Session 1: 11.00 am and 12 noon and Session 2: 8.30pm to 9.30pm. For more information, Facebook members can visit: https://www.facebook.com/prepforparents

**Beyond Primary for Parents**
Is your child starting secondary school next year? Would you like hints and tips on how to support your child through the transition to secondary school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s new weekly Beyond Primary email. Every Thursday during the school term you will receive an email that will include tips, advice and information on supporting your child to make the transition from primary to secondary school. Subscribe to Beyond Primary at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/prepare/beyondprimary/default.htm

**Parents Victoria – Online Conference 2012**
Parents Victoria will run its sixth online conference between 20 and 26 May 2012. The conference opens at 6am on Sunday 20 May and closes at midnight on Saturday 26 May 2012. The conference is sponsored by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. All participants are required to register at: http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv/ Registration is free. An email confirming registration will be provided as well as participation guidelines. The conference will feature hosted ‘live’ daily discussions on seven key educational issues, with one issue – school payments/school funding – open for discussion all week. Member and non-member schools with parents correctly registered and actively engaged in the conference are eligible to win prizes for their school. Further information and updates will be available in the coming week on the Parents Victoria website at: http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/

**Curriculum Day**
A reminder to everyone that Friday 18 May 2012 has been approved by School Council as a Curriculum Day. Staff will be involved in a number of professional learning activities. Students are not required at school on this day.

**Dates to Remember:**
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Day
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup> – Life Ed Van
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – Open Night
- June 6<sup>th</sup> – Bookclub closes
- June 11<sup>th</sup> – Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- June 29<sup>th</sup> – Term 2 concludes
- July 16<sup>th</sup> – Term 3 commences