From the Principal’s Desk

Congratulations to our girls’ cricket team who made it to the Western Region final against Blayney. Although the girls were beaten on the day, to make it this far is outstanding. Well done girls – we are proud of you all! The staff has been busy formulating the new school plan using various data sources and feedback gathered from the school community. We have ascertained our three strategic directions focused on Teaching and Learning, Inclusivity and Community Partnerships.

We are currently working on the purpose, practices, products, processes and people to drive each of these directions. The invitation is still open for any parent or carer who would like to be part of this process – please contact the school for the date of the next planning session.

This week our senior students have been presenting their SRC speeches. It is wonderful to see such mature, responsible and articulate students so enthusiastic to lead our school in 2015. Congratulations to you all.

Have a great week!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

PSSA Sport and Extreme Weather Tomorrow

PSSA summer sport will continue on tomorrow, Friday 14 November October. Students will be leaving the school at 9.20 am. As extremely hot weather has been predicted to arrive later tomorrow morning it is essential that students take a hat and water bottle to sport with them. Students who do not have their hat and water bottle will not be allowed to participate in this week’s round of the competition.

Walkathon

The school walkathon is on Thursday 20 November 2014 at Victoria Park from 10.00am to 11.30am. There is just one week left to get sponsorship. Sponsor cards are available from the school office.

Walkathon Sausage Sizzle

At the end of the Walkathon next Thursday the school is providing a sausage sizzle lunch for students. Cost is $2.00 for sausage (gluten-free), onion and sauce on bread. Order forms and payment should be returned to class teachers by Monday 17 November.

School Swimming Scheme 2014

Notes have been sent home to parents of students taking part in the School Swimming Scheme. Payment of $25.00 (ten days’ pool entry fee) should be made by Friday 21 November. Students with season passes to the Aquatic Centre do not need to pay but the pass needs to be brought to school so that a copy may be taken, if not done so already.

Concert DVDs

A re-mastered copy of the concert DVD was distributed earlier this week. We are currently awaiting a second batch of DVDs which should be available by the middle of next week.

Puff and Blow

The Puff and Blow session is on tomorrow, Friday 14 November from 12.20 to 3.20 pm. Stage 1 students will have their session after they return from the ‘Pete the Sheep’ performance.

P&C Christmas Dinner

The P&C Christmas dinner is on Tuesday 18 November at the Old Bank Restaurant at 7.00 pm. All members are invited to attend. Please reply to Cath Harvey on 0447 796 200.

Sports and Whole School Photos

Sports and whole school photos are now available and can be ordered online at the discounted price of $14.00 each. Instructions and an online order code are available from the school office. Envelopes for manual orders can be obtained from the office. Cost for manual orders is $18.00 per photo and orders close on Friday 21 November.

Library Borrowing Closed for 2014

Library book borrowing for 2014 finished last week. All books should be returned by the end of Week 7 in readiness for the annual library stocktake. Students who have outstanding books have received a reminder notice. If you have any queries or concerns about these notices please contact the school office.

PBL Focus

The current PBL focus is ‘We are respectful. We listen. We do.’

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Wacky Wednesday
The Wacky Wednesday meal for Week 7 is nachos. Cost is $5.50 for nachos and a popper. Orders need to be placed at the canteen by Monday 17 November at 1.30 pm.

For Sale by Tender – Fish Tank
The school is selling the fish tank, stand and light which were previously in the front office corridor. Dimensions are 1200 x 500 x 350 mm, guide price is $200 to $300. Bids should be placed in a sealed envelope marked ‘Fish Tank Tender’ and returned to the school office by Monday 28 November. Lowest or only tender not necessarily accepted.

School Calendars
Each year school calendars are sold to raise money for special projects in the school. For students in Years 1 to 6 the calendar features their own artwork. Kinder students will be using artwork they produce in class. Calendars cost $5.00 each. Order forms will be sent out early next week.

Applications for Selective Schools Placement 2016
Parents of Year 5 students are advised that applications for selective high school placement in 2015 will close on 17 November 2014. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Haylee Burton (Year 6) who was selected to try out for the combined High Schools’ girls’ cricket team yesterday. This is an outstanding achievement as Haylee was competing with players up to 16 years old.

Year 7 2015 Parent Information Meeting
An information evening for parents of students starting Year 7 in 2015 will be held at Delroy Campus Library and South Campus School Hall on Wednesday 19 November 2014 at 6.30 pm.

Awards Closing Soon
Awards for students in Kinder to Year 5 will close for the year on Tuesday 25 November. Please send awards to school as soon as possible so they can be processed in time for the final presentation for the year. Students who bring in awards after the closing date will be asked to take them home and bring them back to school early in 2015.

Leaving Students
We are fast approaching the time of year when teachers are considering next year’s class placements. It would assist us greatly in this process if parents of students who will be leaving at the end of the year could inform Mrs Pritchard, their child’s teacher or office staff.