Message from the Principal

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

Last week I held a Coffee and Chat session to inform parents of the changes that we have made to our school academic reports. I will be repeating the information at our next Coffee and Chat session in Week 8 (12 June) for those parents who could not attend the session. Over the next few newsletters I will also be including samples of our new report. Reports will be sent home in Week 10 of this term.

These reports will help you understand the progress your child is making at school and if additional learning support is needed. These grades are different from the grades you might remember from your school years. The A to E system doesn’t rank your child in his or her class. Rather, the grades indicate whether your child is ‘on track’, and learning what is expected, doing better than expected or needs more help. Kindergarten students, students with learning difficulties and students who are learning English for the first time will receive a written report but without the A to E grades.

“C” IS TO BE CELEBRATED. The reports use an A-E grade for every subject that your child does at school. C means that your child is ‘on track’ in relation to what he or she is expected to learn. Other grades will indicate whether your child is doing better than expected or needs more help.

Grade C shows that the student has achieved all of the skills, values and knowledge intended by the teacher when they planned the learning program for the semester. This student may have required extra revision or individual teaching but he/she has understood the concepts and has demonstrated achievement of the learning goals. Parents should not be worried about a child’s progress if he or she has received this grade. Your child is on track in this area. His/her performance is sound.

Grade B shows that the student has performed very well with the work presented consistently achieving the skills,
values and knowledge intended by the teacher when he/she planned the learning program for the semester. This student has demonstrated in all of the assessments and daily tasks that there is no difficulty being experienced in meeting the learning goals. **Your child is performing at a high level in this area.**

**Grade A** shows that the student is easily demonstrating the skills, values and knowledge intended by the teacher when he/she planned the learning program for the semester. In fact the student is showing far more than has been required. **Your child is performing at an outstanding level in this area.**

**Grade D** shows that the student is currently experiencing some difficulty in achieving the skills, values and knowledge intended by the teacher when he/she planned the learning program for the semester. There are some gaps in the understanding of the concepts that have been taught during the semester and there is evidence that this has been occurring in daily tasks and in assessments. **Your child is having some difficulty coping with the work in this area at this time.**

**Grade E** shows that the student is currently demonstrating a lot of difficulty in his/her daily class tasks and assessments. This student will most likely have had additional assistance from the school and will need ongoing support from home and school. **Your child is finding learning very difficult at this time in this area.**

While A to E grades are an important indicator of your child’s progress at school they are only part of the picture. Student reports will also include information on your child’s level of effort and teacher comments on progress. Teachers’ comments are just as important, if not more important, than the grade because the comment is the explanation behind the grade.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent/Teacher interviews look place in Term One this year and will not formally take place again this term, however if you wish to see your child’s teacher please make an appointment to see them at a mutually suitable time.
Duty of Care

The safety and wellbeing of every student in our school is our priority. All students are expected to attend school from 9.15am until 3.15pm.

The school has a legal responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of every unaccompanied student from the time they leave home in the morning and arrive at school and from the time they leave school in the afternoon and arrive at home again.

Students who are not accompanied by their parent or caregiver must come straight to school in the morning where there is a teacher on duty from 8.45am and must leave the school grounds and go straight home in the afternoon at 3.15pm when the bell goes. Students are not permitted to stay behind and play handball, or play on the equipment or play down the hill unless they are with their own parent. Students who arrive at 8.45am are to sit on the silver seats outside the Admin building and wait. The school offers an OOSH Care Service if your child needs to be dropped off before 8.45am and picked up after 3.15pm. They can be contacted directly on 0434 829 822.

Parents who wish to stay behind with their child/ren and allow them to play on the equipment do so at their own risk. If an accident is to happen after 3.15pm children are technically in the care of their parents.

Students who are accompanied by an adult other than their own parent/carer must provide the school with written permission stating that the adult will assume the responsibility.

Parents and families are always welcome in our school and we hope to continue to build on these already sound relationships however, we must ensure that the safety and wellbeing of our students comes first.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the 32 runners who participated in the Wiley Park Zone Cross Country. A great day was had by all. Special mention goes to Elise Martin, Hana & Taiki Arita as well as James Papadakis who will now progress to the next level and represent the Wiley Park Zone at the Regional Cross Country Carnival to be held at Miranda on 11 June.
FREE fun program to help kids become fitter, healthier and happier!

The Go4Fun Program is a free healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight.

What happens in the Go4Fun program?

The program runs over one school term. There are 10 sessions (1 sessions/week, 2hrs/session).

Sessions include: games, activities and swimming for kids (depends on location); easy, effective ways to improve your child’s self-esteem and confidence; demonstrations, games and tips on healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes; and a fun supermarket tour!

Sydney Local Health District has 15 places on the program in your local area, completely free of charge. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Children need to be 7-13 years old and above their ideal weight to attend. A parent or carer must accompany each child to every session.

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or go to go4fun.com.au

A message from KL….

Students in KL have had a smooth transition into Kindergarten this year. We have been learning how to read and write with the help of a targeted Kindergarten intervention called L3 - Language, Learning and Literacy. This occurs on a daily basis during our literacy rotational groups. Students work in groups of 3 and rotate to independent group tasks while a group learns how to read and write with Miss Lakiss. Each group gets a turn at each rotational station. We love learning how to read and write in KL!
**Biggest Morning Tea**

On Thursday the 28th of May we are celebrating the World’s Biggest Morning Tea at our school. We encourage parents to bake something for their child to share with their class. Please do not bring more than 4 pieces (for example four cupcakes) or there will be too much food. We would also like k-2 to bring a soft toy to the picnic with their buddies. Please do not bake or buy anything containing nuts, due to some student’s allergies. Mrs Jessop-smith and Mrs Rigby will be supplying drinks. Also bring a gold coin to donate to the cancer council!

Kind regards

The S.R.C.

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**P&C Bunnings BBQ**

A big thank you to the P&C and all the staff that helped out at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 23 May. A fun day was had by all!

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**Therapies for Kids**

Living with a fussy eater?
Are mealtimes a struggle?
Does your child have a limited diet?
Do they only eat food of a particular colour or texture?

Come along to our fussy eating parent information night and hear from our occupational therapists about why children are fussy eaters and how you can help!

This talk will pave the way for those who wish to attend our Fussy Eaters group!

When: Tuesday 2nd June, 7pm
Where: Therapies for Kids, 37 Nelson St Annandale

RSVP: Friday 29th May - 9519 0966 - enquiries@therapiesforkids.com.au

Nibbles and Drinks will be served on the night!
School Disco – coming up soon...

This year’s theme is NEON! Dig out your fluoro leggings and come along for a boogie! There will be food for sale and some small stalls. If you can offer your skills in selling, decorating, general help in the lead up to the event or at the event please let the P&C know.

We are still sourcing disco lighting. Can you help?

Bunnings BBQ – Thank you!

Massive thank you to all the wonderful people who turned up and sizzled sausages, served people, helped set up and pack up. A great result and lovely to see new faces mixed in with the familiar.

Reminders

- **My Label** – purchase your name labels through [https://www.mynamelabel.com.au/](https://www.mynamelabel.com.au/) and the school gets

Uniform Shop – This Friday 29th May - only $2 per item!

Volunteer up your skills!

The P&C need your time and your skills. Do you have disco lighting or contacts in the industry? Can you write crowd funding? Any other skills? Any other ways to help. Let the P&C know!

Thank You

- to Nick Poulos (Maria Caltaux’s Dad and Nicholas’s Pappou) for the donation of the Chest Freezer.
- to Katrina Yilmaz for the contribution of the hot plate.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 2 June 2015 - 7pm in the staff room.

Contacts for the P&C

- **cspspandc@gmail.com**
- speak to one of the many P&C people
- drop a note in the P&C box
- For information sign up to Wiggio!

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