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Principal’s Message

Hello parents. Carers and friends

It is with sadness that I need to inform you that one of our students, Dakoda Stainer has passed away on Monday afternoon. Dakoda was a student in Transition Department, who came to our school from NSW. Dakoda was a unique young man and had a range of individual characteristics. Whilst he did not attend our school for a long time, he definitely made an impression on our community and all who worked with him knew him as a very special person. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this time.

The official Opening of S Block is this Friday, we welcome parents who would like to attend at 11.30 for the official programme in the hall and then a tour of facilities. Students have settled well into the rooms and this week the rooms have been fitted out with interactive whiteboards and some computers, with more on order. This past week we have also seen the installation of interactive whiteboards across other classrooms in the school.

A special thank you to all parents, friends and carers who attended the 1st P & C meeting for 2012. The meeting was well attended and we look forward to the AGM in March. Thank you also to those parents and carers who have come into the school for Individual Support Plan meetings over the past week. It has been a very good opportunity to meet you and engage in discussion about the needs of your son/daughter. The plans that will be developed will be significant for guiding the educational programs for students for the coming 6 months.

Beth Devonshire

4—6 Department News

We are nearly halfway through term one and it has been fantastic to see students settling in so well to the school and their new classes for the year. There has been lots of learning taking place in literacy and maths and students are enjoying studying children’s books and characters as part of their unit of work. Classes have also begun their community involvement outings including: PCV activities, sailing, swimming, cooking and shopping. This week new interactive whiteboards have been installed in the classrooms, which has been an exciting time for students. The learning activities that are able to be accessed through these whiteboards are creative, tactile and challenging and we look forward to including them in the classroom program. Don’t forget if you have any questions to come and communicate these with your child’s teacher or myself. We love working with you and your child.

Amanda Turnbull
Department Leader

7—9 Department News

We are well into term 1 for 2012. I would like to thank parents and caregivers for their patience and understanding with the changes to classes that has occurred this week.

There are many exciting programs being undertaken in Department 7-9, with many classes working together to create continuity of activities across the Department. The implementation of these programs enables students to engage with their peers across classes. I have enjoyed the opportunities to come into classes as the Non – Contact teacher and participate in their activities and programs.

Judy Clark
Department leader

Transition Department News

Transition is a hive of activity at the moment. As well as developing language and literacy skills through the current English Unit, students are also engaging in a variety of Maths and Science units. You can take a look around the department to see; student’s graphs and tally’s already covering walls and grass heads sprouting everywhere helping students learn about living and non living things. What an exciting time of year to be in Transition.

Ana Kelly
Department Leader

Call4Cutz Special needs Hairdresser
0411 036 774
Sarah Foy

Guidance Matters

Is your son or daughter turning 16 this year? If they are, then they are eligible to apply for the Disability Support Pension. To assist with this process, the school is able to provide information that you can take to Centrelink appointments.

If you would like the school to provide this information, please contact me – by phoning the school, or by dropping in. My office is now in A2 (near Administration) - please feel free to come and meet me and say ‘hello’. I work at school each Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Melissa Thiess
Guidance Officer

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Kristine D (one of our parents) has started a facebook page for epilepsy support. She writes: we have members from all over Australia with the back up of the Epilepsy Organisations Australia wide. It’s a friendly caring and very active group of parents and if anyone is interested we can be found on Facebook you can search for the group by typing in Epilepsy Parents Australia or the web link address is

https://www.facebook.com/groups/epilepsyparentsaustralia/

Please take the time to have a look.

Reminder: Please make all transport change requests at least two weeks before you need them.

New uniform stocks have arrived.

P—3 Department News

We are all looking forward to the official opening of S block this week!

We have seen some great responses from the use of the Sound Amplification System in our two classrooms in that block, and are excited about the possibilities with using this technology. Our Active Sports program is continuing twice a week with Zumba and Multi-Skills sessions.

I am continually amazed at the progress made in this program and look forward to seeing the students show their dance talents each week!

Tim Dunne