Dear Parents, Students and Staff

The importance of home reading for students is well documented in many studies. Knowledge gained by students during reading helps them expand their vocabulary and develop skills in writing and spelling. Students who read possess higher academic potential and this reinforces the importance and value of reading time at home. Over 200 of our students have been reading consistently at home this year and were awarded certificates as part of the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Thank you to those parents who help their children reach this goal.

Some fabulous work was produced by each class for our Art Show on the weekend. There were many comments about the amazing talents of our students with the variety and quality outstanding. Thank you to Michelle for putting this show together and to the parents and teachers who helped.

Thank you also to the parents who ran the sausage sizzle and cake stall with funds raised going towards the Year 7 legacy for 2013.

2014 will see the last group of Year 7s in primary school and accordingly, Year 6 and 7 students will be the leaders of the school student body next year. All Year 6 and 7 students will be given the opportunity to participate in the leadership program, working together to run school events such as parades, lunch time discos and lunchtime sporting activities. These two year levels will also share special activities such as camp and graduation. All Year 6 and 7s will have the opportunity to purchase leaders’ shirts early in the new year.

There will also be some changes in staffing for next year. Patrice Scharf will be leaving our school with a transfer to Brisbane. While Patrice will be sadly missed, we have been lucky enough to have another teacher appointed to staff already, with Prep teacher Jessica O’Donnell joining us from the beginning of next year.

Carol Butler- Mader (Principal)
Helping Our Children.  
Helpful information from the HOC. (Head of Curriculum)  

THE ARTS

Over the weekend our school community had the wonderful opportunity to enjoy our Farnborough Art Show. It was amazing to see such a large amount of talent in a small space. EVERY student had a piece of artwork on display showing another area of the curriculum that our students excel in.

The Arts curriculum is designed for the twenty-first century learner where student experience and learn about five ARTS subjects: drama, media arts, music and visual arts. At Farnborough our students experience these areas during Performing Arts lessons and additional visual arts lessons with their classroom teachers.

http://www.acara.edu.au/verve/_resources/Shape_of_the_Australian_Curriculum

Research shows that students who study art are 4 times more likely to be recognised for academic achievement and 3 times more likely to be awarded for school attendance. The Arts help children learn important life skills. For example, students develop self-discipline because they see that practice makes perfect – or at least better. In addition, when students feel successful in art activities, they can imagine success in other areas. Most importantly, making art and performance leads to curiosity, which helps develop lifelong learners.

http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/

Once again this term we will be fortunate enough to experience and celebrate our student’s artistic talents in our End of Year concert on December 11.

I encourage you all to join us for this entertaining and enjoyable evening.

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The Year 3 students have been studying ‘Living/Non-Living/Once Living Things’ in their science unit and the SAK Garden is providing a great study environment. These children have also become very good gardeners, and have been helping me make the weeds ‘once living’ things.

Miss Morgan’s 4/5 class have been working on their Asian garden, planting, weeding and mulching. They have been studying about the Australian gold rush and have linked the garden in with their history unit. There was much excitement when we ‘dug for gold’... that is, we harvested sweet potatoes. Not every student found one and we could only empathise with the men on the gold fields who searched for gold for years without ever finding any.

Green Club members were proud to help harvest over two buckets of green beans last week. We should get the same amount again this week, Wednesday 3 – 4pm.

I am still looking for foster families for the chooks over the Christmas holidays? I am keen for them to have all gone on their ‘holidays’ by the end of November. Phone me on 0400 681 442/4930 2390.

Kathy King

Does anyone have any Green Waste vouchers they don’t want? Please bring to the school office.
BOOKCLUB

The last bookclub catalogues for this year will be handed out this week. Please have orders back to the office by Friday 22nd Nov. Remember if purchasing a gift, clearly write “GIFT” and a contact number on the order form and you can collect your order at the office.

Any questions you can always contact me. Thanks for supporting bookclub and the school in 2013.

Del - 04397581463

UNIFORM SHOP

Please put on your calendar (2014), that the uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd January 2014 from 9:00am – 12noon.

REMINDER

P & C Meeting tonight

Art Show Fundraiser

There are still some unsold art works available for purchase. Hand in your $5 or more to secure your child's piece of art.

Thank you to all families that supported this event and came along to view the art last Saturday.

Also thank you to the teachers for all their hard work and the students for being so talented.

There is also a colouring in competition currently running to win one of their memberships as well. Please come to the school office for a copy.

Membership is suited for boys and girls aged 6 – 14 years.