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Week 2 Term 3, 2009

Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 3 of the school year. We hope you all had wonderful and relaxed holidays and look forward to another busy but successful term.

Please remember, all school children are to come to school in their **full winter uniform**. It is important to remember to keep students home if flu-like symptoms occurs. We had many sick students and staff towards end of term two. Your understanding and support in this matter is appreciated as we all care for our staff and children's health. We cannot control illness but we can employ the necessary measures to create minimal disturbances to the student's education. Attached to this newsletter is an update from the Health Department. Please take the time to read the information provided.

What's On in Term Three?

- **Sports Day**

Sports day, like last term, is every Tuesday. This term all children will be involved in Gymnastics for sport. Please make sure your child has their name on each piece of their uniform.

- **School Photo Day**

Advanced Life photography will be taking our school photographs **on Thursday 27th August, 09**. Today you will receive an order envelope for your child. Please ensure that your child returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child's envelope. Please return order envelope by Wednesday 26th August.



Family packs are available from the front office upon request (please note that no sibling from outside the school will be allowed to sit for family photos)

Each child must have his/her own envelope. Please enclose exact money as the company is unable to give change.

- **Book Week**

August is the month to celebrate books and we are planning many exciting things in the lead up to Book Week with a book fair, character parade and the end of the Premier's Reading Challenge.



The date for Book Week is **August 22nd – 28th** and this year's theme is '**Book Safari**' (hence the Jungle themed library!)

Children in K – 6 over the next few weeks will be taking part in shared-reading experiences of Children's Book Council of Australia award-nominated books, and doing various fun activities tied in with these new and exciting books, as well as some competitions.

We will be having a Book Fair from **Wednesday 19th August to Tuesday 25th August**, to take place in the Library. Students can buy from an exciting & new selection of books over that week period.

On **Friday 28th August** we will be having a **whole-school character parade** where students will be asked to dress up as a favourite character (be it hero or villain) from their favourite book.

Family & friends are welcome to come to both activities (Book Fair and Character Parade)

Details of the exact time for the character parade will be revealed as the date draws closer. We ask that the students be creative in their costume ideas and refrain from buying ready-made costumes, using things they may have around the house or in their wardrobe and a little bit of imagination.

Finally, the **Premier's Reading Challenge ends on Monday 31st August**. So for those students in Year 3 to 6, who are still reading their 20 books, keep going & most importantly, enjoy reading!

Term Dates:

- Friday 7th August: FUNDRAISER for Jeans for Genes Day (Mufti day with a gold coin donation)
- Wednesday 19th August – Tuesday 25th August: Book Fair
- Thursday 27th August: Photo Day
- Friday 28th August: Character Parade
- Sunday 27th September: Solemn Communion (Further information will be sent out in the near future)

• **BUILDING THE EDUCATIONAL REVOLUTION:**

The school has welcomed the steady development of the new school multipurpose hall. As you are aware, the school received \$2000000 in funds from the Federal Government. During the term two holiday break, demolition took place to prepare the new site for construction. We anticipate a six month project and pray for good weather over the next few months. Our builder, **TRICO Constructions** has a website whereby you can visit and view the design of our construction.

http://www.tricoconstructions.com.au/projects_commercial.html

General Reminders

School Fees

The last bill for this year will be issued in Week 2 of this Term.

Payment of fees is an important parental responsibility, which is comprehensively explained at enrolment interviews. I urge parents to make any late payments as a matter of priority. I also thank the many parents who have already settled their account for Term 1 and 2. Without payments, we are unable to function effectively as processes slow down.

Enrolments:

Children who turn 5 years old before 31st July, 2010 are eligible to be enrolled for Kindergarten 2010 NOW. We would appreciate it if any sibling of current students who need to be enrolled for 2010 do so now.

If parents know of anyone who has a child who needs to be enrolled for 2010 and is interested in attending Holy Saviour School, please let them know so as no one misses out at the end of the year. Thank you for your help in this matter.

HELPING KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

Parents are asked **not to enter** the building at the end of the school day until the bell rings. We ask that once you have collected all your children, please leave the school promptly.

ALL parents must follow these rules to ensure our school remains safe for all children.

- All driveway areas are strictly 10km
- All children **must** be supervised by parents once leaving the school gate.
- All cars **must** park correctly- no double parking or parking in non designated areas.
- All children traveling in cars **must** be wearing a seat belt.
- **Entry** to school parking from **Waterloo Road**. **Exit** from parking to **Mimosa Road**.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Education Tax Refund – Don't forget to claim

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- **In your tax return.**
- **If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.**
- **If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.**

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too, to find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on **13 28 61**.

🚨 Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

- Bankstown City Council is giving the residents the opportunity to 'come and try Touch Football' throughout the month of August 2009 completely free. For more information, please call Council's Recreation Officer on 9707 9641.
- School Beanies and Scarfs are now available at Saouma's School Wear, Punchbowl at \$10 each.

Melkite Welfare Association

Computer Course for Beginners For the Arabic speaking community

- Are you a refugee or migrant who have been in Australia less than 5 year
- Is Arabic your first language?
- Do you want to learn Computer?

Date: Fridays starting 21 August 2009

Time: 9:00 – 11:00

Venue: 80 Waterloo Rd. Greenacre

Fees: Free

Child minding is available. To register or for more information call Jacqueline on 97505514

Updates to Managing Human Swine Flu

Current information regarding the control of Human Swine Influenza

In regard to procedures for responding to the illness, the Australian Government entered into the phase of response known as the PROTECT Phase back in June. This phase was introduced because the virus is currently not as virulent as was anticipated, and is generally only producing a mild disease in most people, severe in some and moderate overall. The advice from NSW Chief Health Officer, Dr Kerry Chant about responding to Human Swine Flu in this PROTECT phase is as follows:

"...people who have no underlying medical conditions and are experiencing only mild flu-like symptoms should stay at home and minimise contact with others, until they are well. People who develop moderate symptoms should see their GP. Those with severe symptoms should go to their nearest Emergency Department."

Based on this information, advice to schools is as follows:

- a) Any student or staff member who develops flu-like symptoms should stay home until well again, and see their doctor as necessary.
- b) All students and staff should maintain a very high level of personal hygiene.

This advice essentially means that the usual processes for responding to student illness are the same as they would normally be. However, what is also very important is that you **remain vigilant in checking on the ongoing health of your child**. Please watch carefully for signs or symptoms of flu-like illness such as fever, cough, headache, unusual tiredness, muscle-ache, sore throat, chills or shortness of breath. Keep your child away from school at first sign of illness.

The advice from NSW Health is that **pregnant women, as well as people with underlying chronic diseases, are potentially more vulnerable to the more serious effects of all forms of influenza, including the H1N1 strain**. With this in mind, to prevent contact with pregnant staff and parents and members of the school community with pre-existing health problems, I especially seek your assistance in ensuring that **your child does not attend school with flu symptoms**. I ask that you particularly mention this to the medical practitioner who assesses your child so that appropriate caution is exercised.

Further information from NSW Health can be obtained from NSW Department of Health website <http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/index.asp>

We will continue to communicate with you if there are any changes to this advice. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the school.