Dear Parents,

It is at this time of year that our school is involved in reflection and evaluation of the student outcomes that have been achieved (for Semester 2 Reports To Parents) and the School Plan (for the Annual School Report). We are also looking forward and planning for future years. For our strategic planning for 2015-2017, we are working with a new school planning approach that allows our school community to set and guide our educational directions. I have included the stages below.

**Working with the new School Planning approach**

1. Evaluating the previous cycle, gathering baseline data
2. Developing school vision statement, context and planning processes
3. Defining the three Strategic Directions and their purposes
4. Developing the 5Ps (purposes, people processes, products, practices)
5. Developing milestones - implementation and evaluation
6. Monitoring annual funding and operational accountability
7. Endorsing and publishing the school plan annually

Please keep an eye out for surveys and other opportunities for families to provide feedback and input into this planning process.

**Selective High Schools’ Application for 2016**

All current Year 5 students have received a note regarding the application process for selective high school placements 2016. Please note that parents must complete the application for these by November 17th this year. All submissions/applications must be made on-line @ www.schools.nsw.edu/shsplacement

**Presidents for 2015**

Our interested Year 5 students are busily preparing and rehearsing their speeches over the coming weeks. They are working with Mrs Bull, Mrs Mawson, Mr Prior and Mrs Boyd at lunchtimes, together with the current Presidents and Vice-Presidents. A note with detailed information on the speech presentation times and voting day will be sent home as soon as possible.

**Social Media**

Recently Senior Sergeant Tania Higgins (Police Liason Officer) came to speak to some students about the dangers of: letting other people know the password for your accounts on social media; posting your photo or sharing details such as your name, address or phone number. She also stated that there are no social media applications that are available for students under the age of thirteen (as stated in the terms and conditions of use). These apps include: Facebook; Instagram; Kik Messanger; Twitter, Snapchat etc.
Stage 3-6 Assembly

The last stage 3-6 assembly will be held in Week 8 on Monday 24th. Awards for bronze, silver and gold awards must be given to class teachers by Friday November 21st.

PBS

Our Focus for weeks 4 & 5 are:

- Follow rules of games
- Playing appropriate games
- Be aware of other peoples playing space.

It would be great if you could chat with your child/ren about what these mean.

PBS Committee

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Today we held our Teddy Bears Picnic, due to your donations, we raised $303.45 which will be now forwarded on to the Guide Dogs Association.

NEWS from the P&C Committee

The Sensory Playground Read-a-thon is coming to an end! It's time to collect your Read-a-thon sponsorship and bring your Book Sheet, Sponsor Sheet and the money you have raised to the canteen (all in a sealed envelope or snap-lock bag, please). There are some great book prizes for the kids who raise the most. All money raised is due by this Friday 31st October, and the total will be announced in the next newsletter.

UNIFORM SHOP – Opening hours are 2.45 – 3.30pm on Tuesdays and 8.45 – 9.15am on Wednesday

Cath Chisholm
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

CANTEEN

Unfortunately we are still out of Mini jjs and we have no word on when they will be available again. The good news is that our Halloween week is going well and our special spooky treats will still be on sale until close of business on Friday. Different treats are added each day so don’t forget to check out what’s on offer.

Over the last couple of week’s our supervisors and volunteers have noticed several students tapping their money on the counter whilst waiting to be served. Our staff do their best to serve everyone as quickly as possible, so please be patient and don’t tap your money!

Our wonder helpers are:

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