Dear Parent Community,

Welcome back to school. The weather has been unwelcoming, but it is winter after all!

During the holidays we had some work done on improving the facilities at the school. The two main projects were the construction of a sand pit near the Community Room and moving the basketball ring from outside the library and relocating it to the oval where there is more room for the children to play around it.

Our next project is to establish the Playpod, utilising the storage area near the lift. The relatively small land ‘footprint’ of the school means that we have to use areas more efficiently. It is envisaged that the children will have access to a range of equipment and ‘stuff’ for free play. We are in the process of gathering things that are robust, but relatively non-hazardous to include in the store. By non-hazardous I would mean such things as having no sharp edges, contain non-toxic materials and light. If you have something at home that you feel would be appropriate and useful please contact us.

This term we commenced using the Messageyou service, it is vital that parents and caregivers ensure that we have their most recent phone number. Whilst we are mainly using it to communicate information about student absence at the moment, it will become our primary method for informing parents of critical issues, such as bushfires in the area, in real time. Your most current contact information is attached. Please check and update any changes, tick the top of the Student Update Form Corrections Made, or No Corrections Necessary sign and return to your child’s teacher by Wednesday 27th July, 2016.

I would remind the community of our Attendance Reward Raffle for Semester 2. The winner will receive a bicycle or scooter and safety equipment to the value of $400. To be eligible the children need to attend for at least 90% of the time for the semester. That means the children cannot be absent from school for more than five days per term. Winners who achieve more than the required 90% will also be eligible for an additional award.

KINDY 2017

A REMINDER: Applications for Kindergarten officially close 29th July 2016. I will endeavour to include enrolments after the cut off date, but to ensure a space and your preferred Kindy days I would urge people to enrol before this date.

Kind Regards
Ray Knight
Principal
FIT CLUB IS BACK

Wanting to increase your fitness? Looking at improving your running? Or just wanting some fun in the mornings?

I would like to invite all students, parents and staff to Fit Club.

When: Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8.05 – 8.25am.
Where: Meet on the school oval, running track.
See you there!

PE News

Welcome back to Term 3. It is a jam-packed term or physical fun across the school.

As we start our Athletics training, please ensure ALL year 1-6 boys and girls wear their joggers every day in preparation.

In order to earn extra points for their faction, students are asked to wear their faction shirt on Thursdays. If your child has lost or damaged their hat, please see the front office to purchase one ($11).

We have been busy training in the senior classes for our Cross Country event. All students who wish to compete in the Interschool Qualifier, this event will take place Friday 5th August. A note will be sent out next week, with more details.

Olivia Mottram

Art News

Our Art classes are in full swing. Art extension students are working on a mosaic for the school.

I am also starting a lunch time Lego Club. If you have any Lego hanging around the house, we would love donations. Please rehome any unwanted Lego to the Art Room. Then watch this space for more details.

Felicity Palmiero