Dear Parent Community

Over the last two weeks or so, we have been holding elections for student leadership positions. The children have two types of opportunities to contribute; as Student Councillors and as Faction Leaders. These are two different types of roles. To accommodate the fact that our Year 7 children will be in high school next year we have allowed our current Year 6 children to also apply for these positions in 2014.

The student councillors undertake many of the day to day jobs such as raising the flag, organising assemblies and making the morning announcements. They will also be involved in the publication of a student newspaper towards the end of Term 2.

The main role of the Faction Leaders (Captains and Vice Captains) is to promote sport and school activities of a more physical nature. This may include arranging lunchtime sport activities, managing sports gear at breaks and helping faction teachers during athletics and sporting carnivals. To enable the Faction Leaders to undertake the role that I have in mind I have expanded the number of positions from two children to four for each faction.

Essentially, each faction will now have a girl and boy captain and a girl and boy vice captain. Elections have already been held to appoint two leaders. Within the next week we will hold fresh elections to find two more children per faction. Children already elected will maintain their position as either Captain or Vice Captain. For example if in one faction we have a girl Captain and a boy Vice Captain, the girl will remain Captain and the boy will also become a Captain. Elections will then be held for girl and boy Vice Captains. Alternatively, if a faction has a girl Captain and a girl Vice Captain, elections will be held to elect a boy Captain and a boy Vice Captain.

I don’t expect perfection, but the children in these leadership roles are expected to maintain high personal standards in their behaviour, dress and class effort. If, in the unlikely event, these standards are not met the children will meet with me to discuss the issue. If there has been a ‘problem’ of their making I will in the first instance, issue a warning without a consequence. A second such meeting with me could result in a suspension of their duties for a week. A third meeting could result in their permanent sacking from the position. Instances of serious misbehaviour involving violence, bullying or serious disrespect to an adult will result in instant loss of their position. I will contact parents if a child is issued a second warning.

In an effort to simplify the newsletter, class items that would have previously been included with the newsletter will be published on the school website.

As always if you have any issues, queries or concerns about your child’s education please do not hesitate to contact us at the school to discuss them. If we are not aware of a problem we cannot do anything to resolve it.

Kind regards

Ray Knight
Principal
COMING EVENTS

Friday 28 February  Major Assembly—School Councillors
Monday 3 March  Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 2 March  School Council Meeting (9.30am)
Tuesday 11 March  P & C AGM (9.00am)
Friday 28 March  Assembly LA 12

FROM THE P & C……
Scholastics Book Club—Orders are due back to the office or Community Room by Friday, 7 March.

This term students will take part in a Meningococcal Disease Awareness incursion from The Amanda Young Foundation to teach students about prevention, identification & treatment.

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Meningococcal Disease is a rare, but life threatening disease which can cause death within hours if not recognised and treated promptly. It is spread through bacteria found in the throats of approx 10-20% of the population, known as “live carriers” who don’t get sick.

Children are the most at risk group for this deadly disease, due to their immature immune systems and reduced hygiene awareness. Students will take home an information pack for parents, consisting of a letter, fridge magnet & pamphlet.

For more information about meningococcal disease please visit [www.amandayoungfoundation.org.au](http://www.amandayoungfoundation.org.au). To book a free awareness presentation for your workplace, sporting group or parenting group, please contact Georgia on 0425 159 598 or education@amandayoungfoundation.org.au.