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Important dates to put on your calendar

The flu season is here!
If your child is feeling unwell in the morning with symptoms of a cold we ask that you keep them home while they recover.

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Enrolment renewal forms are well over due. Please make sure these are returned ASAP.

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CAMP PHOTOS

Winter cold

18th June - Last day of Term 2
13th July - Term 3 begins (Students return)
13th July - Gymnastics program begins

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Dear Parents,
It has been a fantastic term. As always, students’ were driven by their instincts to learn and find out. They were delighted to find out information about mini-beasts and their gigantic facts! We’ve continued to develop reading and writing skills through lists, books and weekly spelling. Similarly, math skills have improved through games, songs and lots of hands on activities to understand topics.
Recently, we had an incursion; the Responsible Pet Ownership Program which was great and fit in really well with our environment topic. The students’ were very engaged and learnt a lot.

We also went to an excursion to C.E.R.E.S. Once again, it was a fantastic experience; children had hands-on experiences and involvement was rewarding.
It is coming to the end of term now; we’ve been doing revision and end of term assessments. As a special conclusion to the term, we will have ‘pancake day’ on Thursday. As a class we have written up our shopping list, which include toppings for our pancakes. All products used will be halal. Students’ will have the pancakes for morning snack, please ensure to pack ‘big’ lunch as per usual.
The winter chills are really here and please ensure your child has a warm coat for outside time. It is a time of sniffles and sneezes, so please support your child by teaching them to use a tissue, to cover mouth when sneezing and coughing and to practice good hygiene habits to wash hands afterwards.
The school holidays are quickly approaching. I hope you all have a very safe and happy break.
Regards,
Ms. K.
Dear Parents

This term has gone by so quickly. It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the year.

Since the last newsletter we have been very busy. The most exciting thing that happened is we went on an excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium. It was a fantastic experience and much was learned. All the students that attended were very well behaved. We actually received comments about what a well behaved group we were.

In class we have been busy creating a project on a sea animal. Students are creating their project on either a Sea Turtle, Shark or Dolphin. Although they have been working very hard the project is not completed and will need to be finished next term.

As you may have noticed the weather is getting very cold and I am sure it will continue to do so during the beginning of term 3. Please send your child to school with an appropriately coloured jacket (black, navy or maroon) to help keep them warm during recess and lunch.

Over the holidays it is important that students continue reading and writing. They need to learn that reading and writing are not only for school hours but rather something they need to do everyday. An example of where they can help you is with your shopping list.

Regards,
Ms Natalie Todeschini
Dear parents,

Another busy term has come to an end. This term the children have enjoyed learning about gardening, food and cooking. The children came up with their own restaurant name ‘19 Plus 1’ and had the experience of cooking several different foods including banana pancakes, sushi and fruit smoothies. Most of the students were courageous and tried the sushi, I was surprised at how popular it was! Last week we went on an excursion to CERES environmental park. The children learnt about organic gardening and organic recycling. They were able to hold worms, feed chickens and fertilise vegetables. Have a great break.

Kind Regards,

Catherine Dickens
Dear parents;

We have come to the end of term 2. Camp was a great success, students and all the teachers had great time. All the students were engaged in all the activities with enthusiasm. Students had an opportunity to engage in activities, which they may not usually experience in their own time. Thankyou to all parents and students in supporting the camp program. I will put together photos and videos of the student’s camp experiences. This (I hope) will be ready after the holidays. I wish all of you a safe holiday.

Regards
Nesrin Gocmen
Dear Parents:

We have arrived at the end of another term! How fast has time passed?! The students had a great time last week at camp, and I am sure that they would have shared with you wonderful anecdotes from this trip. I know I had a great time and I really enjoyed spending some quality time with my students outside the normal school setting. It was good to see students having a go at doing things, which were quite challenging, such as the 21 metre giant swing. Majority of the students were quite brave and went up the whole 21 metres. But there were other things to be proud of our children, the fact that in many of the activities, they worked cooperatively with each other to accomplish a task successfully.

This Friday we are going to celebrate multiculturalism in our classroom, by having a lunch comprising with foods from different ethnical groups; and perhaps students will learn more about each other’s culture. I hope that through this unit, students will be able to appreciate more their family customs and beliefs. To culminate this topic, the students need to produce a 5-minute documentary for their holiday homework.

I hope that you all have a fantastic break. I will like to leave you with a piece of writing, which made many of the teachers teary. Students were given a picture of asylum seekers and asked to write a snapshot on it. A snapshot sometimes makes teachers see the depth of a student’s understanding.

Regards

Sandra Presa

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Asylum seekers

We were ready to board the boat. It was really crowded and I thought that it would sink. I was really keen not to get on the boat, but the crowd pushed me in. I did not want to leave my country. It was too risky and who knows what could happen next. We were off! Nobody knew what would happen. The waves hit the boat, leaving a trail of cries and screams. We all knew what could come up next, bigger waves, more horror.

By Burak Mutlu
**Low Ropes**

I step onto the rope. My legs start shaking. I feel as if I am going to fall and brake my leg. My spine feels as if it is going to stick out of my back. My stomach starts rumbling and I know I am going to fall! I start walking, keep shaking and leaning from side to side. My spotters are struggling to keep me on the ropes. My legs don’t stop shaking nor wobbling. I know I’m going to fall. My heart starts racing and my lungs are working more than usual, but I keep walking holding onto my spotters.

Betul Inal

**Night Walk**

I was walking in the cold air. Everything was black except for the people around me. Everyone was trying to scare each other. I looked into the dark glossy night. The cold blistering breeze cooled down my face and the tips of my fingers felt numb. I could see an outline of a fence and around 5 or 6 trees. I’d completely space out and concentrate on finding a bat. My legs are on automatic pilot, and I fall behind my group. I stare out into the open, mesmerised by the silky darkness and slow howling wind. I think I found one!

My voice echoes in my head like a repetitive song. I try to turn on my torch, but my fingers feel so stubby and numb. I can’t find the switch button. I nearly have it when…… Roaaaal!! My whole body jumps and my heart starts beating really fast, my legs feel like jelly and I run to find my friends.

Secil Salih

**Giant Swing**

I was finally convinced and on the ladder, I can hear my heart exploding. The instructor hooked me to the rope. I was rising. My body was vibrating like my phone on silent mode. I could hear people screaming “Dont look down !, Dont look down!, Dont look down!” Suddenly it stopped, so I opened my eyes and AAHHHH! I could hear the count down 3, 2, 1...woooow! I accidently pulled the rope and i felt like I dropped from space right back down to earth. I screamed my voice off “AAAAHHH!!!” I was swinging slower and slower until it stopped. The instructor put me on the ladder. My legs felt like jelly and i ended up falling off. My voice was hoarse from all the screaming, so I ran for a drink of water.

Mohamed Mohamed
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