Dear Parents & Friends,

We all know that children shoot and grow quickly. I’ve noticed that there are some children whose school uniforms are getting shorter and smaller. Parents are asked to ensure children are in clean and correct school uniform and are wearing appropriate footwear to school. Polo shirts are recommended for students in prep – 3. Students in grade 4-6 wear white shirts along with a tie or ribbon. Sports uniform must have the school emblem and pants must not have any coloured stitching or writing. Girls’ tights must not be visible and students are not to wear items of jewellery, make-up or nail polish.

The school uniform helps to further develop a sense of pride, and identification with the school on the part of students and your assistance in this matter is appreciated. Please provide a note to the teacher if your child requires a Uniform Pass.

Digital Kids

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks. How much do you think you know about staying safe online? Test your internet safety IQ. Take the family internet challenge and see if anyone in your family can beat your score.

Go to: http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/internet-safety-test

Please be reminded that students are NOT permitted to bring mobile phones, ipods or their DS to school. Students can make a phone call from the pay-phone at the main office if required and parents should call the office.

Travelling Overseas?

Already we have started to receive a significant number of families who have some travel plans overseas. It is highly recommended that parents have a chat with the classroom teacher and ensure that such plans occur during the school holiday periods. Parents will be required to complete a Long Term Absence form, which can be obtained from the office. It is College policy that any child who remains overseas for more than 40 days will be expected to sit an Entrance Examination and where possible some assessment according to the relevant year level.

PTI day

Soon parents will receive appointment times for Parent Teacher Interview day. PTI’s provide protected opportunities:

- to share information about the progress, interests and the needs of each individual
- foster positive and respectful communication between school and families
- inform the teacher if you wish to take part in school volunteer programs

Kind regards,
Ms Evla Han
On Monday the 27th February, the Prep students commenced their full time school program. Prep and Grade 6 Buddies started the day with celebrations. On the day we had a big healthy breakfast, made friendship/buddy bracelets, exchanged balloons and other activities. Despite the weather it was a great success! The Better Buddies program this year is to provide a guided framework to create a friendly and caring primary school community where bullying is reduced. Through Better Buddies, children in their first and last year of primary school buddy up and learn the values; caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing difference and responsibility. All children in the school learn these values through formal and informal activities, including their interactions with the mascot Buddy Bear, our fun-loving and caring purple bear. Better Buddies enables younger children to feel safe and cared for while older children feel valued and respected.

A big thank you to all the children, parents, staff and our school counsellors who have and continue to support the program.

Prep Team
We have Pastoral Care once a week and students are enjoying the program. The program runs very smoothly which focuses on Islamic knowledge and reading. The students also have the opportunity for homework support. The program runs with lots of fun activities such as playing games and including art and craft workshops. As much as we have fun, we also enjoy our afternoon snacks.

Queensland is fantastic because it has Wet n’ Wild, Movie World, Sea World and The Great Barrier Reef. It looks pretty with all the beautiful theme parks. The food smells delicious and there are kind people there, that you can go to the beach with. You can run around and have heaps of fun.

There are lots of people that treat you like you are home. The weather can be very beautiful there. You can get a tan and go to the pools and have lots and lots of fun. There are lots of different places and music everywhere. There’s heaps of fun places and yummy food and that’s why I want you to go to Queensland.

By Gamze Turan, Gr3A

(A note from Ms Boydag - Writing is an important form of expression and communication. The purpose of this task was to write a persuasive text.)

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Student Support Services

Dear Parents and Friends,

Our students have been very busy settling into their classrooms, and new daily routines. The preps are also settling in beautifully, especially with the help of their gr.6 buddies. As part of our ‘Better Buddies’ program, on the 20th Feb we organised a treasure hunt for our prep and gr.6 buddies, which we all enjoyed immensely! On the 27th February we had our annual ‘Buddies Teddy Bear Picnic’ which the Gr.6’s and Preps came dressed in purple & yellow. Unfortunately the weather wasn’t so great.. but our picnic was fantastic! We had a great time sharing food, making friendship bands with our buddies, and exchanging balloons.

Watch this space for more exciting events and programs running throughout the year.

Mrs. Figen Arslan - Counsellor

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

- Nelson Mandela

WASTE FACTS

Did you know?

- Australians create about 28 million tonnes of garbage every year. Just over one third of this material is recovered for recycling. (WCS Market Intelligence 2001)

- Australia is also one of the highest producers of waste per head of population in the world. In 1999, Australia ranked second, behind the USA, in terms of domestic waste generation. (Australia State of the Environment Committee 2001)

- In Victoria The cost to dispose of Victoria’s rubbish is about $300 million a year. (Environment Protection Authority 1992)

- In Victoria food and green waste make up over 50% of municipal waste sent to landfill in 1999. Most of this waste could be composted or mulched. (EPA Victoria Waste Profile 1999) Imagine how we could eliminate world hunger.
Boys under the age of ten can be challenging for parents. It’s behaviour, poor self-confidence and learning issues that keep parents of boys in this age group busy.

The straight forward nature of adolescent boys makes them easier and less complicated to raise, compared to teenage girls so the pressure eases. However, personal relationships, school-life and being organised present challenges for teenage boys.

Sometimes mothers I meet in parenting seminars get flummoxed by the in your face, direct nature of their sons. Loveable yes, but they can be hard work as well. It helps to appreciate what makes boys tick.

They are wired for activity
It seems boys’ brains were designed by a different architect than girls. While girls develop verbal, social and fine motor skills quite naturally boys are wired to be more active, boisterous, competitive and territorial, which is one of the reasons why parents are usually kept busy raising boys in the early years.

They are slower maturers
The maturity gap between boys and girls of anywhere between 12 months and two years, seems to be consistent all the way to adulthood. Parents should take this into account when deciding the school starting age of their sons. This maturity gap is also evident when kids finish school and move into tertiary studies or the workplace. Girls are often better placed to succeed, and many boys get lost once they leave school.

They want approval
Most boys ache for approval from their parents, their fathers in particular. Wanting the best for their boys some dads can be too hard on their sons. Better to foster a strong relationship than drive them too hard. Some boys like to talk; others like to share an activity; while others are kinaesthetic and love to be touched, cuddled and hugged. Make sure you match your relational style with theirs so that you can get on the same wavelength.

They want to blend in
Boys just want to fit in. They are group-oriented by nature and tend to be very loyal to their friends. As a rule, they don’t like to stand out from the crowd so they respond best to private praise and won’t respect you if you embarrass them in front of their friends.

They need a disciplined approach
Boys usually like limits and boundaries. They make them feel safe and secure. They also like to know that a parent will enforce the house rules, so don’t be afraid to be firm, although you don’t have to use the same authoritarian methods as parents in the past may have used. Firm, fair and consistent are the keys to effective discipline for boys.

They are pragmatic learners
Boys need a reason to learn. If you are having difficulty motivating your son then try linking learning to their interests. They may play a musical instrument when they know they can play in a band or practise their kicking if they can see it will help kick more goals. If they love skateboarding the chances are they want to know more about it, so use this as a lever to motivate them if reading is a problem.

They are single-minded
Boys have a specialist brain, which tends to be logical and rational. They don’t have the same connections between the right and left side of the brain that girls have. This can be a hindrance particularly when careful communication is needed, or multiple viewpoints need to be considered. That’s why parents often have to coach boys of all ages in the finer points of communicating. However, it’s an advantage as it can help them focus hard on tasks, make quick decisions and get to the point when needed.

There is no doubt that raising boys can be a challenge for many parents. Those who do best understand and appreciate how they think, feel and behave and adjust their parenting accordingly. And they feel comfortable in their company as well.

For more information and great resources to help you raise mighty boys go to Parentingideas.com.au/parents.

Michael Grose is an ambassador for the Federal Governments Swap It, don’t stop it healthy lifestyles campaign. Find out how you can promote good health and a better diet in your family at swapit.gov.au