Learners today Leaders tomorrow

SW-PBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support)

‘Be Co-operative’

Let Us Know If You Are Moving
If your child / children will not be attending Lightning Reef PS in 2017 due to your family moving, please advise the school now.

Also, if you know of families who intend enrolling their children at Lightning Reef for 2017, please ask them to contact the school immediately, as it is crucial for our planning.

Asthma & Hay Fever Season
If children need medication for Asthma or Hay Fever throughout the school day please bring it to the school office, clearly named with pharmacy label attached. Make sure that the medication is in date. Inform the school office if your child has been medicated before school on any particular day.

Warm Weather & Snakes: Discuss with your Child
With the weather becoming warmer and being located so close to the Bendigo Creek, it’s important for children to be on the lookout. I would encourage parents to have a discussion with their children to stay well away from a snake if they sight one, not to agitate it, and report it to an adult. Classroom teachers will have this conversation with their students too.

Prep Enrolments for 2017
It’s that time again…please contact the school if you have children to enrol for next year and if you know of other families that have potential enrolments encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Prep Transition Days
Our first Prep Transition Day for children commencing school in 2017 will be held on Tuesday 22 November from 9.00am-10.00am. These visits will consist of stories, making activities and play sessions both inside the classrooms and in the outside play area. Children will attend school so they can spend some time practising being Preps in readiness for next year. Remember to bring a hat because if the weather is fine we will be spending some time outside.

Our second Transition Day will be held on Tuesday 29 December from 9.00am to 10.30am. Our final transition session will be on Tuesday 6 December from 9.00am – 11.30am. Notices with full details of our first Transition Day have been distributed in Pre-schools or sent to parents at the start of this term. If you have not received a note please contact Mrs Tania Whyte.

Essential Education Items / Fees or 2017
School Council has endorsed a revised fee structure for 2017. Notes will be coming home in the near future providing the information for families to refer to.

A book list will define a stationary pack required for every student for purchase. Local companies have worked with us to provide the best deal possible.

Book packs will be at a cost of $70.00 and online subscriptions $30.00 totalling $100.00 per student. As there are no discounts for additional siblings School Council has decided to provide financial subsidies for families who choose to participate in the swimming program.

Julie Hommelhoff
Principal
Remembrance Day!

We have poppies, badges and bands for sale in the office.
They range in price from 50 cents to $5.

Hats

As we are a sun smart school hats are required to be worn from September the 1st.
Please ensure your child has a bucket hat for playtimes.

Cadbury Chocolates

Please ensure that all money from the sale of our fundraising chocolates’ is returned ASAP.
Any left over chocolates need to be returned also.

Prep Orientation Program

Dates

Tues 22nd November 9 - 10am
Tues 29th November 9 - 10:30am
Tues 6th December 9 - 11:30am

PBS Focus for term 4

This term we are looking at our school value of CO-OPERATION

This week we will focus on Listening to others. This includes doing whole body listening – i.e. looking at the person who is talking, listening to the person talking and standing/sitting still with hands in your lap/by your side, acknowledging what others are saying, answering questions or acting on instructions and taking turns to talk.

Staff will be looking for students showing listening to others and giving them Gold Cards they can use at our Exchange. Students will continue to get Gold Cards for continuing to show respect for our environment, respect for others and respect for property

It would be great if you could praise your child/children for doing the same at home.

Calendar of events:

November 10 – 3/4 Excursion - Melbourne
November 17 - 20 - Energy Breakthrough, Maryborough
November 21 - Assembly - Run by Prep/1, 2.45pm
December 1 - Pupil Free Day
December 5 - Assembly - Run by grade 1/2, 2.45pm
December 5 - Grade 6 Graduation 6pm
December 20 - Assembly - Farewell, 2pm
Last day of term 2:15pm finish.
Grade 5/6 News

PUBERTY PROGRAM
The Puberty Program has begun. Leona our School Nurse runs three puberty sessions for Year 6 students. The remaining two sessions will be held on Friday Nov 11th and Friday 2nd December. Please ensure your child has returned their signed permission note.

ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH
The energy Breakthrough team has been announced. Congratulations to our drivers consisting of Ashford, Josh, Ben, Chase, Ashlyn, Angel, Eh K’mwe Paw, Amy L and Team Captains, Ella and Jordan. Support roles of Media, Pit Crew and fitness consist of Ryan, Namba, Bradin, Pree Paw, Mel Lah and Than Win. We will be having a special assembly on Wednesday at 2:55 to farewell and wish our team luck.

GRADUATION
Graduation will be on December 5th at 6pm at Bendigo RSL. Students have been given notes on the 24th October to let us know who will be attending. A reminder that other siblings are unfortunately unable to attend. Please ensure your child has returned their notes and money as soon as possible.
A word from Miss Ryan

Congratulations to Skye Chlaker (Kara Chalker Hutchinson) on the birth of Ashlyn Ivy.

Happy birthday to Keeley G. We hope you had a wonderful day.

Congratulations to all the students who had their work displayed in the St. Matthews' Spring Gathering Art competition.

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BE CO-OPERATIVE
BE RESPONSIBLE

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