Parents and Friends Meeting – Wednesday 4th September 2013

Acting Principal’s Report

Father’s Day Concert (Thursday 5th September @ 12pm)
The classes have been practising their items and are looking forward to performing this to their Dads or significant males in their lives. On Monday we held a dress rehearsal for the concert. The concert should be a special experience for the fathers. Thank you to Miss Alice Cannon for her exceptional organisation of this. The Parents and Friends Committee have organised a lunch for the Dads. Thank you to all the Parents who have volunteered for this.

Playing in all Areas
The trial of playing in all areas (last Tuesday 27th August) was a huge success. The children played very well and there was a buzz of excitement in the playground. It has been decided that we will give the children the opportunity to play in all areas on Fridays starting this week (6th September). We hope that we can continue this for the long term.

Daniel Morcombe Foundation Visit (Friday 13 September)
Next Friday (13th September) we are asking children to wear red and bring in a gold coin donation to help raise money for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. At 2pm on this day we will be having a special assembly when Bruce and Denise Morcombe are visiting us. I hope the community support this worthwhile fundraiser. A separate letter will go home to all students early next week to remind them of this.

Soft Drinks for Basketball Uniforms (Friday 13 September)
To raise money for the new basketball uniforms organised by Mrs Sarah Reynier, we will be selling soft drink cans on Friday 13th September at lunchtime. The cans will be sold for $2.00.

Prayer/Assembly Change of Time
A reminder that next Monday 9th September the Assembly/Prayer time will be moved to 2.00pm. The class organising the Prayer on this day is 5/6 Harbin.

PAT Testing
This year for the first time, we are conducting the PAT Tests on-line. PAT tests are a standardised test in Vocabulary, Comprehension, Mathematics and Spelling. All students from Grade 2 to 6 will be participating in these tests. They help us take a snapshot to reflect how the children are progressing, while it also informs teachers of trends in their teaching and the children’s learning. We will be testing during the week of the 9th September. A benefit of online is that we will get our results returned to us much faster than before.

Prep Bird iPad Trial
Prep Bird have started the iPad trial this week. Thank you goes to Lynne S and Glynis for their organisation of this. Prep Peters also have the TCEO iPad 1’s to use during this time.
**AFL Colours Day/Parade (Friday 27 September)**

On the final day of term we will be celebrating the AFL Grand Final by having a parade and a meal deal at school. The Parade will be at 9am. All students and parents are asked to dress up in their favourite AFL team colours *(gold coin donation)*. The money raised from the gold coin donation will go towards Footy Colours Day. Mr Adam Sanders (parent and AFL Tasmania employee) has kindly donated several prizes for the parade. It is a great way to finish the term.

**Please note:** Students do not have to wear AFL gear to be part of the parade. Wearing clothes that are the colour of your AFL team is a wonderful and inexpensive exercise.

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**New Building Information/Timetable**

**Library**

It has been decided that a “skeleton” Library will be organised downstairs in the photocopy/teacher resource room. The remainder of the books will be moved to the very end of the Discovery Centre and stacked tightly against the wall. Some sheets will then be placed over them so they are out of the way and protected. This may not be 100% ideal for everyone, however, it is very impractical to move all books and shelving out of the Centre.

The time frame is:

**Tuesday 20th August (Week 5)**

Discussion occurs with Teachers in-regard to the movement of classes *(Teacher Meeting)*

**Week of 9 September (Week 8)**

An alternative Library timetable will be organised for this week. Two classes at a time will come to Library during this week.

**Thursday 12 September (Week 8)**

Band begins in new areas.

**Week of 16 September (Week 9)**

Library will be moved down to the photocopy/teacher resource room.

**Monday 23 September (Week 10)**

Grade 5/6 Burnell will move up to the Discovery Centre.

**Tuesday 24 September (Week 10)**

Grade 3/4 Cousins move to Grade 5/6 Burnell’s room.

**Wednesday 25 September (Week 10)**

Grade 5/6 Hyatt moves to the Discovery Centre.

**Monday 30 September**

Construction begins.