Dear Parents and Carers,

I have to begin the newsletter this week by congratulating the Preps on celebrating their 100th day of school! Unfortunately, I was at a Principal Network meeting on their 100th day of school and missed all the fun and the 100th day related activities (coincidentally I was out at meetings all day for the 100th day of our Year 1s and 2s – need to plan my schedule better next year!).

**Book Week ‘Escape to Everywhere’ 24th of August**

Thank you so much to the parents that were able to share ideas for the up and coming ‘Book Week Dress Up Day’ theme ‘Escape to Everywhere’. We know it is a challenging theme but that is what makes it so exciting. I am looking forward to all the creative ways that the students/families and staff interpret and showcase this theme! We are hoping for many original ideas however here are some book related ‘Escape to Everywhere’ ideas shared by parents via Survey Monkey that could spark your imagination!

- Historical figures (e.g. Horrible Histories books) or old-fashioned clothes (Playing Beattie Bow) or futuristic outfits to represent how books transport us everywhere in time
- Geography based outfits like flags or traditional dress to represent atlases or other non-fiction books
- 13-storey treehouse
- Escape to Animalia
- Books related to methods of escaping to another place, space, past, land - spacesuit, jetpack, underwater diving, hot air balloon, time travel, magic etc.
- Explorer ‘Paddington Bear’ traveller
- B.F.G. (Big Friendly Giant), Dr Zeus, There was an old lady who swallowed a fly, Thing 1 and Thing 2, Where's Wally and Spiderman
- PJs or loungewear because kids let their imagination run wild during bedtime book reading
Thursday 3rd August 2017

So these are just some book related ideas! Our challenge is to encourage the students to come up with their own ideas (that are within a reasonable budget and don’t require 2 months to prepare!). Hope this project doesn’t cause too much stress at home!

Also, one of the comments on Survey Monkey asked if it would be possible for the Younger Sun Bookshop to set up a ‘Pop Up’ stall for students to purchase books to take home – which is a great idea and one that we are now exploring!

Also, we are locking in a visit from the Younger Sun Bookshop for every Parent Teacher meeting each year in Tem One where families can purchase books for the library again!

Launching of our Parent Library
Speaking of books, this week we launched our ‘Parent Library’ to share quality books and authors that parents can read to and with their children! The ‘Parent Library’ is for parents only and is located in the passageway near the Prep classrooms. It works on an honesty system. Borrow a book. Enjoy it. Return it to the school. Check out our Twitter feed or Flexibuzz for photos!

Parent Forum ‘Wonderings about learning’
Thank you to the parents that were able to join the Leadership Team on Wednesday as part of the ‘wonderings about learning’ Parent Forum. Although it was a smallish group, we had some great discussion! There is a lot that we took away from the forum that we will be exploring in further detail. We also hope to have another ‘wonderings about learning’ parent forum in the coming weeks.

Update from the Policy School Council Sub-Committee
Thank you to everyone that contributed to the school uniform policy. We are especially proud of our student respondents. They were very articulate and on point!

A few common themes came up in the survey responses. Most parents are happy with the quality and value for money. It was very clear that the current uniform isn’t very warm in winter or cool in summer. The fabric of the collar on the t-shirts, tops and jackets are very itchy. Although most parents are happy with the amount of casual dress days, students would love more.

Future Parent Forums

1. How we cater for a diverse range of readers
   Date: Tuesday 22nd August 2017
   6.15pm – 7.15pm
   In the Library

Fundraising

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2017 Book Packs

Book Pack Payments are now due.

Your earliest attention would be greatly appreciated. If you require assistance, please see the office.

Thank you

There are only a few places left in the Swimming Program. You can pay and sign the permission notices on QKR, pay EFT at the office or cash.
Did you know that Music:
Develops mind hand & eye co-ordination
Enhances listening skills
Improves self esteem
Is fun!

Lessons starting from $14.00
5% discount to parents wishing to enrol more than 1 child.

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact
Genesis Music School Direct on 0421 426 674

Based on these responses, the Policy Sub-Committee will explore cost effective options available to add a jumper to the uniform and different fabrics for the dress, t-shirt, top and jacket. We will also recommend that an additional casual dress day be added to each term, bringing the number to three a term.

That’s all from us for now. Please let us know if you would like any further information.

Hope everyone has had a great week.

Alex Artavilla
Principal

Student of the week:
Will be awarded at assembly

PREP
A  TBA
B  TBA
C  TBA

ONE
A  Clifford Fitzgerald
B  Jack Beamish
C  TBA
D  Rita Te Rito-Tawhi

TWO
A  Maverick Ivanoski
B  Amal Adam
C  Trung Nguyen

THREE
A  TBA
B  Matteo Casipit
3/4A  Mayen Wol

FOUR
A  Nancy Tran
B  Edin Pepic

FIVE
A  Yasin Ali
B  Kneisha Gray

SIX
A  Paulletta-Jo Te Rito
B  TBA

Multimedia:  Bella Mare
Art:  Tongjian Zhang
Sport:  Grainne Corcoran Taylor
      Nho Ngo
      Ashley Parsons
Spanish:  Clifford Fitzgerald
Science:  Hillary Phung

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement