



8 OCTOBER 2009

Dear Parents

Welcome back to our Term 4, especially to our new families, joining Year 3 and Year 6 classes. I hope everyone is rested, fit and ready for all the exciting activities planned between now and the end of the school year. Students will be challenged with a range of academic and co-curricula activities including athletics, Study Tour Camps, RACV Challenge, Junior School Production of Alice in Wonderland, House Maths, State Chess, Summer Lightning Premiership, various excursions, performances and class learning activities.

Amongst all of this busyness, The School will soon be mailing National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results to parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students. This year our students have again performed well as a group. Our School results are between 5 months and 13 months ahead of State average and further ahead of National averages. It is encouraging that this snapshot of student achievement again supports teacher evaluations and school assessment tasks.

Teachers continue to plan for enhanced learning opportunities, with the aim of having every student doing the absolute best they can at every activity.

Cyber Safety:

On Tuesday evening this week, Mr Greg Gebhart, from the Cyber Safety Outreach Section of the Australian Communications and Media Authority presented to parents topical issues relating to use of Web 2.0 technologies and cyber safety issues for our children. He also presented to over fifty School staff. This was a presentation not to miss and I anticipate that all students who had the opportunity to hear Mr Gebhart speak will have taken a lot of valuable information away with them. If you were unable to attend, please discuss with your child the aspects they remember. I was very assured when Mr Gebhart stated that *"Good information enables children to make good decisions."* This reminds us all that a little information can be a dangerous thing. If you were unable to attend this week, please commit to attending at the next opportunity. You will not regret the knowledge, information and tips Mr Gebhart was able to pass on.

Samaritans Purse Christmas Box Appeal:

Don't forget to complete your Christmas Box for the Good Samaritan, Operation Christmas Child Appeal. On Friday October 16, Mrs Sugars will be forwarding all completed Christmas Boxes to the local distribution centre for overseas packaging. Please plan to have your Christmas Box returned to school on or before this date. Thank you to those families who have already completed their contribution.

Study Tour Camps:

Information, permission forms and medical notices have been distributed to all classes and were also published in the Weekly Bulletin last week. Please complete all details and return to your class teachers as soon as possible. I ask that parents attend to clothing and equipments lists carefully and well in advance to departure. I also ask parents to consider the inclusion of disposal or cheaper digital cameras for use on camp in preference to expensive cameras. Personal items must be named as staff nor the School are able to accept responsibility for any items misplaced, lost or damaged. To that end electronic equipment, mobile phones or gaming devices are not to be taken on camps.

2010 Enrolments:

I have had the pleasure of meeting with a number of families who are keen to enrol children for 2010. In most year levels we have waiting lists and I understand that these new families will find other placements for their children if we are not able to offer positions. I therefore ask that families notify the school as soon as possible, any intention or necessity to relocate for next year, so that we are able to extend the courtesy of a placement offer as soon as possible to waiting families. I believe the School expects a term notice. Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

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Don't Forget:

Week 3
19-23 October

STUDY TOURS— Remember to return Permission Forms ASAP

Monday
2 November

Mid Term Break

Athletics:

Our athletics team competed in the District meet on Tuesday, completing all events despite some rain interruption.

On Friday students who were successful in qualifying will compete at Zone. I wish all our athletics competitors well as they progress.

Regards



Jon Pittard
Head of Junior School



Come along and have fun at our Junior School
2009 HPV Movie Night



WALL.E (Rated PG)

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2009

6.30 - 8.00 pm

Years 2, 3, 4 only

(Year 5 & 6 after Camp Week)

Old Music Room (Next to Jr Art Room)

*This event will be supervised by teachers at all times.
Parents asked to adhere to drop-off and pick-up times.*

The cost is \$5.00 This will cover entry, a drink and popcorn

Seating on floor - bring along blanket & pillow for comfort

Proceeds to the HPV (Human Powered Vehicles)

Please return the slip below and money in an envelope to Junior School office by Monday 12 OCTOBER 2009

			CHELSIE PRIESTLEY	5A	
VIOLETTA MINZENMAY	2A		KRISTIAN TIPOVSKY	5B	
KENDEL PITTARD	2B		BETHANY DWYER	5C	
ANNABELLE WARNOCK	3A		TIMOTHY BREADMORE	6A	
CHARLOTTE WITNEY	3B		ASHLEIGH KEVAN	6C	
ALEXANDRA DODGE	4A		JAMES SMALL	6B	
ISABELLE MATTINGLY	4B		ELIZA WEST	6D	

SPORT News

OUR BEST PERFORMANCE EVER!

On the first day back in Term Four 60 of the Junior School's finest athletes competed at Ballam Park in the District athletics championships. On a day which provided challenging weather conditions our athletes rose to the occasion and gave their best. Over 30 athletes, including three relay teams, made it through to the Zone titles to be held on Friday at the same venue. The School spirit was evident as they supported each other in the tough conditions and the holiday training sessions with Mrs Frey certainly paid dividends. Congratulations to all those who participated and all the best to those competing on Friday.



Nicky Frey, Junior School Sports Co-ordinator

Warwick Armstrong, Mark Cook & Marg Pike, Junior PE Teachers



Year 4A and 4B Heart Dissection

Wednesday 16 September saw 4A and 4B display their Science Laboratory skills, with the dissection of sheep hearts. To complete the unit of work on the Circulatory System, students donned Laboratory coats, safety glasses and protective gloves to assist them with their dissections.

The students saw the pulmonary artery, the left ventricle, the aorta and other arteries. It was an exciting experience for the Year 4 students and has prepared them for further dissections in Year 5 and 6.



Please remember to collect your five cent coins—the money we raise will go towards equipment for the new Junior Gym.



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OSHC

Extend Out of School Hours Care!

Welcome back The Peninsula School Extend After Care!

We had so much fun at Extend Adventures Holiday Program and are now ready to return to term 4 after care with new and exciting activities! See you there!

What's happening next week?

Team Leaders Sarah and Lauren have heaps of fun activities planned for next week such as Textured Painting, Weaving, African Crafts, Cooking, and Origami!

After Care 3.00pm – 6.00pm

Permanent: \$16.80*

Casual: \$18.80*

*per child per session (Minus CCB and CCR).

**Are you missing out on the 50%
Child Care Rebate that is NOT
means tested?**

You may be missing out on up to
\$7,778 per child per year!

Call the Extend Head Office on
1300 366 437 to confirm that you are
linked to receive the CCR

enrolment hotline

Phone our **friendly** customer

service staff on:

1300 366 437