Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**On time and ready for learning...**
Being on time and organised for school is one of the most important routines for children. Our school starts at 8:30am and this means that students need to be lined up in the under cover area if they are from Year 1 to Year 6, have completed any tuckshop ordering and be ready for learning. As parents you can support your child in their before-school organisation by having them at school between 8:10am and 8:20am; this gives them time for a chat with friends in their class and the opportunity to have placed their order at the tuckshop. Don’t forget you can order tuckshop online and save time in the morning.

**Breakfast please!!**
You wouldn’t believe the number of students who tell us they haven’t had breakfast before they come to school. Every child needs to have had some kind of breakfast before arriving at school. Our staff volunteer and fund our breakfast program that operates before school to support our students in the event they don’t have breakfast. We understand some of our families are doing it tough financially and we are happy to support children, but it should be that they eat breakfast at home. It has a significant impact on their learning if they haven’t eaten.

**Concerns about Social Media - Facebook**
As adults we are our children’s first role models and teachers when it comes to most things. We also need to be responsible when it comes to the appropriate use of social media. It is easy to use social media like Facebook to place your opinion out into cyberspace without thinking or being mindful of the consequences.

One of our school rules is **Be Respectful** and, as a community, being respectful is something we expect from staff, parents and volunteers in our school. The consequences of putting your opinion into cyberspace is that once it is out there it is hard to retrieve. I would ask that parents be mindful when making comments on public Facebook pages, your own private pages or websites, especially if it relates to other parents, students and teachers, that they are mothers, fathers, aunts and uncles, grandparents and most importantly people with feelings and these comments and opinions can be hurtful, and made without a full understanding of any context.

Our school community has been well known for its respectfulness, understanding and compassion when it comes to children with diverse abilities, be they disabilities, behaviours, medical conditions, ethnic or cultural backgrounds.

Over the last few weeks it has been brought to my attention that comments have been made on public website about individual students, parents and staff. This is highly unacceptable from any member of our school community and I am sure the majority of parents would agree with my disappointment that these comments have been made. We ask our children to be respectful and compassionate, and I am going to ask that as parents and adults we model respectful behaviour both in face-to-face interactions and online commentary.

**P & C Annual General Meeting**
Next Tuesday night is the Annual General Meeting of the P&C Association. Our P & C Meetings are held each month on the 3rd Tuesday. These meetings are the forum for discussion about matters that influence the school and where consultation occurs with the parent body. If you are interested in supporting our school and understanding operations and learning within the day to day running of the school then please come along and be part of our P & C.

**Dogs on School Grounds**
It has come to my attention that we have a number of parents dropping off or picking up their children from school with their pet dogs. The only dogs allowed on school grounds are working animals like “Dee Dee” our resident Guide Dog. It is important for parents and children to know that when they see Dee Dee, as beautiful as she is, we can’t pat her while she has her working harness on.

**Parent Information Evenings**
Don’t forget next week we have our parent information evenings. Letters have been sent home throughout the week and all should be home today.

Have a great week.
Kelly Jeppesen
Principal

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**Upcoming Events**

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Your Challenge for the 2015 ANZAC competition is

What does this 100th year of the start of World War 1 mean to you personally?
There is over $3,000 in prizes divided between the following four groups and other sub-categories:

- **Years 10 – 12** (Senior)
- **Years 7 – 9** (Junior)

In your Essay or Poster demonstrate and/or discuss YOUR FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS OF THE START OF THIS WAR, WORLD WAR I.

- **Years 3 – 6**
- **Prep to Year 2**

On your Essay/Poster demonstrate WHAT YOU THINK OF THE START OF THIS WAR, WORLD WAR I.

Individual entries are required

Closing date for entries is: Tuesday, 31st of March 2015

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**CROSS COUNTRY**

Cross country training is commencing next week on Monday morning and continues until week 9 of this term. I will be taking training on Monday mornings. A letter for parents will be available for distribution this week; I will get them to you before Friday. They will go to all students turning 10 or older. The forms will go to students born 2005, 2004 & 2003.

The letters may say they return the slips to me but they can return them earlier or start training on Monday and return the slips during the week.

Thanks, Tony McNee
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