



PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Respect

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Relationships

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Kate Chandler

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Dear Families,

Welcome to our first newsletter of Term 4. We hope you have all had a wonderful break and are feeling refreshed and ready to return to school. Our first week back has been fantastic, though we have missed Mrs Kingsley who has taken a few well deserved days of Long Service Leave. The kids cannot wait to have her back next week!

Working Bee

On behalf of the school community, I'd like to extend an enormous thank you to our families who contributed to feeding our animals and maintaining the grounds over the holidays. We are extraordinarily grateful for the time and effort that you have all spent to make sure Harry and the chooks were happy over the break, as well as making sure the lawns were beautifully manicured.

Another massive thank you must go to everyone that gave us a hand during our 'Working Bee' last Wednesday. It was great to have so many hands on deck to ensure that our learning spaces were as tidy and as organised as they could possibly be. I was especially thankful for all of the students that kept a close eye on Harry whilst I was cleaning his tank, I think we can all agree that he is far more nimble than he looks!

New Learning Spaces for Students

We have been working away at redeveloping student learning spaces in the school. One of these spaces, the area in the foyer in front of the classrooms, has become known as the "HAMSTER Hutch". In this case, **HAMSTER** stands for **H**umanities, **A**rts, **M**athematics, **S**cience, **T**echnologies and Design, **E**ngineering and **R**esearch. In this space, students will have access to a range of provocations to provide inspiration for self-directed exploration and learning aligned to the Victorian Curriculum, school priorities and their own goals and interests.

We are looking forward to using this space from the beginning of Term 4 and would greatly appreciate donations of any of the following that you may have lying around:

- Interesting fibres and materials for exploration - eg; shorn wool, strips of leather, cotton fibres, hessian and other fabrics, string, nails or screws, wood offcuts, etc.
- Old tools, such as hammers, mallets or screwdrivers.
- Mobilo.
- Wooden building blocks.
- Clean recyclable materials (plastic bottles, cardboard boxes of any size, lids, etc.)
- Newspapers.

For hygiene reasons, we cannot accept toilet rolls.



Student Awards

Commencing this term, there will be some changes to our awards. All students have been able to exercise voice and agency, discussing and voting on these changes via Junior School Council. In short:

- We will have **fortnightly awards** presented at each assembly. There will be two awards presented.
- Students requested that the awards are a surprise, and that their names will be published in the newsletter the following week (rather than a week in advance).
- We will contact you if your child is winning an award, so you can make arrangements for someone to be there if you wish.
- The **Values Award** will continue to recognise students who are demonstrating skills that are in line with our school values of Respect, Excellence and Relationships.
- We will have a new **Environment Award**, to specifically recognise students who are consistently demonstrating care for the environment.
- We will continue with our **Aussie of the Month** award at the end of each month.

Our next Assembly will be Week 2, Term 4 - Friday, October 14.

Student	Reason

Calendar – Term 4

Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Monday 10h Breakfast Club Chaplain Tuesday 11th Pupil Free Day Wednesday 12th Pupil Free Day Thursday 13th Inglewood Extension Chaplain Friday 14th Inglewood Colour Run Fundraiser Assembly	Monday 17th Breakfast Club Chaplain Tuesday 18th Linda—Principal's Conference Wednesday 19th Breakfast Club Outdoor Classroom—Onsite Thursday 20th MARC Van Friday 21st Inglewood Extension Newsletter	Monday 24th Breakfast Club Chaplain Tuesday 25th Wednesday 26th Breakfast Club Outdoor Classroom—River Chaplain Thursday 27th Friday 28th Inglewood Extension Assembly	Monday 31st Breakfast Club Chaplain Tuesday 1st Wednesday 2nd Breakfast Club Outdoor Classroom—Onsite Chaplain Thursday 13th MARC Van Friday 14th Inglewood Extension Newsletter Finance Meeting

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IS INCLUDED AS THE REFERENCE!**



Kyabram Fauna Park



We had an amazing day at the Kyabram Fauna Park to begin our school sleepover last term. Our students were lucky enough to have free range of the park where they hand fed kangaroos and got up close and personal with lots of interesting animals like cassowaries, Tasmanian devils and even meerkats! We also took part in an education session where the students were able to handle blue tongue and shingleback lizards as well as a goliath stick insect!



Sleepover



Our school sleepover was once again a roaring success! The Junior School Council did a terrific job of organising the night, with everything running like clockwork. The students should be very proud of the hard work they put in to make the night another extremely memorable one! We'd like to extend an especially large thank you to Maddie and Heidi who bravely stayed the night, we couldn't have done it without you!



Inglewood Extension & Fun Run Week 2

Next week we will be running our Inglewood Extension on Thursday 13th of October, leaving Bridgewater at 9:00am and returning at 12:00pm as per usual. The following day, Friday 14th of October we will be travelling to Inglewood to take part in their Colour Run fundraiser. The fundraiser will run from 1:45 to 2:45 for any parents that wish to attend. Keep an eye on UEducateUs next week for more information and permission forms.



Rookie Rollers lawn Bowls

We'd like to give another big thank you to John, Maree and Peter from Bowls Australia for facilitating several 'Rookie Rollers' clinics with our students last Term. The sessions were a fabulous introduction into the sport of lawn bowls and our students have thoroughly enjoyed their experience. No doubt the 'Rookie Rollers' kit will be back out at recess when the sunshine returns.

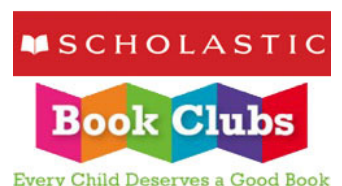


Pupil Free Days

A reminder that Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October will be Pupil Free Days. Linda and Chris will be travelling to Melbourne to undertake the latest Multi Lit training. This will assist them to deliver the Multi Lit programs effectively to our students to ensure they are receiving the best literacy instruction possible.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 is attached to this newsletter and is available from the school office, if you wish to order please return orders with money to the school office box by Thursday 27th October or alternatively orders can be placed on line through LOOP.





medicare



Ask your dentist about the **Child Dental Benefits Schedule** today

- Access to benefits for basic dental services (capped over 2 years).
- Includes check-ups, X-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions.

Your child may be eligible if:

- they are aged 2 to 17
- they are eligible for Medicare, and
- you or your child are getting Family Tax Benefit Part A or certain other government payments.

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