Dear Parents and Students,

Today we welcomed the 2014 prep students and their parents to our school. Everyone was very excited and I am sure they will enjoy the next two mornings with us on Wednesday the 27th of November and Tuesday the 10th of December. A reminder that the 27th of November orientation also includes an important meeting for prep parents so please make plans to attend this from 9:00am.

**WRITER’S CAFÉ:**
We are all looking forward to our annual Writer’s Café tomorrow. We **do need extra** scones...send a dozen if you can!
To ensure the success of this event, please assist us by checking the following details carefully:
1. Please send your scones from 9am (to the canteen). Please ensure you name your platters/plates or bowls.
2. Helpers are needed to prepare the Devonshire teas from 9am onwards.
3. Please ensure guests arrive ready to start at 11.30am. There will be a presentation in the courtyard or the Multi-purpose room from 11.30am to 12. Seating will be limited so please be prepared to stand for that short time.
4. Parking - to assist with the limited parking available, please consider using the Vicroads land, side streets or hall area, even if this means ‘dropping off’ guests and parking away from the main gates.
Finally, please also take the time to read other students work (as well as your own families), as we would like every child to have the opportunity to share their work with others.

**SENIOR STUDENT NOTICES:** At the moment there are several notes for children in the 5/6 level. These include the grade 5 2014 jackets, grade 6 summit camp and the 5/6 Health and Relationship Programs. Please return these notes as soon as you can.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:**
Christmas Hamper Raffle:
Each year the school council hold a big Christmas raffle which is drawn at our community party on December 19th. Prizes are made up from donations from each family. Tickets will be sent home in early December but donations can be made at any time - just drop them into the office. Items can include anything ‘Christmassy’ such as non-perishable food, decorations, Christmas toys etc. All proceeds go to the cost of the Christmas party and other student events.

Regards Chris & Staff
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
CHARLI MILTON
MAKAYLA GLEESON
KASEY MULLEN
EBONI FINGER
HUDSON RONALDS
JOANNA SCHREURS
SEAN MILLS

DIARY DATES

NOV
Friday 15th    Writer's Café
Wednesday 27th Prep Transition Morning
Friday 22nd    Walk to School Day
Friday 29th    Grade 6 Summit Camp

DEC
Friday 6th     P-3 Healesville Excursion
Tuesday 10th   Statewide Orientation Day
Friday 13th    School Disco
Monday 16th    Grade 6 Function
Thursday 19th  School Christmas Party
Friday 20th    Last day Term 4 1.30 finish

FREE

SILKWORMS
They eat the leaves from a Mulberry tree. So you will need to have a Mulberry tree to feed them.
If you are interested please contact the school.
P – 3 Healesville Sanctuary Excursion

This year our annual P – 3 excursion will take place on Friday, December 6, when we will travel to Healesville Sanctuary. We will be leaving at 8.30am sharp and returning at approximately 5pm. In addition to exploring the Sanctuary, children will also be attending a Discovery session with wildlife staff. The cost of the excursion will be $30 per child.

Payment is not required yet, however if you wish to start making payments towards the cost of your child’s/children’s excursion, please see Sharyn at the office.

A permission form and further information will be provided in coming weeks, so stay tuned!

Kris

Writer’s Café – Friday, November 15.

Writer’s Café is not that far away and we are very excited to have author, Susie Sarah coming along to share the day with us. For family and friends, the day will begin at 11.30am with our official opening, however, Susie is running workshops with all the children throughout the day, which is fantastic. Susie Sarah has four children’s story books published, which will all be available for sale on the day for $12.95 each. Susie will also be available for book signings. Any book purchases will be required to be cash only.

Susie has asked all children in Grades Prep, One, Two and Three to bring a photo of their favourite pet or animal along on the day. Children can bring these prior to Writer’s Café and give them to their teacher. Following is an outline of the program for the day:

9.00am – Grade 4/5/6 Writing Workshop with Susie
10.00am – Prep/Prep One Writing Workshop with Susie
11.00am - Recess
11.30am – Writer’s Café Official Opening
12.00pm – Children share their writing with family and friends
1.00pm – Writer’s Café concludes.
1.30pm – Lunch
2.30pm – Grade 1/2/3 Workshop with Susie

Please remember to take the opportunity to look at the work of other students and grades while you are here.

Special Workshop for Parents

Susie has kindly offered to run a free step by step guide to self-publishing workshop for parents from 1.00pm – 1.45 in the multipurpose room. Any parents who are thinking of family histories as well as writing other literature will get a lot out of this session.
Our New Preps!