Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you enjoyed the recent ‘cup’ weekend, especially now the fine weather has arrived. This week’s newsletter contains some important reminders about writer’s café next week - we hope to see you there!

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS:**
The grade 4-6 swimming starts tomorrow night from 4-5pm. Places are still available for this free program - see Sharyn, Rob or Chris by tomorrow morning.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**
Regardless of the sport location or pick up circumstances, every child that takes part in the Active After school sport program **MUST** be signed out by an adult (parent or guardian) Also, please ensure your children have a drink bottle (esp. if you take your child’s school bag home prior to the sport)

**WRITER’S CAFÉ:**
Only a week to go and the children & staff are getting prepared for this special day. Please ensure you return the note attached as soon as possible. We are expecting a large crowd so consider parking in the Vic roads land or adjacent laneways please. Scones should be dropped off to the canteen or office at the start of the day thank you - remem-ber to name your platter/plate if you want it returned.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:**
Christmas Hamper Raffle:
Each year the school council hold a big Christmas raffle which is drawn at our commu-nity party on December19th. 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.

**MATERIALS LEVY AND ACCOUNTS!**
Parents who have outstanding money owing to the school will have recently received an account from the office. As we are nearing the end of the school year, can we please ask that these accounts be paid as soon as possible.

**PS: R.S.L. Remembrance day poppies are now on sale at the office for 20cents.**

Regards Chris & Staff
Hi Everyone,
On Thursday the 31st of October we had a Halloween party. We had lots of yummy food, cakes and lollies.
We played balloon races, piñata’, find the skeletons and danced away with the “Monster Mash”.
Christine did a fantastic job as a face-painter, all our friends really enjoyed getting their faces painted by Christine.
Special thanks Christine, Sean, Lachie and Jaxson for helping make the afternoon fun.
Thanks go to all our families for their contributions of party food.
A great night.
Ange and Mel
**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.

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**WRITERS CAFÉ 2013**

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15TH**

Family Name: _____________________________________________________________

Number of adults attending ______

Yes, I can make 1/2 dozen plain scones for the day  □

Yes, I can help at 9am  □
We are currently taking orders for personalised letters from Santa, to be delivered just in time for Christmas!

These create a real sense of magic and Christmas spirit, as well as providing a great keepsake for kids, grandkids, friends or family members.

Available in a number of designs to cater for multiple orders, each order, accompanied by a $4 donation, can be submitted to Sharyn Cropley in the office.

All funds raised will be donated to the children’s ward at Warragul hospital.

Orders must be received by Tuesday 26th November 2013 - letters will be sent in the first week of December.

Order Form

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Age: ______ Gender: _______________________

Special Accomplishment this year: ______________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

Hometown: ________________________________________________________________

Best Friend/ Siblings Name: _________________________________________________

Desired Christmas present: _________________________________________________

Comments: __________________________________________________________________