**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**STRANGER DANGER**

I have, for the last couple of weeks, asked you to be aware of a number of incidents that have occurred with other local schools. We have had confirmed reports from the police of children being approached (usually after school as the children are walking home) by men, attempting to lure these children onto vehicles. Please continue to talk with your children. When you do talk with your children, use general descriptors. Although a number of incidents have involved a male and a black van, vehicles can be changed as can the look of a person (a report dealing with an incident on Friday may have involved a white car). We will be doing the same thing in our classes. All incidents to date have occurred after school – try to avoid having your child walking the streets alone at this time.

Although I want all our children safe, I also don’t want to develop a sense of fear or insecurity. As I’ve said before – if you see any suspicious characters acting strangely around our school, please let the office know so we can pass on the information to the police – 200+ pairs of eyes are far better than just a couple!
COMMUNICATING VIA TECHNOLOGY
The digital revolution has opened up the way people can communicate. Twitter, Facebook, etc. allow a new freedom of communication, negating the constraints of time and space. However, with this freedom comes responsibility. Users have the responsibility to communicate in a way that does not break our society’s values of respect.

As more young people use these technologies to communicate with each other, we as parents also must take on responsibilities in guiding our children as to what is appropriate (in what is communicated and who is part of the communication).

If your child uses Facebook, as an example, please be aware of the following from Facebook’s Privacy Policy –

**No information from children under age 13.** If you are under age 13, please do not attempt to register for Facebook or provide any personal information about yourself to us. If we learn that we have collected personal information from a child under age 13, we will delete that information as quickly as possible. If you believe that we might have any information from a child under age 13, please contact us.

**Parental participation.** We strongly recommend that minors 13 years of age or older ask their parents for permission before sending any information about themselves to anyone over the Internet and we encourage parents to teach their children about safe internet use practices. Materials to help parents talk to their children about safe internet use can be found on (http://www.facebook.com/help.php?page=937).

SYMPATHY

Sadly, last week was not a good week for our staff. As I informed you in our last newsletter, Mrs Preston will not be at the school this week due to her father’s death. Unfortunately, Mrs Thompson’s father also passed away last week. Mrs Thompson, too, will be on leave for this week.

Again I’m sure I speak for the school community in offering Mrs Thompson and her family our deepest sympathy – our thoughts and prayers are with her at this sad time.

UNIVERSITY TESTS – SCIENCE

The University Science test will be held this week – probably Thursday.

ENVIRO DAY EXCURSION

As we informed our stage three classes last week, the weather has caused a postponement of this excursion. The new date for the Enviro Day excursion is now Thursday 1st September.

GOOD LUCK

Good luck to our Paul Kelly Cup sides when they compete in the regional finals being held this Thursday. We have both the boys’ and girls’ teams competing.

INTERRELATE NIGHT

Registration for this program closes this Thursday. If you would like more information, please contact the school. The evening will be held on Wednesday 15th June at Lindsay Park P.S.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We began to distribute our school photos last Friday (most of you will get them today or tomorrow). Just a reminder that if you have any concerns about the photos, please contact Master Schools Photography directly (there is a sticker on the cover of your photos which asks this). In that way the photographers get firsthand what the issue is and can discuss with you directly.

LATE ARRIVALS

We are having a small number of children arriving to school after 9.00am. There will always be times when things go wrong with morning routines and we can understand and appreciate
these odd times. However, all our students are supposed to be at school prior to the start of classes (9.00am).
Please make sure that your child gets to school on time. If they are late, you must report to the Office with your child or have your child report to the Office with a written explanation. Any child who regularly arrives late will be referred to our Home School Liaison Officers for following up (‘please explain’).

Bob Long
Principal

MS READATHON
Schools and students are being invited to join in the 2011 MS Readathon. By registering to take part in this annual reading event, schools across Australia unite to help change the lives of people living with multiple sclerosis (MS).
There is also an added bonus for participating schools. Eligible schools have a chance to win up to $10,000 in Apple products. They will also get 10% of the amount raised returned to them in Target gift cards. Go to www.msreadathon.org.au for more information, terms and conditions.

Here’s how you can get involved…
First you need to register. You can do this by going to the MS Readathon website at www.msreadathon.org.au.
Second – Read for 30 days throughout June and July. Check the website to see when your reading period starts.
Third – Fundraise. Asking your family is a great way to start. They may even be able to help you think of other ideas to raise money for people with MS.
Visit www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323 for more details.
Kids who register will receive a bookmark, and for more information see Mrs Relf

INFANTS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
This will be held on Thursday 23rd June for all 5, 6 and y year old. If weather is inclement, Thursday 30 June has been set as an alternative date. More details closer to the date.

SOUTHERN STARS
Tickets for Southern Stars are now on sale through the WEC and Ticketek.
There will be ensemble auditions held in Term 3 for a Year 2-6 primary ballet and a Year 5-6 tap. Audition forms are available on the regional arts website or see Mrs Cameron for a copy.
Glenda Cameron

SOUTHERN STARS EXCURSION
Stage 2 will be attending Southern Stars on Friday 26 August. Mr McGuinness will be sending home an information note this week.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

DANCE FESTIVAL
21 children from Kindergarten are almost ready for their on stage debut. There are two buses of spectators coming along for the schools matinee. Please ensure the pink permission note has been returned.
KINDERGARTEN MUSIC GROUPS

KC and KM will be performing their music group activities on Tuesday 14 June at 2.15 pm in the hall. Please come along and watch them dance and move to music. Some parent help to put on costumes would be appreciated at 2.00 pm please.

Thank You, Glenda Cameron

What Notes Went Home Last Week (30 May – 3 June)

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NOTICEBOARD ITEMS

The following community information is available on the School Noticeboard:
ADHD Support Meeting on 15th June – Special Speaker

LOWES

If you have purchased school uniform items this year and still have your receipts, please send them into school, we will be doing the draw soon for some lucky families to win a $50.00 voucher from Lowes. Make sure your name is on the receipt.

Canteen Roster for this week:

Wednesday 8th June: Paula Moss, Sylvia Williams, Elizabeth Barron, Susie Caroutas

Thursday 9th June: Kelly Lasicic, Cindy Churchin, Maree Muller, Alanna Tagliapietra