Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents

Attendance has once again become an issue at the school for some students. As you can see by the graph on the left of this page attendance in Preschool, Year 2, 3 and Year 5 is in the nineties. However, the other grades are well below the expected attendance of 90% for every child. When students have more than five (5) days off in one term this brings their attendance to below 90% for the term. An attendance of below 90% in a term puts a student in the position of falling behind their peers in their learning. This becomes an embarrassment for the child as no-one wants to be in the position where they cannot do the expected work in their class. When this low attendance continues for the whole year it means students have not completed all the work necessary for them to progress with confidence to the next grade. With this in mind I urge parents to keep your child home when they are sick, but at all other times to send them to school so they have the best opportunity to learn and progress to the next grade in 2014.

Classes for 2014 will be formed in the next few weeks. If you have a special request for placement for your child please put that in writing and give to Sharon Chin or Sue Beynon. Although there is no guarantee that we will be able to grant your request we will endeavor to do so if possible. When forming classes we take into consideration the mix of students, the academics of the students and the social behaviours of students.

The Early Years Swimming Program at Goldfish Bowl will commence early next term. If you want your child to participate please ensure you have fully paid for the swimming by the end of this week.

Have a wonderful week.

Sue Beynon, Principal and Sharon Chin, Assistant Principal

REMINDER
Swimming for Early Years Students  All payments need to finalised by this Friday September 20th

Fundraising Disco for Year 6 Graduation
Date: Friday 27th September 2013
Time: Lunch Time
Cost: $1 per person
There will also be a raffle
$1 per ticket
Prize: Large Lollie Jar

Every Child, Every Day - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody’s responsibility and everyone’s business.
Mrs Casey’s class enjoyed a visit from the Police. We learnt about being safe in the community.

We dressed up as police officers.
Eating a nutritious breakfast is an easy way to help kids concentrate and reach their full potential in class.

Quick and easy breakfast ideas:
- Cereal (e.g., Multigrain, whole wheat, or oats, with milk, banana or berries
- Yogurt with fresh/tinned fruit, muesli or nuts
- English muffin with sliced banana and cream cheese
- Grilled cheese on whole grain/wheat toast/bagel, 100% unsweetened fruit juice
- Leftovers (they’re not just for dinner anymore)
- Fruit smoothies

Good Beginnings Australia is a National charity, building better outcomes for families in the community through a range of early intervention programs.

These programs include: Play2 Learn, Toy Library Family Support, and Community Connections.

All Good Beginnings programs are provided free of charge.

For more information please contact the office on 08-89327022 Mobile 0417200170

The women of Hope City Church in Palmerston and Malak are extending their hand to meet women and young mums in our community of Palmerston. Woman and children are invited to join us in an afternoon event at Moulden oval for a get together.

Activities: Free Sausage Sizzle & drinks/damper/fruit, Women Yarning and sharing circle, Children’s games and activities and Lucky dips for boys and girls.

There will be a thank-you gift for ladies who attend.

Saturday 21st September 2013
2pm—5pm
Moulden Oval, Palmerston

Futhermore information please call Robyn Ober on 0427957636 or Cynthia O’Shea on 0424203245

We are starting a Confirmation Group here at our lady Help of Christian church.

This is for Year 6 or older students. They can do First Communion at the same time if they haven’t done it.

When: Sundays at 5pm
Where: Corner of Emery Av and Harrison Circuit.
Contact: Tom English 08 8932 3922

The SaverPlus program offers you $500 free to buy an iPad once you have saved $500 on a savings plan.

Call Peter on 08 8985 0077
It’s not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal, but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself, I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as “It’s not fair that I have to go school today because Aunty is coming to visit”

Nice try. But the answer should be “No”!

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It’s reassuring to know that you increase your chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

Inpex transport impacts on schools

Ichthys Project—related truck and bus movements will be increasing along the Arnhem and Stuart highways, Tiger Brennan Drive, and at the Howard Springs intersection and Palmerston.

Parents are encouraged to visit the Ichthys Project website www.ichthysproject.com and subscribe to the regular e-newsletter to get updates on the project.