Mrs Lennon
Mrs Lennon will be away for the next 2 terms due to personal reasons. It is unfortunate but unavoidable. I have advertised for an experienced teacher to replace her. Reset assured that the person that we put in that position will have the necessary skills and experience. Our goal is to provide as least disruptive transition as possible. We wish Mrs Lennon all the best and look forward to her return in term 4.

Josh Bouma – Grade 6
As you will be aware Josh has been away from school for the past 12 months recovering from a Bone Marrow Transplant. Mrs Lennon and myself met with Josh’s parents and the support team for Josh. It is our high hope that Josh will start early next term. This will be dependent upon the advice of the doctors and how Josh is feeling. Unfortunately, for Josh, one of the complications from the transplant was that he has suffered significant visual loss, as well as a lowering of his immune system. What does this mean for the Bouma family.

We will need to:
- Be aware of illness in the school and communicate that to the Bouma family.
- Ensure that we have good hygiene practices.
- Be aware of Josh as we move around the school as his sight is not good.
- Minimize the rearrangement of furniture and ensure that the pathways and passages are clear.

We are all looking forward to having Josh back at school.

End of Term
A reminder to all families that school concludes for Term One at 2:30pm on Friday 27th March. There will be an assembly prior to school dismissal in the hall at 2:10pm.

Principal News (cont’d)

Welcome BBQ
Blessed with a perfect evening we had a great Welcome BBQ. Jennie Absalom and her team organised a great night. It was lovely to see so many families together enjoying each other’s company. The comments that I received have been all positive.

Parent Information
As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, the parents section of the DEECD website provides parents with information about schools and what resources are out there to support you and your child/ren through their schooling life. Ref: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/default.htm

Some examples of this information I have included below:
- Helping your child to read, write, speak and listen
- Story Telling
  - Story-telling is a great way to extend your child’s language and listening skills, as well as expanding their imagination. Either you can tell the story, or encourage your child to tell the story.
- Reading
  - Reading with your child will begin when your child becomes familiar with the story and can take over some of the reading. When your child reads to you, allow time for working out words and ask questions to see if he or she understands what they have read.
  - If your child is trying to read a long or tricky word, give your child time and ask questions like these:
    - Look at the picture, what can you see that might start with that letter?
    - Look at the picture, what word makes sense?

Grade 3-6
Share ideas about texts
Talk to your child about how you select books for your own reading. After your child has read a text, encourage him or her to share insights, feelings and understandings of the text. Here are some ideas that may suit your child’s interests:
- Read about the author or illustrator at their website.
- Find and read another story by the same author.

These are just some of the ideas that can be found on the DEECD website and I encourage all parents/caregivers to view this website.

HAPPY HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Second hand Uniforms Sale - Friday 2.00 pm
Second hand uniforms will be available for sale for a gold coin donation for each item on Friday before assembly at 2 pm in the hall.
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<td>For her ‘super’ news time. Well done Lily for using a clear loud voice and telling the class lots of interesting information.</td>
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<td>Aidan B</td>
<td>For excellent work on Mathletics and super fast mental maths number facts. Fabulous work.</td>
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<td>Jake M</td>
<td>For his improved standard of work and effort during literacy.</td>
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<td>Ava T</td>
<td>For working assiduously in all maths lessons this week especially during the ‘Newspaper Hunt’ place value activity. Keep up the great work.</td>
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<td>Sienna W</td>
<td>For being diligent when filling out her reading log. Thank you Sienna for recommending some great books to your peers and myself.</td>
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<td>Zac M</td>
<td>For being persistent with his home reading log. Well done Zac, keep it up!</td>
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<td>Gr 5</td>
<td>Chloe D</td>
<td>For a fantastic first term, always getting prepared quickly, showing improvement in her ability to focus and for trying her best in all areas. Well done Chloe.</td>
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<td>Gr 6</td>
<td>Max L</td>
<td>For enthusiastically completing all tasks this week and demonstrating his ability to work independently. Well done Max!</td>
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Congratulations to Alexander Q in Prep D who competed at the GO-KAN-BU Karate-do Geelong Tournament. Alexander finished third in Kumite (sparring) and 3rd in Kata (patterns). Fantastic effort!

Mrs Marino

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Parent Financial Statements

Parent Financial Statements are being progressively sent home this week and next week. Thank you to parents who have already made payments to date. A reminder that parent payments are due by 28 February. Payments can be made via BPay, cheque, EFTPOS or cash. Any questions can be directed to Cho Lay Thomas at the office.

School Payment Subsidy for parents

As previously advised, the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) has been discontinued with effect from this year. School Council has approved the allocation of a School Payment Subsidy (SPS) for parents/guardians who hold a Concession/Pensioner card valid from the first day of term 1. Applications can be made now at the office for eligible parents (proof of eligibility will be required). Application forms can also be assessed from the school web from next week. Please note that applications close on 27th March 2015. No late applications will be accepted after the closing date.

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Wednesday 6th, 13th & 20th May at 1.30pm

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