PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

CURRICULUM DAY REMINDER

Tues. 11th June (no students at school)

Don’t forget!

EMERGENCY ALERT PROCESS

Yesterday, many families would have received an SMS alert and / or an email advising that we had been notified of a possible local sighting of a person wanted for questioning about a recent attempted abduction. Based on information we had received from the college next door, we proceeded to advise our families via SMS.

Due process is normally for the school to be notified of an alert via the Department of Education which then activates a ‘communication tree’ amongst local schools. As it happened, we actioned an alert to our community ahead of receiving notification from the Department of Ed which didn’t come through until after 3pm.

We felt it was important to get a quick message out into the community, a message that was intended to inform, rather than alarm. Due to media coverage, there is a lot of anxiety in the wider community at the moment and it is important that we don’t jump to wrong conclusions too quickly. Whether it was a positive sighting or not is a matter for the police to determine.

Importantly, we don’t wish to create a sense of panic and fear amongst our children. Teachers and parents should regularly remind children about stranger danger and how to stay safe by walking with others (not alone), not talking to strangers and not loitering. Where they have a concern, a child can let a teacher know (if it’s a school situation) or a parent (if it’s an out of school hours situation) Children need gentle reminders from time to time so that they are aware of what to do and how they can help to keep themselves safe. This is as much as they need.

If for some reason your family didn’t receive an SMS message or an email from the school yesterday, then you need to make sure that we have an up to date mobile contact number for at least one parent. You could notify the office by email and we will be happy to add your number to the distribution list.

A reminder also to those families who have yet to subscribe for email notification of Linkletter uploads. You can do this by following the “Subscribe to Newsletter” link on the homepage of our website. From time to time, we can also send emailed information to our families which is another way to get information out quickly.

Jill Ramsay
Look out for the Poppin’ Pizza Feast Special Lunch flyer coming home next Wednesday. It is for Friday, 28th June (the last day of term) and must be back by 9am Friday, 21st June. Please make sure your name and grade is filled out and that you choose which type of pizza you would like. If there is no choice made on the order we will supply Margherita. No late orders will be accepted and no lunch orders will be available on Friday, 28th June, 2013.

**SPECIALS** until sold out:

- **NEW** Smarty Pants Cookies (large chocolate cookie with smarties) $1.00 each
- Pretzels 30g NOW 30c each
- Recyclable Lunch Bags $2.00 each

I urgently need one more helper for the 2nd Friday of each month. If there is anyone who can do the 14th June – I would be very grateful. Please contact me in the canteen if you are available to help once a month on this day.

Also, if you are available on any of these days or for our emergency list, I would really appreciate hearing from you. It is just once a month, 9am to 11.45am.

Cheers, Suzi Cunningham

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**REMININDERS:**

**DUE TO THE SHORT WEEK NEXT WEEK, THERE WON’T BE A LINKLETTER ON THUR. 13TH JUNE**

**EARN AND LEARN FINISHES 9TH JUNE 2013**

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program will be finishing up this Sunday 9th June so be sure to collect as many stickers as you can before then. You may need to ask the staff for the stickers. Remember to place the stickers in the box located at St Helena or send them along with your child to school to drop into the box at the office.

We will be collecting the stickers until Friday 14th June. So far we have collected 27,700 stickers which is amazing and hope to reach our goal of 50,000 before the promotion finishes.
These awards will be presented at assembly on Monday, 17th June, 2013.

| Prep D | Kai S | For being enthusiastic in learning the ‘Prep High Frequency Words’ at school and home! Keep up the great work Kai! |
| Prep H | Ava D | For her consistent willingness to always strive for excellence in her work and behaviour. Well done Ava! You’re a fabulous class member. |
| Prep S | Alexia D | For consistently demonstrating excellence in writing. Alexia consistently takes her time in forming her letters correctly and neatly. |
| Prep T | Angus M | For demonstrating excellence when completing numeracy activities especially in counting and recording numbers on a tens frame. The way you explain your thinking strategies is amazing. Fabulous work Angus! |
| 1A | Nathan C | For the amazing effort he is putting into his work! Well done Nathan, keep it up! |
| 1G | Louis C | For demonstrating excellence in everything he does and for consistently showing respect towards his peers. You are a wonderful role model for others Louis. Well done! |
| 1/2B | Jack G | Congratulations Jack for the excellent contributions you make to our class discussions and for the way you take on new challenges with enthusiasm. Fabulous effort! |
| 2A | Charlize G | For always showing excellence and persistence in everything she does. Charlize always tries her best at each activity and is very proud of herself each time she learns something new. Well done Charlize, you set a great example for everyone in the grade. |
| 2D | Ethan P | For always demonstrating excellence and respecting your classmates. You always try your best when you are working and you are always willing to help others. Keep up the great work - you are a superstar! |
| 2O | Sophie D | For always respecting your classmates and demonstrating excellence during all learning tasks. You have shown confidence in everything that you do and have been persistent when activities are challenging. Keep it up Soph! |

**RESPECT**

**CREATIVITY**

AT ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK, the following students were congratulated on being noticed for doing the right thing and showing CREATIVITY last week:- Mia O (PrepH), Elisha K (1/2B), Giselle H (1/2B), Hannah G (3F), Hayley R (4L) and Dakota E (5V)

Lots of nominations were in the DO THE RIGHT THING box AGAIN. Wow!!!! How proud are we of everyone’s effort! Keep up the great work!

All nominated students receive their ‘Doing the Right Thing’ nomination slip to keep and be proud of.
You’re all invited
to a party in the GK
Gully on Sunday 23rd June
From 9am until 12pm
to celebrate the first GK
working bee for 2013

There will be lots of seed-
lings to plant, holes to dig
and jobs to do! Please
bring gardening equipment
such as shovels, hole dig-
gers, mattocks.

Sausage sizzle and drinks at end.

Come for a little bit or longer be-
cause every hand helps. Hope to
see you then! Mrs Webb
ELTHAM MOBILE UNIT
Community & Reception Centre
Corner of Pitt St & Main Rd, Eltham.

Monday 1 July    1:30pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday 2 July    1:30pm – 7:30pm
Wednesday 3 July  2:30pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 4 July   1:30pm – 7:30pm

Appointments essential. New donors welcome. Call 13 14 95

Blue Light
14th June
Community Bank Stadium
Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek
7pm-10pm (8-13 year olds)
Cost: $6.00
Contact:
Senior Sergeant Wayne SPENCE
03 9438 8300
Sign up to the Blue Light Website at www.BlueLight.org.au

Wattletree Pre-School Inc

DISCOVERY DAY
ALL WELCOME

Tuesday 25th June - 1:00pm to 3:30pm
20 Wattletree Road, Eltham

Kindergarten is a special time in a child’s life. At Wattletree Preschool, we offer a play-based learning program for both 3 and 4 year old children. We embrace the Early Years Learning Framework and provide a curriculum based around children's strengths and interests.

Our well-equipped centre together with our passionate educators provide opportunities for children to learn, discover, improvise, grow and establish the foundations for life-long learning. Join us to discover more.

For more information or to arrange an alternative date to visit our centre contact us on phone 9438 1353.

Managed by ECMS, a not-for-profit community organisation.
Discover more at www.ecms.org.au