Dear Families,

Welcome back to the second semester—over half way through the year!

A special welcome to several new families who have joined our school community. I am sure that the children and families will make you feel very welcome.

Photos were taken yesterday and should be available later this term. Catch up photos will be taken on Friday if students were absent.

**Learning Areas**

A number of our classrooms have had mini make-overs over the last few weeks with alternate seating, reading areas, group spaces, natural objects etc included to improve the learning environments. Along with this, our Junior Primary classes and some of our primary classes are introducing the ‘Daily 5’ reading program into their literacy lessons. This program consists of 5 activities including—Read to Self; Read to a Partner; Listen to Reading, Work on Words and Work on Writing. Each of these practices is being explicitly taught and practised often to build students’ stamina, skills and confidence.

**Nature Play Spaces**

We are planning to include some nature play spaces as part of our playground in coming months. If you are cutting down trees we would appreciate logs and sturdy sticks as well as large rocks, pinecones and other natural materials.

**Children’s University**

A range of additional learning opportunities are being offered this term to students involved in Children’s Uni. Teachers are volunteering their time outside of normal lesson times to take groups of students for cooking, rugby, various sports, art, jewellery making and choir. We thank these staff members for their interest, time and effort.

**Term 3, Week 1**

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**Thursday, July 30th, 2015**

**Book Week**

The theme for Book Week this year is “Books Light Up Our World.” Classes will be involved in a range of activities including story telling, art and craft, a book sale and a dress up parade to conclude celebrations on Friday, August 28th. Further information will be sent home in coming weeks.

**Sports Day**

A date has been set for our school Sports Day. Keep Wednesday, September 23rd free to join us on this day.

_Alison Lynch, Principal_

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**What's happening?**

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**Notes coming home soon**
We are having fun with our learning in Room 9.
**Australian Curriculum**

“DECD would like to hear from parents/carers about the Australian Curriculum so that we can feed into the national process of curriculum monitoring. This curriculum is used by Reception to Year 10 teachers to plan what students will learn. Your opinions will be a valuable contribution to DECD’s feedback to the national monitoring process. The survey can be accessed at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Feedback_Parents_Carers_Aust_Curric](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Feedback_Parents_Carers_Aust_Curric). The survey closes on Friday 7 August.”

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**Canteen Help Needed**

We are desperate for more helpers in our canteen. Our volunteers provide a wonderful service to the school as well as raise much needed funds for resources.

Unfortunately several of our regular helpers need to reduce their time so we are seeking help from other parents. You can work on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly roster. Lunch is included for all volunteers!

Training will be provided.

Please see Marg in the office if you can help or we will need to reduce the number of days that the canteen is open.

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**School Uniform**

The jackets have arrived!

We now have plenty of jackets and polo shirts in various sizes available for sale in the office.

**Hoodies are not to be worn to school.**
Cyberbullying: the new Children’s eSafety Commissioner

The Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner (the Office) was established on 1 July 2015 to handle complaints about cyberbullying material targeted at Australian children.

The Office can investigate complaints about material considered likely to have a seriously threatening, intimidating, harassing or humiliating effect on the child. Where possible, the material should be reported to the social media service first, before it is complained about to the Office. To consider a complaint the Office will need evidence of the cyberbullying material.

Parents, along with schools and the government have a role in ensuring children are protected online. The Office will work with social media services, parents and schools to ensure serious cyberbullying material is removed.

What to do if your child is being cyberbullied

If your child is being cyberbullied advise them to:

- avoid retaliating or responding
- collect the evidence—keep mobile phone messages and print emails or social networking conversations
- block the bully and change their privacy settings
- report the abuse to the social media service

If your child continues to be cyberbullied and you believe it is having a seriously threatening, intimidating, harassing or humiliating effect, we encourage you to assist your child in making a complaint on the Commissioner’s website.

More information on the role of the office, how to deal with cyberbullying and how to lodge a complaint is on the website: www.esafety.gov.au

The Kids Helpline (1800 55 1800 or www.kishelp.com.au) provides a private and confidential telephone and online counselling service for young people. Encourage your child to speak to them if they are in need of counselling support. The Kids Helpline also manages Parentline, a confidential telephone counselling service providing counselling and support for parents and care-givers.

Parent Helpline SA
Phone: 1300 364 100 (cost of a local call)
24 hours a day, seven days a week
www.parenting.sa.gov.au

If you believe your child is in immediate danger, call 000

Website: www.esafety.gov.au

The Act allows children and/or their parents to contact the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner to have content removed if social media companies do not remove the offending contact after it has been reported to them.