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NEWSLETTER

Term 3

Week 8

September, 2016

Diary Dates

Wednesday – Friday	21st – 23rd September	Camp at Illawonga
Friday	30th September	Cookout at School
Friday	30th September	Final day of Term 3 – finish 2.15pm

CAMP



Next Wednesday (21st September) most students and staff will be heading off on camp to Illawonga at Swan Reach, a very exciting time for everyone. It is important that the students are here by **6.45 am** so the bus can leave promptly at **7 am**. Please be sure your child brings a pillow so they can sleep on the bus as it is an early start for them and a long journey.

Please see attached letter for

- additional clothing needed for the camp including gum boots for the children due to the predicted weather conditions.

- Permission (which is attached for your signing) required for students to watch G and PG DVDs whilst travelling on the bus to and from Illawonga. Please return this form ASAP to the school.



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Governing Council met on Tuesday. Several topics were discussed of importance to families

Homework – following a discussion with parents regarding homework, it has been decided that students will be required to **READ** to an adult every night/day and learn their **SPELLING** words each week, the older students do have a spelling test each week. Reading is an essential aspect of everyday life and, although we do a lot of reading during the day

in all areas of the curriculum, it is essential students have time at home to practice their reading skills to become proficient and skilful readers. The students will also need to spend time learning their **NUMBER FACTS** and **TABLES**. By year 4 students should know all their tables and be able to recall them quickly. There may be other small tasks set on occasions to supplement class work.

This decision has been made for our site only. Once students head to their new sites in 2017 and as they get older they may be expected to do homework at the new site and in the higher grades.

End of year celebrations – at this stage two dates have been set to acknowledge and celebrate our school and the school year. Please put in these dates in your diaries. On **Monday December 5th** we are considering holding an open morning for old scholars and past staff who may like to revisit the site. Our final school celebration will be held on Wednesday **December 12th**. This will be final our presentation night for immediate school community members. Both events will require support from our parents. Further details will follow once arrangements have been finalised.

COOKOUT



On the final Friday of this term (September 30th) we are planning a 'cook out'. This activity is a follow up from our history lessons. Abby Sunners' mother has agreed to come and help with this event as she is very experienced with such activities. Port Vincent students will be joining us on this day. Students will be making and cooking damper, cooking sausages and 'sloppy burgers', potatoes and possibly a recipe using marshmallows.



PAT ASSESSMENTS

Another formal method of assessment we use towards the end of the year which is a further glimpse at student understanding and learning taken place during the year are the PAT assessments. Students undertake the assessments online annually, the results of which indicate to us the children's learning progress and whether there is improvement, as well as areas for further focus. We are able to see use the information to support our lesson planning. This week the older students did their Comprehension and Maths assessments. As we are able to get an immediate print out of the results students are keen to see the achievements and where their learning needs further attention. The current results do show they have all moved on with their learning from last year.

Later this term or early next term the students will also undertake PAT assessments in Spelling and Punctuation and Grammar assessments. The younger students will also complete the Early Years assessments. All these assessments are done online and provide useful data about their learning, our teaching and where to next.