**TREAT DAY**

On Thursday this week we will be holding a treat day for those students who have demonstrated continued good behaviour throughout terms two and three. Those students who are eligible will receive a note prior to Thursday. Students will receive a sausage sizzle and icy-pole on Thursday at lunchtime. Parents/Carers are advised to pack additional food in case their child is still hungry.

**FRUIT & VEG MONTH**

The fruit and vegetable promotion that the canteen has been running recently will continue into next term although students will no longer be able to collect the tokens. Students will still receive the raffle ticket and school prizes on a fortnightly basis. All outstanding tokens will be collected at Thursday morning’s assembly. The canteen will be running a milk promotion during term four and students will have the opportunity to win either a netball or football so please keep a look out for more upcoming information.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

This week all parents/carers will be receiving progress letters for their child/ren. The progress letters are designed to inform parents/carers of the progress that students have made with reference to specific goals that were outlined in semester one reports. The progress letters also indicate achievements.

**CHOIR**

I would like to personally thank all those students who were part of the Community of Schools Choir that performed at the Gate to Plate function last weekend. I greatly appreciate the efforts of the parents/carers for ensuring that the students were present on the day. A big thank you to Miss Watters for the effort she has put into organising the students and attending the rehearsals. The positive feedback we have been receiving about our students has been extremely pleasing and is a reflection of their hard work and dedication.

**NETBALL**

Last Monday our girls competed in the Daily Examiner Netball shield. Despite some inclement weather with rain cutting the day short the girls performed extremely well against much older opposition. Mrs Magarry was very pleased with the skills and enthusiasm that our girls demonstrated in each of their games. Thank you also to Mrs Lentfer for assisting with transport on the day.

**SKIPPING**

Well done to our skipping team who toured a number of schools last week to showcase their amazing skills.
in the areas of Social Development and Commitment to Learning. If any parents/carers would like to discuss any items mentioned on the letters please contact the office to make an appointment with the class teacher concerned.

ATTENDANCE

The school recently conducted a review of our attendance rates and it was extremely pleasing to see that our overall attendance rates have increased and the number or partial attendances has decreased. I would like to thank the parents/carers for helping us in this area. It is important that we continue to work together as a community to help our students achieve the best possible outcomes. One way to help achieve this is to ensure that students attend school regularly.

The Department of Education and Communities considers satisfactory attendance as 85% or above. Anything below this level is regarded as being unsatisfactory. We understand that from time to time parents/carers may need to take students out of school for appointments and other activities. Provided they are legitimate, they are marked as justified absences. Full day or partial absences due to students sleeping in, going shopping, visiting family etc are not deemed as acceptable reasons for being absent from school. The Principal may decline to accept as satisfactory an explanation for an absence. In instances such as these, your child’s absence may be recorded as ‘Unjustified’. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this further.

HOLIDAYS

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday. Parents/Carers are reminded that there is no Staff Development Day at the beginning of term four. Students and staff will recommence on Tuesday 8th October after the long weekend.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Finally have many of us have ever wished for a crystal ball to see into the future and pick the winning numbers in the next multi-million dollar lotto draw. I know I have, but maybe we don’t need a crystal ball to get us out of the situation we are in today, especially when the odds of picking the seven numbers in one game is over forty five million to one. It’s more important to remember that “Your present circumstances don’t determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start.” – Nido Qudein
RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to our raffle prize winners:


A very big thankyou to Michelle Tainsh and her family for donating the majority of the raffle prizes.

FRUIT & VEG WEEK WINNERS

This weeks winners are: 1st Drew Cooper, 2nd Ally Grant, 3rd Janeva McCoombe.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will be on the first Tuesday back due to Monday being a public holiday.

AWARDS

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Justin Snow, Kai Connor, Annabelle Morgan, Jason Wallace.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Milo Cricket: Rushforth Park South Grafton. Starting Term 4 (week 2) Wednesday afternoons from 4pm or Saturday mornings from 9am. For boys and girls aged 4-8 years. Contact Brendan Palmer on 6642 8898 for more details.