Principal’s Pen

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3

Best of luck to the Balaclava students competing today in the Peninsula Trials. Students have been training hard over the last few weeks and we are very proud of your achievements already.

A reminder to parents that there have been a couple of close calls while students have been crossing the roads lately. Safety is a priority and the school has been discussing the issue on Friday Parade and in the classroom.

With our students returning to classes, parents and carers are being urged to slow down in school zones. Most school areas have 40km/hr speed limit in place. Parents can set an example to other drivers by observing these limits when dropping off and collecting the kids from school. Being cautious and slowing down in school zones doesn’t make a big difference to your trip time, but it could save a child’s life. Parents should also take the time to teach their children about road safety and the safest ways to travel to and from school.

Some basic tips:

- ensure your child knows the safest route to and from school
- teach your child to always walk on footpaths
- make sure your child crosses at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings or supervised school crossings and ensure they know the safe times to cross
- accompany young children when they are walking or riding to school until they are old enough to understand road safety
- teach your child to be alert for cars going in or out of driveways
- discourage your child from playing with balls or toys while walking to school.

More to follow…

Adrian Baranyi
Deputy Principal

Date Claimers

Wed 14 Aug  Musica Viva Concert
Tues 8 Sept  3 Way Conference
Mon 19 Sept  End of Term 3

Our student leaders had a busy afternoon on Tuesday. Fiona from Bunnings and a few of her workmates generously donated their time, know how and resources to provide a fun and educational experience for our Prep students. As you can see, there was excitement galore when our Preppies got their hands dirty learning the basics of gardening. Not only did they learn about the importance of trees in our environment, they banded together to create a beautiful garden for the school community to enjoy year round; and a new home for the native birds in the area. Anyone who would like to share their time and knowledge with the student body is welcome to come along and help create and care for the gardens in our grounds...you know the saying—many hands make light work.
Once again the Balaclava School Community came together, this time for our the Term 3 Big Breakfast. The fun, friendship and camaraderie are evident in the photos as students, staff and families took the opportunity to come together and enjoy each others company. A huge thank you goes out to all who participated in making this another wonderful community event here at school, and to those whose hard work and effort made it all possible. Remember, everyone is welcome to join the festivities in October when we come together again to herald in Term 4. Looking forward to seeing you there!