**Principal's Pen**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH LEARNING**

You may have heard the term "Consolidation" being mentioned at school, or perhaps your child has mentioned it to you. On this web site [http://au.ixl.com/](http://au.ixl.com/) there are PowerPoints that you can use to support your child’s learning. There are also a variety of resources for different subject areas as well as for different year levels. Why not take a moment to explore this site and support your child’s learning?

**OPINION SURVEY EXTENDED**

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers, students and school staff who completed this year’s School Opinion Survey so far. We look forward to reviewing our survey results when we receive our school report later this year.

There is still time! The survey will remain open until this Friday 8th August.

**MOBILE PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Please remember that there is a school wide ban on personal use of these devices at school. Students should not have mobile phones at school. If they are required to bring a phone to school then it must be handed to their teacher during the day.

At times these devices are distracters in class so are not allowed in classrooms; or used inappropriately in the playground.

Staff cannot guarantee the security of phones or iPods that are kept in school bags; this is why they are handed to teachers to secure in the lockable draws of their desk.

While I appreciate that students do need to contact home if they have extended bus travel or are involved in afterschool activities, I am wanting to ensure that their phones or iPods are safe but not interfering with school.

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**SECOND-HAND COMMERCIAL LINEN SALE**

Saturday 30th August 2014

8AM - 11AM

34 Pease Street, Manunda

**NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL’S INTENT TO START THE PROCESS TO TENDER FOR THE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE SERVICES**

The existing licence to provide the services of Outside School Hours care is due to expire in January 2015. Due to government policy it is mandated that the school needs to put the Outside School Hours Services out to tender. It in no way reflects on the existing service provider. This tender process takes approximated three (3) months. Invitation to Offer documents will be released to the market on the Queensland Government Tender website – hosted to the Department of Housing and Public Works in the near future.
SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT
This week we will be revising a known routine – the Eating Area Routine. This routine aligns closely with the Be Responsible rule and the work we did around this last term, so students are able to explain where they should be during eating (right place) and what they should be doing (right behaviour). Students know there are five steps to the Eating Area Routine:

- When the bell goes, wait for the teacher’s instruction.
- Put your rubbish in the bin.
- Eat your own food.
- Keep your body to yourself.
- Keep your eyes open.
- When the bell goes, wait for the teacher’s instruction.

WHAT TO DO IF I AM BEING BULLIED
If you feel that you are being bullied:

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Build Good Relationships

STOP

TALK

GO

Make the STOP sign and ask the person to stop their behaviour.

If the problem continues...

Walk away from the situation.

If the problem continues...

Take it to an adult who can help.

People please discuss these strategies with your child and discuss how they might use them in school, the playground or in a home or neighbourhood setting.

More to follow...

Jane Termaat
Principal

PARENTS’ MENUS

Monday 17th September 2013

Breakfast

- Porridge, yoghurt and fruit

Lunch

- Pizza and salad

Tuesday 18th September 2013

Breakfast

- Cereal, yoghurt and fruit

Lunch

- Chicken nuggets and chips

Wednesday 19th September 2013

Breakfast

- Frittata, yoghurt and fruit

Lunch

- Soup and rolls

Thursday 20th September 2013

Breakfast

- Juice, fruit and toast

Lunch

- Cheese and yoghurt

Friday 21st September 2013

Breakfast

- French toast with fruit and yoghurt

Lunch

- Ham and cheese sandwiches

Friday 8th August 2014

JANE’S JOTTINGS...

Talking about school - Strategies for talking about school with your child

Give your child your full attention. Put aside whatever you’re doing and look at her when she talks to you about anything, especially school.

Take seriously what your child tells you. For example, you can say things like, “That’s really interesting. Then what happened?” or “And how do you feel about that?”

When you talk about the school and teachers with or in front of your child, use respectful language. For example, “Mr Smith knows a lot of really important stuff, so you need to listen when he talks,” or “I’m sure Ms Adams had a good reason for doing that.”

Informal moments are often good opportunities to talk with your child about his day at school — for example, car trips, walking together, cooking or watching TV together.

Active listening techniques can help you pick up on your child’s feelings and work out whether she wants to talk.

Your child’s behaviour and communication style might seem to change overnight when he starts school. Suddenly everything’s ‘awesome’, or he’s rolling his eyes at everything you say. He’s learning all kinds of new things from his friends and teachers, so this is all part of him developing a unique identity.

I HAVE READ MY NEWSLETTER!

Would you like the chance to win a free tuckshop for your child? Simply complete the form below, and hand it into the office no later than next Friday morning. The winner will be announced on parade next term.

The family (name) ________________________ from year _______ has read the newsletter this week.

Parent signature: __________________________