**Pathways to the future**

*Wednesday 31st August, 2016*

Hi Everyone

Over the past couple of days we have enjoyed the sun but unfortunately the rain has set in once again. We have a number of jumpers in lost property – could you please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on their clothing. Ta.

There has been some concern during the last couple of months, over the parking around our school crossing – particularly after school. I have notified the council and they will be out to look at signage etc. Please keep the childrens' crossing clear. Parking is not allowed between 20 metres of the approach side and 10 metres of the departure side. Parking there makes it difficult and dangerous for children to get a clear view. Thankyou for your support with this.

*Have a terrific fortnight.*

*Wendy*

**Resilience – Hint No. 9**

**Know How to Argue**

Families that work well know how to argue. It seems strange to say this because we all have the sense those families that work well don’t have conflicts.

The family is really where we learn to resolve disputes fairly. The way that parents teach children to resolve differences of opinion with their brothers and sisters provides the basis for sharing, negotiating and problem solving in the world beyond the family. While differences of opinion should be allowed to be expressed, children also need to learn that they will not be able to win at all costs.

**School Council News**

At our meeting last night, we ratified our Parent Payment Policy, our Child Safe Policy and our Code of Conduct. These will be uploaded onto our website in the near future.

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**Cluster Day**

A last minute reminder that our cluster day is tomorrow. We will be leaving school at 9am sharp and will return to school around 2.30pm. Please ensure that your child does not have a hot lunch as there are no facilities to heat lunches.

**Junior Room**

On my first day back after only five weeks out of the classroom, I was amazed to see not only the growth spurts in these children but also how much they have improved in ability, so well done Mrs B!

With less than three weeks to go we will be revising concepts in Numeracy. This week we are focusing on Place Value and developing an awareness of number patterns on a hundreds chart. A very challenging activity that the year 1 and 2 students tried was an interactive game called ‘Dog Bone’. Foundation students are developing place value concepts using bundles of tens and ones to represent two-digit numbers.

In Literacy, Foundation students are learning ‘ip’ words. Years 1 and 2 students are working hard on learning their personal spelling words, some of which are quite challenging! Julie has also asked parents to assist their children with learning their lines for the school production and I noticed today how confidently your children recited their parts when we practised with the big kids today!
Senior Room
We are back into the swing of homework after an absence through Somers and the Olympics. We are busy winding up our multiplication unit in maths. The students are still busy learning their tables and some have made good progress. Just like an Olympic sport, we need to practise if we want to get faster.
In English we are working on the reading strategy of fact or opinion. We thought this is an easy strategy but we have found it can be a bit tricky.
With Mrs Byrne we are still studying our unit on money and fractured fairy tales. This has been most enjoyable.

Students of the Month - August
A huge congratulations to our students of the month – Samantha and Emilea. These girls have worked really hard at achieving their best. We hope this positive attitude to their learning continues well into the future. Well done girls!!

Walk to School
We have registered for the ‘Walk to School’ program which will take place in October. This is a VicHealth initiative that encourages children to have 60 minutes of physical activity per day. Attached to this week’s newsletter is an information sheet. I will have more information in the next newsletter.

Program Achieve
Congratulations to Violet, Jack K, James (absent), Sam and Ellie for achieving all the ‘keys to success.’ Awesome kids!

Kids Council
A reminder that we have our last hot lunch of the term next Friday 9th October. Attached to this week’s newsletter is the order form. Please fill it out and return it to school by next Wednesday.

Dates for your calendar:
1st September – Cluster Day Milawa
2nd September – Hot Lunches – Hot Dogs
6th September - Phys Ed. with Josh
6th September - Music with Tim
8th September – Library
13th September – Music with Tim
16th September – Last day term 3 Finish 2.30pm.
3rd October – First day Term 4
3rd October – Japanese
5th October - Swimming