Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

As some of you may have noticed, last week our school was visited by rangers from Liverpool Council to monitor the parking situation in Box Road. Some parents were issued with fine notices for a variety of parking infringements. To ensure that you are not fined, and more importantly, to ensure the safety and welfare of our students, please obey the road rules that are signposted outside our school. The ‘Kiss and Drop’ zone directly in front of our school (in Box road) is NOT a parking bay. Additionally, please exercise care and courtesy when parking in adjoining streets, to ensure that you DO NOT park over driveways or impede our neighbours access to their property.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

A number of school improvements have commenced over the last few weeks with projects including the refurbishment of the boys toilets, ground /garden improvements and refurbishment of the school computer lab. The Administration block will be re-carpeted this week. This will commence TOMORROW, with the front section of the office completed on Saturday.

P&C MEETING

Our next PC meeting will be held next TUESDAY (20th May) at 6pm in the staffroom. I hope that many of you can attend, and join in the discussions on how we can continue to improve our school.

MR GREENTREE ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE

On Monday, I will be taking Long Service leave for 3 weeks. During this time, Mrs Raiti and Mrs Leverett will be sharing the Principal role. If you have any issues or concerns, please speak with them. I look forward to seeing you all again on Friday 6th June. (Week 6).

Mark Greentree - Principal
Stewart House is a not-for-profit organisation which provides refuge for children who may need a break from their regular schooling or family circumstances.

Each year Stewart House looks after 1,800 public school children across NSW and the ACT. These children take part in a 12 day residential program at the organisation’s headquarters on Sydney’s northern beaches.

Stewart House relies on donations so this service can continue. Your donation towards this will help and will put you in the draw to possibly win a $4000 family holiday.

Please return the envelope, with your details completed and your $2 donation enclosed to the office by Friday 16th May 2014.

Clothing Donations are due back by Thursday 22nd May 2014

Too Sick For School?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Does Speaking Another Language at Home Confuse Children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

Headlice
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx

Mental Maths Strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Kinder to Year 2
To assist in the event of toileting accidents it would be appreciated if parents could keep a change of clothing, including socks and underwear, in your child’s bag. This will help to ensure your child is changed quickly as changes of clothing are not always available from the office.

Application For Opportunity Class In Year 5 In 2015
Parents seeking opportunity class placement (OC) for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16th May 2014. Students who are currently in Year 4 are eligible to apply for Year 5 entry in 2015.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 are able to apply online from Monday 28th April 2014 by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Printed application packages will be available in our school. Any enquiries regarding opportunity class school placement should be directed to Mrs Storkey.

K-2 – Every Wednesday commencing at 2.15pm

Date       Host Class
21st May 2V
28th May 2H
4th June 2M

3-6 – Every 2nd Thursday- Even Weeks commencing at 2.15pm

Date       Host Class
22nd May 5/6M
5th June 4/5J
19th June 4C
Classroom Chat with.....

Take a peek in 2H this week!

2H have been learning about the fundamental movement skills during physical education this semester. We have been working on our vertical jump, sprint run, catching and the two-handed strike. The students in 2H have also been writing lots of narratives! We are all so very creative with our ideas for writing. 2H are working towards successfully editing their work to meet our learning goals.

This term during HSIE, we are learning about the workers in our community and how they can help us. The students are enjoying discussing their knowledge about emergency services such as police, firefighters, doctors, dentists and paramedics. The students are fantastic at displaying their 5L’s of listening during class discussions. The girls and boys in 2H should be commended for all of their efforts so far this term. Well done 2H!

Term 2 with 3B

3B has come back relaxed and ready to learn this term and so far we haven’t had time to stop. Between excursions, new arrivals in our class, PSSA trials and NAPLAN we’re already ready for another little break.

In Week 1 we went to Fairfield Historical Village and Museum, exploring what life was like 100 years ago. We got to dress up, go to school and see a real blacksmith at work.

This week we’ve been completing our NAPLAN testing. We have all remembered our three rules of: a good night sleep, a good breakfast and not to stress. This has shown in our very grown up attitude to what can be a very scary and stressful time for year three students all around Australia.

PSSA Netball, Rugby League and Soccer start tomorrow and most of 3B is taking part in one of the sports. We can’t wait to show other schools our skills and hopefully won some games.
WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

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