A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

This week we have embarked on our annual school swimming program alongside Point Lonsdale Primary School. Our students have stood out as enthusiastic and mature children who are representing Queenscliff Primary School extremely well within the community. A big well done to everyone involved. This is also a timely opportunity to remind all families to ensure names are on belongings; jumpers, t-shirts, towels etc. The swimming program takes a lot of energy out of students so some extra ‘brain food’ might be needed. We will continue taking our fruit platter with us to the pool for increased energy.

Last week, students went on a fantastic Physical Education excursion. They enjoyed trampolining, indoor cricket/soccer and dodgeball. It was really good to invest in authentic hands on learning opportunities for not only core subjects, but also our specialist programs. As a school, we are extremely proud of the breadth of curriculum we are able to offer our students. Not many schools are able to provide Visual Art, Performing Arts, ICT, Japanese, Physical Education, Cooking/Gardening and Science on a weekly basis. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and generous group of specialist teachers at our little school.

As part of our Mathematics money investigations, our P-2 and 3-6 classes have focussed on budgeting, estimating, calculating and reflecting upon wise money choices. We went to Ocean Grove, after much student planning, to put our investigations into action. We are eagerly awaiting the results of which team have won the ‘Great Fruit Challenge’.

Our enrolments for next year are looking very pleasing to say the least. At this stage it looks as though we will be able to double our total school enrolments for 2017, from 2016. Of course, we are still welcoming any additional enrolments, so if you know of anyone who may be undecided or looking for a school change in 2017, then please put them in contact with us. The sooner we are able to finalise our numbers for next year, the sooner we can finalise our work force planning.

As you are aware, next Friday is our last day of Term 3. We will be finishing at our normal time of 3.00pm on the 16th.

Richard Buckingham

Principal
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week Seven
Jewel Allen—Skipping in PE
Jed Hutchins—Being a positive role model
Bailey Drummond—Being a positive role model
Sol Bowtell—Being a positive role model

Week Eight
Mitch Bowtell—Science
Inez De La Mer—Improvement in PE (Skipping)
Jason Zhang—Improvement in PE (Skipping)
Beau Broughton—Leadership in Mathematics

WHAT WE’VE BEEN UP TO
WEEK 31 – GIVING AND VOLUNTEERING

Wellbeing Element – Meaning and Purpose
Character Strength – Kindness

Nurturing in students the adopting of a sense of civic responsibility for the communities they live in is an essential element in their development as young citizens. Preadolescence and adolescence are times in which students’ primary focus is on their image and me, myself and I. Balancing their focus on themselves with proactive attitudes and opportunities to do something to help others, will build interdependent, reflective and collaborative habits in them. They don’t have to be big things to help others, but rather do them often.

Volunteering their time in assisting others to make the world a better place is a pursuit that will benefit their wellbeing. Raising their awareness and curiosity of volunteer organisations which devote their energies to helping others and then investigating them further is well worth pursuing. Encouraging students to look at how they can make a positive difference using their strengths will energise their efforts. Performing acts of kindness for others creates uplifting positive emotions for all of us.

While enduring volunteerism is seemingly on the ebb worldwide, encouraging students to think beyond their own needs will be character building for them and enable them to initiate positive behaviours.