General Information

From the Principal

Welcome to term three and what a cold start we have had. It is definitely time to drag out the winter long pants and jumpers for our students. As per our uniform policy, jumpers should be black, maroon or grey (Yr 7 only) and should not have hoods. Students are able to wear their own coats and scarves over their uniform but these are not worn as substitutes for jumpers.

This term we have some staff changes. Ms Zoe Evans has returned from maternity leave to resume her role as School Counsellor. Ms Woodland has won another Acting School Counsellor position, so Ms Julie Hughes will complete the year in room 11. Ms Virginia Adare has also won another position outside of the school and will be on leave for the remainder of the school year. Mrs Mel Warren will continue in room 2 full time for the rest of the school year.

I would also like to welcome our new students, Brayden, Kaylee, Jake, Jordan, Lara, Bailee, Dakota & Lauren.

Late last year I surveyed families about OSHC and Vacation Care after the closure of OSHC facilities at the Two Wells Community Children’s Centre. The results of the survey indicated families had access to alternative OSHC facilities but were more concerned about the lack of Vacation Care in the area. Vacation Care is run during school holidays, not during the school term.

As a result of this concern, Governing Council invited Happy Haven OHSC to discuss Vacation Care options for Two Wells. To establish a Vacation Care Program at Two Wells Primary School we need to ensure student numbers to sustain the program long term. Attached to this newsletter is a survey. Please fill out and return to the front office if you would be interested in using a Vacation Care program at the school.

We finished last term with Grandparent’s Day. It was a great success! We had a full gym of visitors for both the Junior Primary and Primary concerts. It was a pleasure meeting so many extended family members and receiving so many positive comments about our students and staff. I have to say that this year’s concert was particularly great, with very upbeat energetic performances from all classes. We were treated to a number of songs, dance routines, a quiz show, poetry etc. to take us on a trip down memory lane. Well done to all our students and teachers, your efforts were certainly appreciated by all. A big thank you to the volunteers who contributed their time on the day including the Parent and Friends, Steve and Maxine Cummins, Governing Council members and canteen.
Information regarding the importance of regular student attendance has been written about in previous newsletters. We know that a positive attitude and work ethic impact on student learning outcomes, but regular attendance is also a key contributor. By the end of term 1 this year we had a 94% attendance rate R-7. After looking at the attendance data for term 2 the attendance rate dropped to 90.1%. With families supporting students to attend school daily we may reach our target of a 95% attendance rate for the school year by the end of term 4.

The Junior Primary classes have introduced ‘Independence Day’ this term. This means that every Wednesday students in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 say goodbye to their parents/caregivers outside the classroom door so they come in by themselves, unpack their bags, set up their table and get ready for learning. At the end of the day, parents/caregivers are expected to stay outside until children are dismissed and exit the classroom doors by themselves. As the term progresses more independence days will be introduced. Please support this worthwhile initiative.

Book Week Parade will be held on the 28th August with the theme: Books light up our world. So make sure you start preparing now for your costume!

‘The greatest gift you can give your child is the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.’
Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown

From the Counsellor
Hello!! I am so excited to be back in the role of School Counsellor after being on maternity leave with my son Harry (who is extremely cute).
I have felt very welcomed from the lovely students in our school dropping in for visits and talking with me about some positive changes we will be making for the remainder of the 2015 and beyond.
As some of you would already be aware, I am a BIG believer in Student Wellbeing and safety! I have reintroduced a variety of wellbeing programs for students to access including, JP and Primary Boys’ Club, Girls’ Group, Girls’ Club and Chats. All of these will begin in coming weeks.
If you would like to discuss any issues your child may be experiencing or wish your child to speak with me, please drop by and make a time.
I am looking forward to a fantastic term 3!
Zoe Evans
Two Wells Primary School - Vacation Care Survey

Name of child/children and age:
__________________________  ____________________________  ___________________________
__________________________  ____________________________  ___________________________

Parents/Caregivers name: __________________________________________

Please tick the statements which apply to your child/children.

☐ My child/children currently use Vacation Care. Please indicate (circle) which service is used:

Two Wells Children’s Centre
Virginia Primary School Vac Care
Angle Vale Primary School Vac Care
Other ____________________________

☐ My child/children would move from their current Vacation Care provider to a Vacation Care Program at Two Wells Primary school if one was made available.

Please indicate how many days per week and the times your child/children would use Vacation Care.

Days per week __________ Drop off time __________ Pick up time __________

☐ My child/children DO NOT access Vacation Care at all but would use a Vacation Care Program at Two Wells Primary School.

Please indicate how many days per week and the times your child/children would use Vacation Care.

Days per week __________ Drop off time __________ Pick up time __________

Thank you