A small community where the students shine!

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General Notices

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Important Messages

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Could all Parents please check their children’s hair as there have been a few cases of head lice. If children’s hair is checked on a regular basis, we hope that this issue will be kept under control.

February

27th
District Athletics

March

12th
School Council AGM 3.45pm

27th
Whole School Photos

Foundation (Preps) attend school from 9.00am – 1.30pm until the end of February.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please read this newsletter, as it is an important communication between school and home

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the news this week.

**Our Amazing Prep Students**

On my visit to the Prep class this morning I was treated to a very happy and proud group of children who have been working so hard on sentence writing. Several of them read their sentences out to me and I was delighted to reward their incredible efforts with a gold Principal Award sticker. It is absolutely wonderful to see them so tuned in and engaged with their learning at such an early stage of the year. I am sure that they will all achieve very pleasing results throughout the year.

**School Council Elections**

That time of year has come around again so quickly. March is the time of School Council elections. We do have a parent and teacher position available this year, so if you would like to nominate to be part of the group please let me know. We have lots of work to do this year on updating policies so if you are inclined to enjoy that sort of task come and have a chat and I will explain the role and responsibilities of a position to you.

I wish you a happy and healthy week ahead.

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Principal

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**WHOOPS**  Mistake on date advertised .......  **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

School photographs will take place on **Thursday, 27th March**. Payment on the day is by filling out the **Credit Card Section** or with **cash** to the photographer. These are the only payment options. To avoid disappointment on the day, please note this date in your calendar and put the money aside in the coming weeks. The school does not handle payments and is unable to provide change for students on the day.
Thursday, last week a lady called Katie from the Commonwealth Bank shared with us a program called StartSmart. It is a wonderful way to earn and save money. First she discussed with us the 4 ways of earning pocket money. They are: Household Chores, Neighbourhood Jobs, Sell and Trade and Business. Katie knew a lot about how young people like us could earn and save money through the guidance and direction of our parents.

In this workshop, we learnt important financial literacy skills through a range of scenarios that relate directly to our daily lives. How can you earn money? What does it mean to earn money responsibly? How do you set a budget? What is interest? How do you compare prices when shopping?

Several ideas that were addressed include:

- different ways of earning an income
- saving money
- the uses of banks
- differences between a credit card and a debit card
- keeping financial records
- earning money responsibly
- setting personal financial goals
- what is interest?
- setting a budget
- comparing prices

This workshop ran for an hour and was sensational because we learnt that we can have a business, that there are various ways of earning pocket money, learnt how to save more money, that saving in the bank helps us in the long term and we can have what we dream of if we earn and save responsibly.

Grade 5/6s...2014

**Building Fantastic Friendship (BFF)**

**What does the BFF workshop looks like?**

This program is completely free of charge and is designed and run by Student Support Service Officers (SSSO) from the Department of Education.

This program provides us with the opportunity to build and develop skills in the areas of FRIENDSHIP AND BULLYING.

**WEEK 1: Personal Strengths and Teamwork**

**WEEK 2: Friendship and Communication**

Monday 3rd February, the grade 6s walked to the Multimedia room for the BFF Program. We met our two sensational SSSO teachers who conducted the session. Their names are Noasha and Nilusha.

We learnt about each other's emotions that involve going to high school. The two ladies helped us with all high school problems by giving us positive thoughts about high school such as making new friends while keeping our primary friends at the same time.

Next we talked about inside emotions which are positive. Noasha and Nilusha gave us a piece of paper and texts to write 3 of our inside emotions. We then talked about emotions we could improve on. The most common emotions that appeared in our group were being brave and being a bit calmer.

Monday 10th February, we had the second session and it was about Friendship and Communication. We brainstormed on two A3 paper "What good friendship is all about" such as being caring, respecting, trusting etc. Next we talked about "Healthy friendships and Unhealthy Friendships". We discovered that friendship is rich because it is really hard to find good friends. Friendship is special because it takes time to build on good ones. We are proud of our friends here at SCPS!

Grade 6s...2014.
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