Whole school swimming classes will be held in Term 4 this year. Wednesday 2nd November to Friday 11th November, 2016.

Form will be sent home next term. $80 per student.
Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the news this week.

Class Captains

Thank you to the parents who were able to find time in your busy schedule to attend our assembly on Monday to see our latest round of Class Captains be presented with their badges. Congratulations to all of those students who were nominated and voted on by their peers to attain these roles. It is a role that does hold a high level of responsibility in regard to the duties you will have to carry out and in the necessity for you to be an appropriate role model for other students across the school. This is an opportunity for you to grow and develop your personal responsibility and your leadership skills which will be of great benefit to you throughout your life. I look forward to working with you this term and wish you success as you carry out your role.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

It was lovely to see so many parents attending Interviews with class teachers on Tuesday and Wednesday. All teachers have expressed to me how much they too enjoyed chatting to parents about the achievements of the children. If you were unable to attend and you would like the opportunity of an interview please contact your child’s teacher to arrange a time to meet in person or to have a phone interview.

Parent Survey

Each year the Department of Education and Training (DET) send out a Parent Opinion Survey to a random sample of parents at each Government school. Today these surveys will be given to some students at our school to take home. If you receive this survey from your child, could you return it to the office by next Thursday 28th July, as they will be returned to the Department for analysis. The survey asks for your opinions and comments about what our school is providing in relation to academic programs, social skills, behaviour, extra-curricular activities and staff.

School Uniform

At a recent School Council meeting a decision was made to no longer stock and sell school uniform from school.

Commencing from Term 3, school uniform can be purchased from the supplier, Beleza School Uniforms

75 Wedgewood Drive,
Hallam.

Unfortunately items may be a little more expensive. However, all items and sizes should be available at the store.

Your understanding in making this decision is appreciated.

School Camp

It is not too many weeks until our years 3-6 school camp at Pioneer Settlement Swan Hill. This will be a wonderful camp for our students to attend with many exciting ‘hands on’ activities for them to experience. Please make every attempt to attend the Parent Information evening on Tuesday, 2nd August from 5.30 p.m. -6.30 p.m.

I wish you a happy and healthy week ahead.

Averil Nunn
Principal

Grade 3-6 Camp
Payments due by 22nd July, for those not fully paid
ALL PARENTS SHOULD READ THIS ARTICLE!

As most people are aware, Australia is a country that is surrounded by water which means that many of our summer activities are based around water. This also means that the number of deaths relating to drowning in water is higher than many other countries. Often families that don’t participate in water based activities (families that may not go to the beach or the local swimming pool) are the families that are at a higher risk. This is because your children might not participate in water based activities now, but as they grow up and become independent adults they may choose to go to the beach with their friends or take their children to the pool, and this is where problems occur.

If we continue to not give our children the opportunity to learn to swim, we are continuing on this cycle.

In Australia, in the past 10 years, 2,725 people have drowned. This year for the second year in a row the number of children drowning has increased and drowning in our country as a whole is up 12% on the 5 year average.

Males are four times more likely to drown than females, and of children aged 5-9 years of age more drowning occurs in spring. This is because swimming skills are not practiced over winter enough.

It is important to also understand that not all drowning occurs at the beach and through swimming. Last year’s drowning statistics show that 25% of drowning for children aged 5-9 occurred from the child falling into water and not having an ability to save themselves.

School Swimming is the most affordable way for your children to be given the opportunity to learn the basics of survival swimming.

Swimming as a sport is like no other sport. It increases lung capacity, is generally good for children who suffer asthma and is excellent for a child’s physical, social and emotional development.

There are currently studies underway which are proving that children who participate in formalized swimming lessons are more confident, have better language skills and appear to be more sociable and well developed than children who do not attend swimming lessons.

Most importantly, we all need to learn to swim because it is a life skill. Giving a child the gift of learning to swim is priceless.
Again we are endeavouring to raise funds for our school, by participating in this wonderful raffle organised by Scouts Victoria. A raffle book will be sent home with families. **If you do not wish to sell tickets please return the book immediately.**

For every $2 ticket sold, $1.50 will come back to the school. Great prizes and the top ticket seller will be eligible for a special prize. Please get ready to sell as many tickets as possible.

**1ST PRIZE**