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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Thursday 19th
December**

Reports sent home

Friday 20th December

Last day – 2.30pm finish

Wed 29th January 2014

*Term 1 commences for
students – grade 1-6*

**Thurs 30th January
2014**

Prep girls start

**Friday 31st January
2014**

Prep boys start

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Thank you to all members of our school community for such a productive year.

To our parents and extended family members who have supported; the further development of our Learning Community structures, School Council, PFA, camps, excursions, reading, fundraising, sporting events and community events.

To our students who have become learners who demonstrate support, independence, leadership and collaboration in their learning and their play.

To our staff who have worked diligently all year to provide a 21st century education program within structures of Learning Communities that promotes; use of ICT, collaboration, multi-age interactions, independent & group learning and develops responsible learners.

**I would like to wish all our families a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe New Year**

Cheryl Van Deursen - Principal

Message from a parent

'As a parent of a student leaving Grade 6 this year and my last child in primary school, I would like to thank the many teachers my child has had through the years and especially the wonderful Grade 6 teachers, who have done their utmost to prepare him for secondary school.

The effort and time these teachers have put into the many activities, camps, excursions etc. and the fantastic graduation they have just had is shown in the excitement you can see in the kids through the weeks leading up to them.

I hope that future parents and students will appreciate them just as much as I have.'



CURRICULUM NEWS

Well, here we are at the end of another year. It has been a busy, productive and very rewarding year. We have achieved so much across the school:

- Implementation of Investigations in Prep – Grade 2 learning spaces.
- Introduction of Writers' Notebook for Grades 3 – 6.
- Upgrading of Guided Reading resources and Take Home books.
- Review and update of Homework policy.
- Improvements to Buddy program between Prep and Senior students.
- Improvements to Student Leadership Development and program.

And all of this while still teaching formal Literacy and Numeracy, as well as all the other areas of the curriculum!

Congratulations to all of our students for their hard work and effort this year. It has been extremely rewarding to see so many of our students achieve their personal best – academically, socially and emotionally. I hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday. See you in 2014!

Di Fernand Assistant Principal



VICTORIA POLICE

COMMUNITY NEWS

A message from our local Police Station

The school holidays are fast approaching and the extended break over the Christmas period is an exciting and eagerly awaited time for all schools.

As exciting as it is, it is also a time when some young people engage in behaviour that not only impacts on themselves in a negative way but also the community as a whole.

Some of the issues over this period include:

- Theft offences at shopping centres (Shoplifting)
- Property damage offences around schools and other community locations
- Assaults at teenage parties that are often alcohol/drug related

The consequences of this type of criminal behaviour can involve a young person being arrested by police, interviewed and potentially ending up in the Children's Court. The resulting police/criminal record comes with long term disadvantage as future employment and even travel overseas may be affected.

Christmas also brings safety concerns for young people with some becoming victims of road trauma. Something as simple as wearing a helmet while riding a bike not only ensures you will not be fined by police (\$180) but also goes a long way to minimising injury if you are involved in a collision.

Casey Youth Resource Officers - 59910612



Thank-you to all the families and friends who have shopped at the Good Guys and earned donation credits to support our school.