PRINCIPAL’S PEN

10th September 2015

Week 9

The holidays are fast approaching and students across the school are busy with assessments and finishing assignments. Interim reports will be released to students on Friday of week ten and if parents would like to discuss their child’s progress they are encouraged to make an appointment with the teacher early next term.

On Wednesday, Lisa Kallquist, Roslyn Queitzsch and I attended a Corporate Finance, Facilities & HR workshop in Miles. This was a very informative workshop covering audit requirements and policies and procedures necessary for the effective running of the school. We were also reminded of our responsibility to ensure that all persons or community groups, wishing to use the school grounds or facilities out of school hours, have the appropriate permission from the school and have completed the necessary paperwork. We are not in any way discouraging individuals or community groups from using the school facilities, however appropriate authorisation must be granted to allow access to the grounds. Please contact the school office if you intend to use the school grounds.

Thank you to our crossing supervisors Nicki Mundell and Alayne Smith for giving up their time to demonstrate the correct procedure when using the school crossings. Nicki and Alayne were very impressed with the responsiveness of most students and they made special mention of Connor Fitzpatrick and Phoebe Lawardorn who participated fully in the session by asking appropriate questions. These students will receive a hot chocolate from I'MACAFE.

Finally, thank you to those who attended our P & C Meeting on Tuesday. It was great to see some new faces. We encourage all parents to attend our meetings and be actively involved in the decisions that are made to support student learning at our school.

Regards

Angela Heslin
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Week 9

Katie Bunker  
Jesse Hay  
Ainslie Lawson  
Krystal Newby  
Jordan Kuhl  
Reegan Hill  
Jennifer Sommers  
Lucinda Hay  
Rihanna Argus  
Jacob Lamb

**STARS OF READING**

Week 9

Cleo Lethbridge 200  
Gracie Bunker 125  
Jayden Newby 25  
Skye Lethbridge 100  
Mitchell Hay 50  
Shai Watson 25  
Barney Radel 100 & 200

**SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER**

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TERM 3 INTERIM REPORT CARDS
Each student will receive a Term 3 Interim Report Card. The purpose of the interim report is to “check-in” with parents concerning student progress regarding behaviour and effort in each subject. Academic results will not be finalised until the end of Semester 2, however parents are welcome to discuss individual assessment tasks with their child’s teacher. Learning goals and other progress data will also be provided on the interim report. Secondary students will be provided with a copy of their marked criteria sheet for each assessment task to take home for signing, so that parents are informed of student assessment progress continually and in a timely manner across the semester.

Secondary News

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Week 9
Nadine Hay
Ebony Robinson

WORK EXPERIENCE
All Year 10 students are completing their work experience placements next week. We wish them all the best as they venture into the world of work and explore their career options. Students have a Log Book they are required to complete detailing their daily experiences and reflections. This needs to be returned to school in Term 4.

SUBJECT LEARNING PLANS
Semester 2 Learning Plans for all secondary subjects are gradually being added to the school website. You can find these in the Documents Folder under the Support and Resources tab in Curriculum Folder.

HOSPITALITY STUDENTS NEXT ROMA TAFE VISIT
The Hospitality Students will visit Roma TAFE on Wednesday 21st October.
**Student Council News**

Weeks 9 & 10 School-wide Expectation – Kids Safety in Schools Week
Teachers will be looking for students who display these values:

- I am conscientious
- I make the right choice
- I take ownership

**Talk Like A Pirate Day – Friday 18th September 2015**

All students are invited to dress like a pirate on Friday, 18th September. A gold coin donation to the Student Council. Sausage sizzle big lunch $2.00 per sausage, no pre-ordering required.

**Sports News**

**South West Cricket Team**

Well done to all of the players who attended the South West Cricket trials on Friday. Congratulations to John Radel, Georgie Keating and Ally Graham who were selected in South West teams this year. We wish them all the best in their pursuit of excellence in cricket.

**SW Rugby League Gala Day**

Our School has been invited to be part of this Gala Day being held in Roma. Teams from Year 5/6 will be organised early next term.

**DETAILS:**

» Friday 6th November - 10.00am- 2.30pm
» Roma State College Middle Campus
» 9 a side (Tackle) - Years 5-6 age group.
STEUDENT UNIFORMS

The P&C have deliberated intensely about a new school uniform. A survey has been completed and there has been passionate debate from all corners and on the 9th of June after detailed discussion at the P&C meeting, the P&C confirmed the new school uniform dress code. A formal uniform was introduced to be worn on parade days, formal occasions and for school photographs and an everyday uniform policy was confirmed. At the meeting on the 8th of September a motion was moved, voted on and passed that it will not be compulsory for the formal uniform to be worn on Parade days (Monday). However, the formal uniform can be worn on any day at the discretion of parents.

As you can see below the formal uniform does not impose a huge change to the current primary uniform. The middle school formal uniform will provide an opportunity for senior students to be differentiated from the junior school and to enable the students to wear a formal uniform on special occasions. However, there was unanimous agreement that all girls be no longer permitted to wear football shorts.

The new uniform policy will take effect as of 2016. The P & C and school will be subsidising (20%) off the purchase of the first formal uniform for each student (this includes a new polo for primary school boys). To take advantage of this subsidy your order and payment must be received by the Office by Wednesday, 14th October 2015.

Formal Uniform

Primary Girls (Prep – Yr 6) – current $20 dress
Primary Boys (Prep – Yr 6) – current polo and long green shorts
Middle School Girls (Yr 7 – 10) – white shirt with check trims and green skorts
Middle School Boys (Yr 7 – 10) – white shirt and long green shorts
**Shoes are at the discretion of the parents – joggers or black shoes are both acceptable.**

Everyday Uniform

Girls (Prep – Yr 10) – polo shirt, long green shorts, skorts, skirts and dress. Girls cannot wear football shorts or short green stubbies. Shorter green shorts or football shorts can be worn to sports carnivals. Green tights are the only coloured tights to be worn in the winter. White socks to be worn with the uniform.

Boys (Prep – Yr 10) – polo shirt, long green shorts, stubbies and football shorts. The P&C will not be ordering anymore football shorts or short stubbies. White socks to be worn with the uniform.

Formal Uniform (Yr 7 – Yr 10)  Formal Uniform (Prep – Yr 6)  Everyday Uniform (Prep – Year 10)
Group 9 16\textsuperscript{th} September

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**Next P & C General Meeting to be held on Monday, 12\textsuperscript{th} October 2015 at 3.30pm in the school library – ALL WELCOME.**

**Please email Lisa Kallquist prior to the meeting with any agenda items.**  
[\texttt{lisa.kallquist3@bigpond.com}]

If you are not receiving the P & C minutes and you would like to, please contact Lisa Kallquist – [\texttt{lisa.kallquist3@bigpond.com}]

**TDDA – Dawson Splash & Dash Funathalon**

The TDDA would like to encourage students to form teams to take part in the Dawson Splash & Dash Funathalon to be held on Sunday, 27\textsuperscript{th} September 2015. Please refer to the attached information sheet and nomination form for further details.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING**

October 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd}

(JUST OCT 1ST IF NOT MORE PARTICIPANTS)

**PLACES AVAILABLE**

BOOKINGS IN BY 14\textsuperscript{TH} SEPT

CONTACT MAREE HEBBES 46270390

**JOINING TOGETHER – REACHING EXCELLENCE!**