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Looking forward to another wonderful fortnight….Bev
13th February, 2014

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

WORKING BEE
SATURDAY
22ND FEBRUARY

MEET TEACHER NIGHT
THURSDAY
27TH FEBRUARY

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
MONDAYS
2.45pm – 3.45pm

PARK POST
Next edition
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Next Assembly : 2.35pm Monday 17th February, 2014
WEDNESDAY HOT LUNCHES
Our next hot lunch will be:
ROAST LAMB on Wednesday 19th February, 2014 $2.00

Sherpa Kids - Out of School Hours Care
For further information or bookings please call: 1300 783 711 or complete an enrolment form at the school office.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):
Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 8th February 2014.

On campus Uniform Shop will be open:
MONDAYS 2.45PM—3.45PM

STUDENT SUPERVISION— Students are supervised in the school grounds 15 minutes before and after school. Any students not picked up by 3.35pm will be escorted to the Out of School Hours Care (art room) where they will be cared for until parents are able to collect them. Providing parents have registered for the childcare benefit, the cost for this service will be minimal and in some cases, free.

HATS
As we are a Sun Smart School hats are compulsory for this term. Students will be asked to play under cover during recess and lunch if they do not have a

WORKING BEE
SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 2014
Come along and help to tidy the school grounds. A great way to meet new friends in the school community. Light lunch provided.

Active After School Care
A.A.S.C. commenced on Monday 10th February, 2014
and runs on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays.
Please note there will be no A.A.S.C. on TUESDAYS.
Chaplain’s Chat

Hey everyone!

Hope your child/children have all settled into school now...Everyone is looking refreshed, happy and ready to learn in 2014!! It’s been great getting to know all new students, parents and staff. Feel free to catch up for a cuppa any time on a Wednesday or Thursday.

Over the next few weeks in my newsletter blurb, I will be doing a series on “Encouraging good behaviour in your children” (all information taken from Raising children network – The Australian parenting website). There are 15 tips in total, so here are the first 2...hope this is helpful and a source of encouragement in your parenting...

Children do as you do! Your child watches you to get clues on how to behave in the world. You are their role model, so use your own behaviour to guide. What you do is often more important than what you say. If you want your child to say “please” and “thank you”, say it yourself. If you don’t want your child to raise their voice, speak quietly and gently yourself. Treat others how you want to be treated.

Show your child how you feel! Tell your child honestly how his or her behaviour affects you. This will help your child see his or her own feelings in yours, like a mirror. This is called empathy. By the age of 3, children can show real empathy. When conveying your feelings, always start by using “I”, so you might say, “I’m feeling upset because there is so much noise, I can’t talk on the phone” or “I feel hurt when you say mean things to me”. Starting your sentences with “I” gives your child the chance to see things from your perspective and stops blame game.

Till next time...
Trish

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$25.00 for 40 mins. in Mt. Eliza
Every day counts – school attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early, as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

WEEK ENDING 31.01.2014

WEEK ENDING 07.02.2014