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Premiers Reading Challenge

As you are probably aware the 2017 PRC is up and running and all students have a large variety of books to choose from from each age category. So get reading and lose yourself to the world of imagination! Maybe if there are books on the challenge lists that we do not have you could join the Gloucester library and borrow from there also. When we visited the library a couple of weeks ago some students were unaware that there was a library in Gloucester.

Parent Information Session

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended the parent information session on the 15th. We hope you gained some insight into the use of SeeSaw and how it is used within the school learning environment and how you can access it also. Please download the app for access to SeeSaw.

Skoolbag App

Don't forget to download the Skoolbag App to your phone or device to get any updates and information from the school. It is a great way to keep informed of last minute updates or time changes.

Taronga Zoo Excursion

Attached to the newsletter is some initial information about our excursion in Term 4 to Taronga Zoo and Sydney. This note is an expression of interest and the request of a non-refundable deposit of \$20 per student. We have to make a deposit to the Zoo to confirm our booking. We know this will be a fantastic couple of days and a night for all students and hope all will be attending. School has very heavily subsidised the cost for all students from our RAM Funding to enable all families have their children attend. Please return your note and deposit first thing Term 2. Thank you.

School Uniform

Please remember that if you need any school uniforms for the coming cooler weather the P & C has a full stock of jumpers, shirts and hats.

Please be reminded that school uniform consists of pale blue polo shirt with school emblem, navy blue jumper with school emblem and wide brim navy blue hat. Shorts and long pants are navy blue and can be purchased by families that best suits them.

Please endeavour to make sure your children are wearing the correct uniform at all times. If for any reason your child does not have a uniform to wear (prolonged rain, unable to wash clothes etc) please send in a note to explain this. P & C stock uniforms and keep the retail price to just cover costs, they are not a fundraiser for the P & C in any way.

Thank you.

Easter Celebrations

We have decided to hold our end of term assembly on Tuesday 4th April this year to coincide with our Easter Hat Parade. We plan to start our activities at 12.30pm with our hat parade and the drawing of the P & C Raffle. Parents and Carers will then be invited to share a picnic lunch with their children before our end of term assembly which will start at 2pm. We hope you can join us on this day.

Easter Hats

Please start thinking of ideas for your Easter Hats/Bonnets this year. All students are asked to make/create their hats for the parade. Anything bright and colourful and Easter themed will be fine, you do not have to spend a fortune just let your imaginations take a hold and see what you can come up with. Please bring to school on the morning of Tuesday 4th April.

NAPLAN 2017

NAPLAN testing will take place on the 9th, 10th and 11th of May in 2017.

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Principal

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Dates to Remember

30th March: - Parent Teacher Interviews

3rd to 7th April: Year 10 Work Experience Student

4th April: Easter Hat Parade and Raffle. Picnic Lunch with students and Term Assembly. Start 12.30pm

7th April:- Last day of Term 1

24th April: Staff Development Day

25th April: ANZAC Day Public Holiday

26th April: Students return Term 2

ANZAC DAY Gloucester March

As is usual we are asking students who would like to represent their school and participate in the ANZAC Day march in Gloucester on Tuesday 25th April to please meet Mrs Hughes outside the RSL Soldiers Club at 10.20am in the morning to assemble for the march and then attend the service. Full school uniform is expected to be worn with the captains marching with the banner. We hope to see as many students there as possible.

Crazy Hair Day

Thank you to all families for helping our SRC and students raise funds for the Cancer Council for research into childhood leukaemia. We raised \$24 for the charity which Mrs Sansom will forward on to them. Good job everyone!



P & C News

P & C are asking for donations of Easter Eggs from all of our families for our Easter Raffle.

We would like to remind you that our P & C relies on your donations to keep our costs down and that all monies raised go directly back into the school to benefit our children.

All donations great or small would be appreciated.

Thank you to those families who have already contributed!

Please return all raffle tickets sold or unsold and money raised by Tuesday 4th April (first thing) for the drawing of the raffle later in the day. Thank you.

Thank you again to Brooke and Ashley for continuing to support our students with fun Food Fridays throughout the term. Good job ladies.



Useful reading tips

When your child is reading and encounters words that are difficult for them, use the Three Ps technique '[Pause](#), [Prompt](#), [Praise](#)' to support them.

Pause: when your child comes to a word they don't know, try not to jump in straight away. Wait and give your child time to work out the word.

Prompt: if your child successfully works out the problem word, suggest they go back to the beginning of the sentence and re-read it (to recap meaning) before reading on.

If your child has not worked out the problem word, prompt them with some quick, low-key suggestions. Say things like:

- "Try reading on for a sentence or two, miss out the difficult word and see if that helps you to work it out."
 - "Look at the sound the word begins with, use that clue, and think about what may make sense here? Look at the pictures."
- If prompts like these are not working, simply tell your child the correct word.

Try not to spend too much time prompting, as your child will find it difficult to maintain the overall meaning of what they are reading.

Praise: praise your child's reading efforts and successes.

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