Dear Parents,

**Swimming Scheme:**
Last week we sent home a note regarding the swimming lessons coming up. With only a week to go before lessons commence, we have only received 19 responses to participate.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to participate in swimming lessons at a very reasonable price and during school hours. We strongly encourage parents of students in K, 1, 2, 3 and 4 to take advantage of this opportunity to enhance their child’s water safety and swimming skills.

There are still places available and it is important for us to know how many students will be participating. So please send in your note as soon as you can, payment can be made by 17th November. If you are experiencing financial difficulties and would like your child to attend the swimming, please see me.

**Small Schools’ Opera House Choir:** Four of our students, Lilian, Maia, Georgia and Jemma have been selected, after auditioning, in the Opera House Small Schools’ Choir. They will be joining students from other small schools in rehearsals before their audition tape is forwarded to Sydney for consideration. If successful, the girls will travel to Sydney in Term 3 next year for a once in a lifetime opportunity to perform at the Sydney Opera House. Special thanks to Juanita Joseph for her wonderful support of our choir members.

**Survey Time:** Today, we are sending home this year’s school survey. Your input and feedback will help guide our plans for next year, so that we continue to meet the needs of our students and community. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it to school by 20th November. It is very important for us to get 100% feedback so that the results are a true reflection of our community’s thoughts and ideas.

To this end, Linda will tick your child/ren’s names off a class list on return of the survey and they will then receive a free ice block at our lunch assembly. This was a very successful strategy last year, and resulted in an outstanding return rate.

Have a great fortnight.

Regards,

Barry

**Visiting Mobile Library**
The mobile library comes to the school on a regular basis and community members are welcome to make use of this service. The dates are:
Nov 18 Dec 2, 16
**It is here between 2pm and 3:30pm**

**Assembly:** 2pm on designated Fridays
Year 5/6 Friday, 7th Nov
K/1 Friday, 21st Nov
Year 1/2 Friday 28th Nov

**Kindergarten Orientation Dates:** Our last Kindergarten Orientation session will be on Thursday 13th November from 9:15 to 1:15. Please make sure your little one bring morning tea, fruit, a drink bottle and a hat for outside play.
Wear Orange Wednesday: The SRC is supporting a fundraising activity for the SES called Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW). Students are asked to dress as their favourite emergency service person and bring a gold coin to donate towards this essential service of our local bushfire brigade. Our local bushfire brigade will bring their truck along and we hope to have a visit from the local police.

SRC Christmas Drive: To support farmers living in drought affected areas, our school is asking you for donations of non-perishable food items such as rice, pasta, tea, coffee, biscuits, cereals, jam, peanut butter, vegemite, pickles, tinned fruit, soups, tuna, salmon, etc, Christmas cakes and puddings, and toys for children of all ages. Please do not send chocolate (as it melts) or large packs of chips.

A box will be in the school foyer for you to place your donations. This food/toy drive will end on Friday 28th November. Ryan will then arrange for the donations to be taken to Eltham's Anne Thomson, who has for 20 years been leading the relief efforts for drought-stricken farmers. Thank you for your support.

SRC Bike Raffle: Our school photographer has very kindly donated a Raleigh BMX bike for the school to raffle. The SRC are getting the tickets ready and they will be sent home soon. Please do not feel you have to sell or purchase tickets. If you don't want to be involved, simply send the raffle book back to school.

SRC/Year 6 Fete: On Thursday 27th November, the SRC and Year 6 will be hosting a fete afternoon and there will be pizza lunch to order. A more detailed note will come home soon.


Michael Grose Parenting Ideas: please check out this wonderful resource through the News link on our school website.

Live Life Well – Which is healthier: fresh, frozen or canned vegetables?
Buying your fresh vegetables in season means they are at their peak nutritional value and at their cheapest. It’s important that they are fresh though, because as the time they are stored increases, their nutrients decrease.

Frozen vegetables have their nutrients locked in by the freezing process shortly after gathering, so they are a good option. Canned vegetables are a little less nutritious as the canning process affects heat sensitive vitamins, except for canned tomatoes where the antioxidants are made more available by the heat.

Whichever you use it’s great that you’re getting the important five serves a day for your family.

For more information, go to: [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)


Lunches available Monday and Friday only

**CANTEEN ROSTER:**
- 7/11, C. Nilon
- 10/11 HELP NEEDED PLEASE
- 11/11, J. Joseph
- 13/11, L. Vickers
- 14/11, S. Barnsley
- 17/11, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
- 18/11, L. Vickers
- 20/11, R. Smith
- 21/11, S. Robinson
- 24/11, H. Mulcahy
- 25/11, J. Joseph

**COOKING ROSTER:**
- 7/11, S. Robinson
- 10/11, T. Cook
- 11/11, S. Friske
- 13/11, L. McInerney
- 14/11, S. Barnsley
- 17/11, B. Youngberry
- 18/11, L. Vickers
- 20/11, R. Smith
- 21/11, S. Robinson
- 24/11, M. Ianna
- 25/11, B. Cox
CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

WORK OF THE WEEK - Week 3
Lexi, great exposition writing
Lily, excellent writing about our excursion
Kiera, excellent information report
Reid, subtraction superstar

Week 4
Tameka, awesome narrative writing
Imogen, beautiful still life drawing
Cohen, beautiful art work & information report
Bowen, amazing abstract piece

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Week 3
Zara, excellent manners on our excursion
Jayden F, being a super sleuth on the excursion
Stella, great work with volume and capacity
Padi, fantastic commitment to his literacy work

Week 4
Levi, always being kind, positive and supportive
Will Y, excellent work in Visual Arts
Tyrone, great commitment to literacy work
Stella, pleasing results in maths
Alec, being a great helper at Kinder Orientation
Annabelle, beautiful reading

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

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