Dear Parents and Families:

**HOUSE SPORT DAY:** Last Friday we had a fun and exciting day with the whole school participating in our House Sports Day.

1st Place - Green/Cresser = 1135 points  
2nd Place - Blue/Millers = 1096 points  
3rd Place - Yellow/Mason = 1042 points  
4th Place - Red/Blacksaw = 1038 points

Congratulations to everyone for their happy and healthy participation in such a wonderful, fun and exciting school calendar event.

Special thanks to everyone who dressed up, maybe next year we might have some parents come along in their original school house colours!!!

**CONCERT:** TONIGHT, 28th November, all students will be participating in our **ANNUAL GRAND SCHOOL CONCERT**.

Entry is by **pre-purchase and presentation of tickets only**.

Tomorrow morning, following the concert, we will be allowing students to have a late start to school. Students can arrive up until 10:30am, **no later please**. All staff will be on deck so parents will have the option to select a normal school day start or the later one at 10.30am.

**Important CONCERT reminders:** **NO photography is allowed as we have a company professionally recording the event and the contract we have with them does not permit others; other than an official school photographer, taking photos OR video.**

Stay seated during all performances, keep young children seated and remain in the hall until the program is completed. No early departures.

**ALL MOBILE PHONES TURNED OFF PLEASE.**

Students are to be with their class teachers 30 minutes before the start of their concert please:

- **4.45pm arrival for Junior students AND 7.15pm arrival for Senior students.**

This is always a calendar highlight and everyone is very excited. Chookas team.

**BREACKFAST CLUB:** Please be advised that the Breakfast Club Will NOT be taking place tomorrow morning, Friday 29th November.

**KITCHEN GARDENS:** Construction started last Saturday on our garden beds in earnest. A big thank you to Dan for undertaking the responsibility of working with our Saturday crew. The project will take time and we may organise a parent working bee to undertake some of the construction tasks. If you think you may be able to help, please drop by the office and leave details of your availability and I will work with everyone to plan the working bee.

**STUDENT REPORTS:** Staff are in the process of finalising student reports for Semester 2. These will be sent home on Friday the 13th December along with the student portfolios. This is a great opportunity for parents to sit down with their children and discuss their children’s successes and to then work out ways of how you might be able to support them with setting goals to address areas of need.

Parents are able to make appointments to meet with teachers to discuss report outcomes in the final week of school. Details will be in next week’s newsletter.

**END OF YEAR:** There is always a lot happening at this time of year so please always double check your children’s schoolbags for notes and newsletters. For instance: Have you made a donation to the Parents and Friends Christmas Hamper yet? Have you written on the home calendar the final assembly time and school dismissal time?

**Thought for the week:**

“Great teachers and parents empathize with children, respect them, and believe that each one has something special that can be built upon.”

Ann Lieberman.

Have a great week,

Brendan O’Brien, Principal
If you wish to buy school uniforms for the beginning of 2014 can you please put in an order, along with a 50% deposit, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This way it will be ready for you to collect on Tuesday 28th January between 12:30 - 2:30pm when the office is open. If you don't place an order now, we cannot guarantee stock will be available.

Annual K-Mart Wishing Tree: This is an ongoing fundraiser throughout the term. Children are asked to start donating some of their loose change towards the purchase of a gift to be placed under the K-Mart Wishing Tree. The gifts will be collected by the Salvation Army and distributed to families or individuals who may not receive a gift at Xmas.

It's that time of the year again where you need to return all books borrowed from the library in preparation for the New Year. If you have trouble finding overdue books, a good place to look is under your bed or on a bookcase with other books. Perhaps you could ask Mum or Dad to help you find school library books. Student borrowing has now closed for the year.

Currently, there was a poster competition for City West Water. On the 15th of September, the grade 3-6's completed different posters about saving and preserving water. Schools throughout the local area were also involved. There were three awards given. We placed 2nd (Kristen) and 3rd (Abby) out of all of the entries in the competition. Second prize was a $50 Myer voucher and Third prize was $25 Myer voucher. We were very proud of our work.

We would like to give a big congratulations to everyone who participated in the competition, everyone did a great job.

Kristen and Abby 5/6O

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER EARLY FINISH: Please be aware we will be having an early dismissal on the last day of school for 2013. A whole school assembly will be held at 12:30pm and all students will be dismissed at 1:00pm. The children will not be required to bring lunch to school on this day. Please contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 or visit www.campaustralia.com.au if you are unable to collect your child from school early on this last day for 2013.

Accounts will be sent home shortly to families who owe money to the canteen. Full payment of these accounts is due by Tuesday 10th December. Immediate payment is most appreciated. Thank you - Coral
HOUSE SPORTS DAY:
Friday 22nd November

BLACKSHAWS

CRESSER

MILLERS

MASON