Dear Parents and Families:

**RIDE to SCHOOL DAY:**
Tomorrow is ‘Ride to School Day’. This is a great opportunity for everyone to consider a healthy start to the day. I am positive you will feel all the better for making the effort. You can ride or walk in order to participate. All classroom teachers will be undertaking a classroom survey to determine how many students have participated. Our numbers will then be sent off to Bicycle Victoria to be aggregated for an across the State data collection. Join in, it will be fun!

**SOMERS CAMP REPORT:**
The sun is shining, everyone is happy, healthy and having a wonderful time. Miss Shiels has already had a swim, somehow I think the students at Somers subtly assisted her into the water. See photo in this newsletter.

**END OF TERM:**
Next Thursday, 28th March, is the last day of Term1.

This day will be an OUT OF UNIFORM day, with the request of a GOLD COIN DONATION in support of the Royal Children’s Hospital "Good Friday Appeal".

The RCH is a wonderful hospital that supports many in our community and deserves your support, no matter how small or large that may be. The RCH, Good Friday Appeal envelopes have also been distributed if you are happy to make a cash donation.

Students are still required to wear their ANPS Sunsmart Hats and also to dress accordingly to suit the weather. No sleeveless tops/dresses or unsuitable footwear such as thongs.

We will be having a 2pm assembly and students will be dismissed at 2:30pm for this last day of term. Please remember to make arrangements to have your children collected at this early dismissal time of 2:30pm.

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**PARENTS and FRIENDS:**
Our amazing band of helpers have continued their search for the Easter Bunny. They have not been successful in finding the bunny but they have certainly found a huge number of eggs and other bunny items which have been carefully bundled up into many Easter raffle prizes. Have you bought your tickets yet? Some families have, and have also been in to get second and third raffle books—sincere thanks.

The raffle will be drawn next Tuesday. You have to be in it to win it!

**Thought for the week:**
“Too often we give answers to remember rather than problems to solve”. Roger Lewin.

Well done Roger. This quote encapsulates the rudimentary essence of learning.

Stop and think for a moment about when you last gained ‘great’ satisfaction from undertaking a task. You may have been baking a recipe for the first time OR constructing something simple in the garage AND you came across a problem along the way. What did you do????

I guess you have two options: Solve the problem OR Stop. If you solved the problem I would hazard a guess that this gave you great satisfaction, a sense of achievement, a greater understanding of how things work and more. These are the rewards of learning. If you stopped, I am guessing you felt disappointment and still do.

The key to this is gaining a complete understanding of HOW you solved the problem???? Once understood you can apply it again and again etc. You have ‘learned’. Congratulations.

Have a Great Week,
Brendan O’Brien. Principal.

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**REMINDER:** Easter Raffle Draw - Tuesday 26th March.
Raffle Tickets & Money due back now.
Early Finish - End of Term - Thursday 28th March
Thank you to everyone who has donated goodies for our Easter Raffle and thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets. Many families have requested additional tickets to sell - your support is greatly appreciated.

All raffle tickets, sold and unsold are due to be returned to school by tomorrow, Friday 22nd March. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 26th March. Winners will be announced during the lunchtime eating break.

If you have lost/misplaced your tickets, please send a written note, signed by a Parent/Guardian to school immediately. It is a legal requirement that we account for every book of raffle tickets distributed.

**ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL “GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL”:**
The “Good Friday Appeal” will be held over the school holidays on Friday 29th March. As in previous years, we are asking for donations for the wonderful work that the Royal Children’s Hospital does for our children. Several of our students are currently receiving care and ongoing treatment, as well as accessing the Hospital’s wonderful services and facilities. Many of our families make use of the hospitals wonderful services and facilities.

Donation envelopes have been distributed and need to be returned by Wednesday 27th March.

Thank you for your generous support.

Social Service Committee.

**SPORTS REPORTS:**

**BAT TENNIS:** By Rashid
Last Friday, 15th March, the bat tennis team played against Williamstown Primary’s “Willy Gold” Team. It was a great match! Unfortunately we lost the match but everyone on our team played well.

**CRICKET:** By Rokia & Kaiesha
The scores for our match against Willy Gold last week were ANP 30 - Willy Gold 197.

Our best batters on the day were Muna, Kaiesha, Teresa, Milos, Ibby and Matthew. Our best bowlers were Ibby, Mohamed, Zack, Matthew and Ali.

We all had fun and we all enjoyed the match.

**THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM** at the “Young Leader’s Conference” at the Exhibition Building a couple of weeks ago.

From left to right:
Sophie, Karl, Jamele, Mustapha, Peggy, Bill, Billal, Kaiesha, Teresa and Ben.

**SOMERS CAMP:**
Miss Shiels along with Ali, Peggy, Mustapha, Mal and Abdul cooling off after a huge day of fun activities.