Dear Parents and Families:

PREP - GRADE 4 SWIMMING PROGRAM:  
Congratulations and thank you to all who have participated in this year’s swimming program.

I have received a number of parent concerns about the facilities at the pool over the last few days and I believe it is important for me to state a few facts regarding the program:

Yes the facility is old and in need of some improvements above the water line.

NO the water and pool quality is NOT unsafe. In actual fact the pool water quality EXCEEDS the treatment standards expected of pools.

Yes the quality of instruction is far better than we have experienced for some time and the pupil to instructor ratio is the best we have ever experienced.

This program provides your child with their best opportunity to learn to swim that is available to us at present.

Each year we look at a range of pools to get the best program and timing for the program to meet our student’s needs. We will continue to investigate various options for 2015 as we did leading into this year.

Please call if you want to discuss the matter further.

GRADE 5/6 BEACH PROGRAM:

The Beach Program for the 5/6 students starts next week on Monday 24th November. Over the last two years we have run the beach program to provide our senior students with a water safety experience that is more closely suited to their needs.

PREP 2014 INFORMATION SESSION:

Yesterday morning we had most of our new Prep families at school. Our staff ran a comprehensive session covering all aspects of school life. Thank you for your preparations. The team was headed by Mrs Paterson and Mrs Blunt and supported by Mr Davies, Mrs Gregson, Bev, Katey, Wendy, Nicole from Camp Australia, Peta from YAMAHA, Mary and also a number of grade six students.

It was nice to catch up, answer questions and meet our new Prep students as well as their parents. We are certainly looking forward to joining you in an educational partnership over the next seven years.
Thank you to everyone for supporting our sausage sizzle on Monday of this week. Lyn (Em) and Kylie (Hayley, Hope & Jack), cooked over 200 sausages! Ali (Noah), Yvette (Aedan), Annie (Aayan & Areeba) & Samira (Edmond & Elisa) packed over 140 orders! We raised almost $340 from this day.

Don’t forget we are selling tickets to the Mattel Toy Store. Order forms available in the corridor behind the front office.

Thank you to Trish (Seb) for all the wonderful donations which will be used in our Christmas Raffle. If you would like to make a donation of non-perishable items for this raffle, please leave it at the front office.

On Saturday 29th November our choir will be performing at the Williamstown Church of Christ Craft Market. They go on stage at 10.00 am. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun at the Craft Market, on the Corner of John St and Douglas Parade, Williamstown.

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.

Payment advice was sent home to all families yesterday regarding the costs involved with the 2015 Essential Educational Supplies.

School Council has determined the cost to be $170 per child for the 2015 school year.

These supplies will be purchased by the school, through a supplier, in individual packs for each student and contain items to meet the school’s specific criteria.

Please ensure you read this information thoroughly as there are several payment options.

Payment made by Wednesday 15th December will entitle you to a $5 discount.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER REGARDING THE CESATION OF EMA.

If you are viewing this newsletter electronically, please download EES 2015 & Family Assistance documents from the Important Items section on our website’s home page.

Please speak with our office staff if you have any questions regarding 2015 EES.

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Check out the Al-Mo’s website and keep supporting the Al-Mo’s à moteam.co/al-mo-s

DON'T MISS OUT!

Seating is currently being allocated and tickets will be sent home with children the week prior to the concert.

If you have not already ordered your tickets, please do so immediately as we will NOT be selling tickets on the evening. Entry is by pre-purchase and presentation of tickets only.

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And the winners were
BLACKSHAWS (Red House)