Dear Parents and Families:

Here we are getting closer to the end of term with so much still to do. Please look for your child’s report and portfolios tomorrow as they will be handed out to bring home for you to look at prior to Parent Teacher Interviews.

**CURRICULUM PLANNING WEEK:** We have had a very productive Planning Week this week, with teachers planning ahead for Term 3. It is exciting to hear the enthusiasm in the teachers’ voices as they discuss the planning for our students’ learning. We have wonderful teachers who are in tune with how each of their students learn best and what engages them to provide a meaningful and challenging curriculum. Well done teachers!!!

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:** Parent/Teacher Interviews are on Wednesday 22nd June. Interviews for 3/4K, 3/4S and 5/6R will be held at later dates as explained in notes sent home to families in those grades. Confirmed appointment times have been sent home with all students - please make sure you check your child’s school bag. This is a valuable time for both yourself and the teachers to share knowledge about your child and find out more about their learning. Please inform us if you would like an interpreter for your interview.

**LAST DAY OF TERM:** Friday 24th June is the last day of term. We will be celebrating the end of term with a performance from our Kid’s Thrive Team. We will start the day with a morning assembly, so come along and see the fantastic work our 1/2 Unit should be very proud of themselves. Make sure you come along and hear our students’ “voice” regarding our school communities multiculturalism. You will be surprised at the depth of thought that has gone into their song. Our assembly will start at 8:45am in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please remember all students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2pm. Morning tea and lunch breaks will be held at alternate times to accommodate the early finish.

**PREP SWIMMING:** How lucky are we to have Life Saving Victoria sponsor our Prep students with this fantastic program - they have granted us 7 free swimming lessons to help our prep students to be safer in the water. They all went off on Tuesday bubbling with excitement, swimming bags over their shoulders and came back very quiet and tired after their big swim. We would like to thank Blair from Life Saving Victoria for his support and organisation in making this possible for our Preps.

**5/6 IMMIGRATION EXCURSION:** I have spoken with many of the 5/6 students who were most impressed with the Immigration Museum last week. What a wonderful opportunity for our students to look at where people have immigrated to and from and how and why they immigrated, to build our rich multicultural community. I look forward to seeing and hearing more about the 5/6’s enquiry unit of work.

**PARENTAL DETAILS:** Having up-to-date records relating to current Family Occupations is vital for our future funding and the ability to maintain our quality teaching and learning practices. A form was sent home with every child this week and we are asking ALL families to fill this in and return it to school ASAP so we can update our records. If you have any questions about this form, please contact the office.

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I hope everyone has a happy and safe weekend and let’s hope this sun continues.
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Robyn Gregson

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LAST DAY OF TERM 2
The end of term is fast approaching with just over a week left. The last day will be an out of uniform day with a gold coin donation. All money raised on the day will be donated to State School’s Relief - who do fantastic work providing uniform items to disadvantaged families. An assembly will be held at 8:45am in the hall everyone is welcome to attend. All students will be dismissed from their classroom at 2:00pm.

What’s Cooking in Term 3 at the Canteen??

Monday: Cheesey Baked Bean Jaffles
Tuesday: Tabouleh
Thursday: Pear and Treacle Cake and Pear Slice
Friday: Soup of the Day and Garlic Bread