Hello everyone,

Mana-Nui, Lexy, Joey, Ebony and Claire enjoying lunch

Today I had lunch with a group of children who always show respect in our school community. It was great to share a meal with them and acknowledge their contribution to our school. So, congratulations Mana-Nui and Lexy from Foundation, Joey and Claire from 1/2, Faaasu and Zakk from 3/4 and Ebony from 5/6 for being fantastic role models to all in our school. Unfortunately, Faaasu and Zakk were away but will catch up next time.

Next fortnight, we will acknowledge children who have shown compassion in our school community.

School Wide Positive Behaviours (SWPBs)

This week, we are focussing on the behaviour “I care for others” from our SWPBs matrix. This means that as people of God, we try our best to care for and look out for others in our school community. We talk positively about and to each other. We include others in our games and work. We help those who need our help. It will be great to see lots of children showing care for others in our school.

Fee Statements

Fee Statements have been emailed to those who receive emails. For others, Fee Statements have been posted. There are a number of ways to pay including Centrepay, Direct Debit, EFTPOS and cash.

I will be catching up with those who have outstanding balances and are not paying on a regular basis in the next week or so.

Please let us know if you have not received your statement.

Thanks,

Rod Sims
Principal
Dear Parents and Carers,

I have often shared with you how indeed fortunate we are to have such a dedicated staff, both teaching and non-teaching. They are focussed on the good of the children. And, I know they go above and beyond what is normally expected of them.

These are not just words. I believe this to be the truth.

What I need to constantly remind you is that you, as parents and carers, are expected to work with staff members for the good of your children. That is what enrolling them at School means. This includes the example set, particularly the language used, both at home and at School.

We have our four Gospel values: respect, justice, compassion and service. No effort is spared to help children live by them. But all this falls apart if there is not the same set of principles upheld at home.

As parents and carers, as responsible adults, you are well aware of the need to check things out first. There usually is a very good reason why a staff member responded in a particular way. A sense of partnership between parents and carers and staff is the ideal we persistently strive for. Naturally, a commitment to our Gospel values is necessary so that this partnership can evolve.

Where do we go from here? It pains me to see staff members being spoken to disrespectfully. I suggest parents and carers, especially in their language, need to make that constant effort to show respect to staff. This will have a positive impact on children: it is bound to bring out more of the good that lies within them.

Fr Ray

SPORTS NEWS!

REGINAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Sebastian for making it into the under 12 hurdles at the Geelong Regional Athletics Carnival. Unfortunately he was unable to compete on the day due to the weather. It started raining just before he was to run his heat and the whole event was then cancelled due to the raising river.

GRADE 3/4 NETBALL & BASKETBALL COMPETITION

On Friday 28th October a grade 3/4 netball and basketball team will be competing against other schools in a round robin competition at the Netball & Basketball Centre, Crown St South Geelong. They have been practising at lunchtime since last term with the help of some grade 5 and 6 students. We wish them all the best in the competition. All parents are welcome to come and cheer on our team.

T20 BLAST CRICKET COMPETITION

On Tuesday 18th November a group of grade 5&6 girls and boys will join with St Francis Xavier to form cricket teams. They will compete against other schools in a round robin competition at South Barwon Ovals, Reynolds Rd Belmont. They have been practising on Thursday morning before school.

WANTED:

Lemons for fete. Donna (Blake - 3/4) is making her world famous lemon curd and needs lemons. If your tree is drooping with lemons, please send some our way.

Old uniforms, especially shorts, pants, dresses and polo shirts! We always need them for those times when we have accidents or encounters with muddy ground!

The North’s Great Fete has its own website:


Have a look and join in the fun!