Our Value this fortnight are all values

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Midyear Reports

Teachers have been working solidly at preparing our midyear reports. Lengthy professional discussions have taken place around the moderation process. This process is undertaken with the greatest care and attention and involves many hours of teamwork amongst teachers. After assessment has been concluded teachers meet to moderate work samples to ensure that the A to E grades that your child receives are consistent with our students in the same grade in other classes. This ensures that an A grade in one class looks like an A grade in another. It is important to remember that these grades have a different meaning than what they did when we went to school. Every state and territory in Australia uses a five point scale to award grades to students and it is closely linked to our achievement standards in our curriculum.

Today a 'C' grade is what we expect students in a year group to achieve at the end of the year. It is an end of year outcome. A 'C' result is a good result. Obviously the other grades have different meanings.

- A - If your child receives an A grade result it means that they are working well above the anticipated level for their cohort. At this level they would be provided with extension activities in class. An 'A' is an outstanding result.
- B - Accordingly a 'B' grade means they are working above their cohort at a level higher than is expected for their year group. At this level students would also be given extension activities in class.
- D - Accordingly the award of a 'D' grade means that your child is not yet working at their expected year level. They may require assistance to consolidate their understanding or skills. In older students it can sometimes mean that they are not applying themselves to their studies and that very little work is being produced for teachers to assess.
- E - When a student receives an 'E' grade it means that they are just beginning to develop their skills and understanding in an area. Students at 'E' level require extra assistance to make academic gain.

My key message to you at this time of reporting is that a 'C' is a good result - especially for a midyear report. Please ensure you make an appointment with your child's teacher during interview week where any questions or concerns can be answered. I would encourage you to celebrate your child's success and gains in whatever areas they are achieving.

Reports will be distributed on Thursday and parent teacher interviews will be on Tuesday 5th August, at the time arranged with your child’s teacher. Kindergarten students do not receive an 'A-E' report but a written school report and PIPs reports in February and November.

Margaret Taylor
Deputy Principal
Walkathon/Bikeathon
Well done to our students on their commendable behaviour and the terrific effort they exerted during the walkathon/bikeathon, either walking or riding. The walkathon/bikeathon prize assembly is on Friday 4th July.

First Aid and Sick Bay
At this time of year there are a number of children with coughs, colds and stomach bugs etc. If you suspect your child is sick in the morning please do not send them to school as they spread the virus to staff and other students. Our sick bay is not able to cope with overwhelming numbers of children who need to rest or sleep, this area is allocated for first aid only.

Preschool Enrolments for 2015
Preschool enrolments have commenced for 2015, online enrolments are being accepted. Birth certificates and immunisation records will need to be sighted/copied as supporting documents to your application for enrolment. Proof of residency is also required for all enrolments in and out of area. Letters of placement offers will be sent home when an enrolment has been accepted. All students who live in the priority enrolment area or have siblings already attending this school are guaranteed a placement.

Preschool sessions for 2015 are as follows: Monday, Tuesday (9am-3pm), Wednesday (9am-12noon)

Car Parking
For any parents new to the school and to all existing car travelers, our car parking arrangements are as follows. There is a set down/pick up section which is for very short term use only. Please don’t leave your car unattended while parked here. Buses regularly require this space and if parents have parked there it becomes a major safety issue and logistical nightmare.

DO NOT PARK IN DESIGNATED RESERVED CARPARKS AT ANY TIME, these are reserved only for Dept of Education staff who may be arriving/returning to the school at different times during the day. In the afternoon, please DO NOT PARK AT THE END OF THE PATHWAY ENTRANCE, where there is yellow paint marking on the kerb, as this is designated for After School Care to collect children.

Parking is available on Sternberg Crescent on the kerb closest to the school but not on the opposite side. This is noted with parking signs. An overflow carpark is also available located adjacent to the school near the ovals. We ask that you maintain a very slow speed when driving through the car park please.

Canteen News
Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to keeping our canteen open. Please continue to donate ingredients and be aware that a board outside the front office displays products required. This is updated on a weekly basis. Also, be reminded that the canteen is closed on Mondays.

School Banking
School Banking is held in the library every Friday morning from 8.45am. Any student with a Commonwealth Bank account is welcome to come and deposit money. You can open an account at any Commonwealth Bank branch and then continue to make deposits at the school. Our school P & C receives a commission based on deposits received.

Sibling Photos
As a fundraiser for the school, The Portrait Gallery has taken sibling photos again this year and they are available from the front office for $5.00

Kinder – Year 6 Disco
When: Thursday 3rd July Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm Venue: Junior Campus Hall
Cost: $5 per student $10 per family Lucky Door Prizes to be won!!!
Any parent who can assist selling food and drink in the canteen would be most welcome. Students should arrive no earlier than 6.20pm and be collected by an adult at 8.30pm. The canteen will be open during the disco event. Younger children may be picked up earlier to avoid becoming overtired. SRC will be selling flashing glow products from $2 - $4.
Swim & Survive Program 2014

Enrolment and participation in the Swim and Survive Program is available for your child. The program caters to all swimming abilities – the early levels provide opportunities to build confidence and respect for the water, whilst the higher levels prepare your child for the increased complexity of their relationship with aquatic environments, including survival and rescue skills. The aim of the program is to improve your child’s ability to be safe in and around water, and to maintain a sound knowledge of water awareness, therefore aiming to reduce the rate of aquatic related incidents.
The Swim & Survive Program, offered to Years K – 3, will run in Term 3, 25th August – 5th September, at The Active Leisure Centre, Erindale.

All notes and money must be returned to the front office by Monday 4th August, 2014.

Pencil Case Refills
It is an ideal time during school holidays to check your child’s pencil case and restock with any items that need to be replenished for the beginning of the new term. Pencils, glue sticks and other items will have been well utilised by now and may need replacing.

Pre-loved School Uniforms Needed
School uniform items are required to replenish clothing used for accidental situations in sick bay. If you have any school clothing (small sizes in particular) in good, clean condition that your children have grown out of, please send them to the front office.

P & C News

Wanniassa School Fair
The 2014 Wanniassa School Fair has been scheduled for Sunday 30 November 11am – 3pm.
This is a great opportunity for the whole school, Preschool to Year 10, to get together and raise some funds and have a lot of fun. There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved – from helping to co-ordinate the event, working a stall, through to volunteering for a couple of hours on the day.
If you are interested in joining the Fair Committee please contact the Fair Convenor Rebecca Logue on 0413 156 564 or gtservices@iimetro.com.au for further details.

A Message from the Minister

Parental Engagement A Priority
During Public Education Week at the end of May, it was very good to see the achievements of our students, schools, teachers, and staff showcased and celebrated. On show were so many examples of where you and your communities are actively involved with your children’s schools; through different activities and programs.
I will continue to focus on putting children, parents, carers and communities at the centre of our education system and will be looking at further ways of communicating the values of the public education system.
For example, the online enrolment system has simplified processes for parents and carers, and we have also launched the ‘Parents and Students At The Centre’ page on our website, which features stories of parent-school engagement, including one about how ACT public schools are increasingly using Facebook and Twitter to enable parents and the community engage and stay up to date on their activities and achievements.
Other initiatives include the ‘Fresh Tastes’ program which encourages learning about nutrition and healthy food and drink choices in schools and we have also launched a series of fact sheets for parents and carers of gifted and talented students.
I also recently launched the ‘100 Stories: Celebrating public education in Canberra’ book which features fascinating stories of people who have influenced, or have been influenced by our public education system.
Have a great run-up to the end of term and stay warm!
‘100 Stories: Celebrating public education in Canberra’ can be viewed online at www.det.act.gov.au
Joy Burch MLA
Minister for Education and Training
Police Appeal For Vigilance Over School Holidays

ACT Policing will be increasing pro-active patrols around schools during the holidays, but we are also asking you, the community, to assist us in ensuring our schools remain secure. Anyone who observes anti-social behaviour or suspicious activity around schools is urged to report this to police immediately on 131444. This includes suspicious persons or vehicles seen at odd hours of the night, and any signs of potential criminal activity such as the sound of breaking glass, spray cans or electrical equipment being used at odd hours. By working together with police you can help to ensure that our schools remain secure over the holidays.

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