Principal’s News

Assembly
Our term one assembly and induction of student leaders will be held this Friday, March 4th at 1:30pm in the BER Building. We are pleased that Dr. Sharman Stone MP, Federal Member for Murray will be in attendance for this presentation. We would love to see as many parents and friends of the college come along to this assembly as it is a time to celebrate with us the achievements of our talented students.

Farewell
This week we sadly farewell two of our families who are moving from the Pyramid Hill area. John, Ed and Margarette Caburnay and Mary Joy Estrella have all been terrific students and a great asset to our school. Whilst we are very sad they are leaving, we wish them and their parents every success for the future and hope that they keep in touch with us.

SRC Fundraiser
Thank you to all our students and staff who generously donated to the SRC Casual/Fundraising day last Friday. A total of $120 was raised for the ‘Pinchbeck’ family. For those who may not be aware Jenny Pinchbeck nee Hume is a former student (1996-2006) and on Christmas Eve last year her husband was tragically killed leaving behind a young son and Jenny (who is expecting the couple’s second child). If any community member would like to add to this amount please contact June. Our appeal will be finalised on the 30th March. Our thoughts are with the Pinchbeck family at this very sad time and I am sure our fundraising efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Bunnings “Buddy Seat”
Tomorrow at 10:15am staff from Bunnings, Epsom will be presenting our Junior students with a “Buddy Bench”. The “Buddy Bench” is a seat in the playground where children feeling lonely can go and sit, to remind other schoolkids that they would like a friend's company. Following this our Year 2, 3 & 4 students will participate in a “Sustainability” workshop lead by Bunnings staff. We thank Bunnings, Epsom for their generous donation.

Funds available for Parents

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund
for parents who hold a Health Care Card or Concession Card (current as at 27/1/2016.)

The annual CSEF per student: $125 for primary students $225 for secondary students
Application forms available from the office.
Funds are held at the school and can only be used for Camps/Excursions.

Drought Assistance Payment
Available for every student in the school - NO Health Care Card required.
$375 per student - to be used for any expenses for students, eg uniform, Home Eco (take the stress out of finding that elusive change each week and pay per term or for the whole year), also can be used for camps, excursions, music etc.

Still some families to return one or both forms please.
**Year P-6 News**

**Students of the Week**

**Sammi Moon** - for always staying on task and trying her best.

**Adam Douglass** - for his bravery when he was hurt and doing the right thing.

**Margarette Caburnay** - for her positive attitude - we will miss her.

**Cecily Farrar** - for her kind caring and helpful attitude towards others - a great helper to our new preps.

**Swimming Program**

The swimming program concluded last week with lunch and a swimming afternoon which was fun for all. Certificates will be presented to students at the Assembly on Friday, 4th March. Please come along. Thank you to Kim, Rachel, Robyn, Casey, Tammy and Penny, who have given up their time to help out with the swimming program. It is most appreciated.

**Loddon Shire Excursion to Ulumbarra Theatre**

The Loddon Shire has funded the P-4 students on an excursion to Bendigo on Thursday, 17th March to see “52 Storey Tree House” at the Ulumbarra Theatre. Students will leave school at 9 am and spend the morning at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre in Eaglehawk with morning tea and lunch provided, then go on to the performance in the afternoon. There will be no cost. Permission forms will be sent home next week.

**Teddy Bear’s Picnic**

Please note the date has changed to Tuesday, 22nd March. Please make sure your Teddy Bear knows!

**It’s Not OK to be Away!**

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**Year 7-10 News**

**Tasmania Trip Instalment**

Remember that if you wish to use the Drought or CSEF money, please let June know.

**Year 7/8 Bonding Camp/Duke of Ed**

Please return medical forms, together with the required payment. If you wish to use the CSEF or Drought Assistance funds, please let June Know.

**Diary Dates**

21-23 March - Year 7/8 Bonding Camp-Yr 9/10 Duke of Ed Camp

Mrs L Talbot
7-10 Neighbourhood Leader

**Valuable Items/Payments**

Students are reminded that valuable equipment and personal goods brought to school is at their own risk. Money should be handed to the office at the start of the day and not given to teachers. The Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold any insurance for personal property brought to schools and will generally not pay for any loss or damage of such property. Schools cannot accept this responsibility either.

**SRC Casual Day**

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Casual Day to raise funds for Jenny Pinchbeck - so far, $110 has been raised.

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**Head Lice**

Please keep checking your children’s hair and make sure that long hair is tied back for school.