LEARNING FOR LIFE

What’s happening with detentions?
As you would know from our previous newsletters, we have been getting tough on behaviour this term. Our students are well aware of the expectations in our school, and are constantly reminded of these. Some students continue to make the wrong choice and so we have decided to enforce the rules we have in place for the safety and respect of all students, teachers and parents. This has resulted in a much calmer playground with far less issues or injuries. We have not had the significant increase in detentions that we expected, although some students repeat a behaviour a few times before realising the consequences are real. In our Policy, we also give students the opportunity to improve their behaviour and receive all the benefits, including the BBQ at the end of term. This means any student who shows improvement can attend PSSA, excursions and other special things happening in the school. But the choice is theirs.

What’s happening with the trees?
We have recently had the trees in our playground assessed in terms of safety. The report is due this week and then I will contact an arborist who will do the work to make the playground safe for all the students. I will keep you informed about where we are with this.

NAPLAN
This week our students sat for the NAPLAN tests. The tests were held over three days and all of our students in Years 3 and 5 sat for the tests. The results of the tests will be available later this year. Results are sent to the school and parents. I will advise when results are available.
Expectations - Safe

Most of our expectations are about keeping ourselves and others safe. Running on asphalt areas can lead to serious accidents. Not wearing a hat is a sun safety issue. A student who thinks it’s OK to leave a classroom because they don’t agree with something a teacher says puts themselves in an unsafe situation as they are unsupervised. Students who chose not to do as they are asked or who leave a room are being defiant. But as we say to you all, it’s your choice. But your choice also chooses the consequences.

Winter PSSA

This year there have been some changes to winter PSSA sport. Touch football is no longer being offered as a PSSA sport this year. Our school has decided to participate in a modified version of Rugby League which is supported by the NRL who offer coaches and referees. This is a modified version, but still a contact sport. A note will go home today asking parents if they give permission for their child to participate in this sport. Please read the information carefully and return the note to Mr Dulaurens. Netball is still offered for our girls and will be coached by Mrs Smeets.

P&C Meeting

Unfortunately our last P&C meeting could not go ahead as numbers were low and I had to go home sick. We are now rescheduling our meeting for next Tuesday, 20 May at 2:00pm. We hope to see you all there.

Hints on staying healthy at school

- Get your child to help pack their lunch box so they are more likely to eat what’s in it.
- Try to include protein in your child’s lunch box to keep them full and energetic.
- Exercise is vital in helping manage weight, keeping muscles strong, helping their hearts and lungs develop, and improving their hand-eye coordination.
- Wash your hands regularly to avoid germs.
- Cough into your elbow, not your hands.
- The healthiest drink options for kids are water and milk.
- Look after your child’s emotional health too – try not to overschedule them, having some ‘down time’ is important too.
- The more sleep we can get into our children, the better rested they’re going to be, the better they’re going to be able to concentrate and learn.
Awards
Just a reminder that to receive a bronze award you need 5 merit awards, a silver is 5 bronze and a gold is 5 silver. At times I get a collection of different levels of awards handed in, for example 3 merits and 2 bronze - these I give back with an explanation so the students remember next time. I know it can be confusing but I’ll always explain.

Assembly
Well done 5/6K on your beautiful performance of signing ‘ROAR’.

This week’s award winners were:

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Have a good week
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