Dear Parents / Caregivers,

**Camp:**
I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our teaching staff in regards to the preparation before, during and follow up after camp. Camps are not successful without many hours of planning and behind the scenes organisation. I am sure you will agree, this hard work has resulted in a fantastic learning opportunity for our students. I would also like to congratulate the students on their excellent behaviour and great manners while on camp. It ensured the event was an enjoyable experience for all.

There are still some items of clothing at school. Bronte is missing a size 6 shirt and size 4 navy pants. Please look through the clothing that your child has at home to ensure that it is theirs.

**NAPLAN:**
Congratulations to Martique, Jayde and Kiri who have completed NAPLAN this week. It is often a daunting time for students, however the girls have handled the testing period with maturity. NAPLAN is one test that is used to inform us of students’ strengths and areas for development. The results from the test is used in conjunction with the other forms of assessment we collect throughout the year to help inform our teaching and learning program.

**Australian Early Development Census:**
Our Reception students have been invited to be involved in the Australian Early Development Census. Information has been sent home to parents of students in Reception. Please see me if you have any questions about this.

**Absence:**
Please continue to write notes in Communication books / Diaries if you know your child/ren are going to be absent. At times when absence is not planned, we would really appreciate a phone call or text in the morning to let us know that they will not be at school. Please include the reason in your message. Eg: Family, Illness etc.

**Training and Development:**
I have a busy week coming up next week… Ann Baker maths in Adelaide on Monday, Young Environmental Leaders Day with the Year 6 students on Wednesday and a Partnerships meeting in Clare on Friday. Training and Development is an important part of our learning environment, as professional staff, we need to attend training and keep up to date with the latest research and pedagogy so we can ensure we are delivering a quality program that is inclusive of all of our learners. Should you need to catch up with me at any stage next week and I am not on site, please let Sonya know and I will contact you at my earliest convenience. Thank you for your understanding.

**Up and Coming events:**
Please keep an eye on our calendar so that you are aware of what is happening this term.
Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 22nd May.
Please meet us at the town playground at 8:45am. We will walk to school together. Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for some of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Source: http://www.walk.com.au

National Simultaneous Story time: Wednesday 27th May.
The 2015 National Simultaneous Story time book is: The Brothers Quibble. Staff will read the story to the students for this event.

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 15th successful year it aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book. It is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

National Simultaneous Storytime aims to:
• promote the value of reading and literacy;
• promote the value and fun of books;
• promote an Australian writer and publisher;

In 2014 over 460,000 children at over 3,100 locations across Australia took part in National Simultaneous Storytime. Source: https://www.alia.org.au/nss

Upper Primary Events:

Wednesday 20th May – Year 6 students and myself will travel to Redbanks Conservation Park for the YELD Term 2 event. Di McCarthy will teach the remaining UP’s.

Tuesday 26th May – Upper Primary excursion to Tanunda to see the performance 26 Story Treehouse. Dianna and Sonya will accompany students.

A separate note will be sent to the Upper Primary students and their families with more detailed information.
Farewell Martique:
It is with great sadness that we farewell Martique and her family. Martique has been a kind, caring and entertaining member of the school. The school community will miss Martique. We wish Martique and her family all the best. We are having a shared recess on Friday (tomorrow) to farewell Martique. Recess has been prepared by the students at school. Students are not required to bring recess from home.

Have a great week

Regards

Dianna

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Program Achieve Certificates awarded this fortnight

- **Resilience**: Jayde, Kiri, Zack, Baxter
- **Persistence**: Jorja, Bailey, Thomas, Martique
- **Organisation**: Baxter, Jayde
- **Confidence**: Lara, Ava
- **Getting Along**: Thomas