In Brief...

This Week:  
Mon- Cassie to Professional Learning- Numeracy  
Tues- Afterschool Sports Commences  
Wed - Cathy Professional Learning -Student Welfare  
Thur & Fri - Cathy to Principal Conference -Wagga

Next Week:  
Mon- Swimming Carnival & P&C AGM  
Wed- Parent Info night  
Thurs - Asthma Staff Meeting  
Fri - Zone Swimming Carnival

A Great Start  
I am very happy to say that we have had a lovely settled start to the year. The children are very happy in their separate classes and there has been a noticeable calm tone in classrooms and playground as we all settle into some new routines.

Just a few reminders...  
• that all notes and any medication need to be handed to Vicki before school  
• any change in routine to children catching buses or being picked up must be given in writing  
• all hats and jumpers must be clearly labelled please - some are very hard to read!  
• all absences need to explained with a note

PBL  
Last year we began a Positive Behaviour for Learning program which involved significant Professional Learning for staff and many staff meetings with regional support. Staff have analysed behaviour data over the year to determine the best course of action for our school needs. The program will bring consistency amongst staff and students across the school within behavioural expectations and implement clear rules that are based on three core values. Parents and staff had input into the core values that underpin this program.  

Our school's core values are;  

Respect  
Safety  
Learning  

We have begun introducing these values to the children and will continue to use this consistent language with the students in all aspects of school life. Each week we will focus on various areas within our school environment and introduce clear, concise expectations of behaviour in these areas. You will begin to notice signs placed around the school with expectations listed under the core values.
As this is our first week of Canteen for the year, we will begin with implementing our PBL focus for the canteen.

Respect
- Be polite
- Take your turn

Safety
- Walk in and around

Learning
- Good manners

AASC
Tomorrow Afterschool Sport begins with water play at school. Children may like to bring thongs and a spare shirt to wear home in case they get a bit wet. Please remember to collect your children at 4:30pm. I am available if parents wish to have a chat about their child’s start to school, but please come earlier to see me before 4:30 as I will need to travel to Melbourne that afternoon for training on Wednesday and so will be leaving shortly after 4:30pm.

Fruit Break
K-2 students will now have a fruit break at 10am like the senior students. Children are encouraged to bring a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable to eat while I read a story in class. Processed fruit products will have to wait for recess or lunch.

Swimming Carnival
Please ensure permission notes are returned as early as possible to enable us to arrange transport for those students who won’t have parents attending.

Parent Information Evening
I hope many of you will be able to join us on Wed 23rd Feb to find out more about our classroom routines and teaching content. Yr 3-6 session will be from 5 to 5:30, K-2 session will be 5:30- 6:00pm in the respective classrooms.

Asthma Information
Next Thursday 24th Feb, we will be having Susie Wood present an Asthma workshop at school. Parents and friends are welcome to attend if this is of interest to you. The meeting will be held from 3:30- 4:30 at school.

Koondrook Community Market
Sunday, 13th March
8.30am - 1.00pm
Apex Park - Koondrook
Browse amongst the stalls, enjoy the music & have breakfast, brunch or lunch. Free entry. Come along and support your local community groups

ART CLASSES
Expressions of interest are being sought for an adult/senior school student art class to be held at the Glencoe Studio, Caldwell, beginning the week of 21 Feb. (night to be confirmed). Term 1 will cover back to basics, drawing. Beginners to advanced. Assistance with high school curriculum available.

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